 Tradition is long human memory set, not in stone, but in human interaction. Without this active memory, the bonds of relationship and affection fray and fall apart. Communities dissolve as surely as neglected buildings do. After participating in events, celebrations, and even small rituals, we remark about how good it is to gather and remember.

Today’s readings remind us of foundations laid deeper than the human will to relate. Today we hear about God’s will to relate to us—to be our God as we are called to be God’s own beloved people.

Today in three readings and three ways we remember the covenant bonds that create us as a people and the obligation and responsibility that express the innermost attitude of soul. You are mine. I am yours. These are God’s words that created a people as surely as “Let there be light” created the sun and moon and all the stars.
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
~James 1:21b

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS……..all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Theresa R. Musto.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

TODAY’S GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
WEEKLY OFFERING

August 23, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $14,794.00
Latin Mass: $606.00
SVDP: 8-16 $439.00
SVDP: 8-23 $446.00

Thank You

Altar Flowers This Week:

In Loving Memory of
Shaun Doherty
by friends at Resurrection

In Loving Memory of
Carl Cinquegrani
by friends Pete & Mercedes

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245

* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161

* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for the above hospitals at the above telephone numbers.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission. If you wish a visit from one of the Resurrection priests please notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible.

Resurrection priests visit the above hospitals daily upon request.

Pope Francis prayer intentions for September -
General Prayer Intention - That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
Mission Prayer Intention - That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In Loving Memory of
Kelly Huitema
by Friends at Resurrection

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

All events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, First Monday in June, July and August, 8:30a.m. Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Will resume after Labor Day
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Wednesdays, 7:00p.m., call 482-6883 for information
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, 2nd Wednesday of Oct, Jan, Apr. 9 am
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May , 9-11a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May
2015 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our commitment for this year is $360,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $343,113.36

Payments made thus far Total: $312,290.72

A sincere “thank you” for the recent donation of $20,000 by an anonymous donor!!

We still need payments of $47,709.28 to reach our goal.

If you have not yet made your contribution please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA
By Fr. Tad Pacholczyk
The Florida Catholic

In recent years, scientists in industry and academia have come to rely on freshly obtained human tissue specimens for certain types of research and experimentation. Sometimes these tissues and organs can be obtained after routine surgeries like gall bladder removal from adults or foreskin removal during the circumcision of newborns. The use of such tissues and organs can be morally acceptable if the patient, or the parents of the newborn, provide informed consent. The use of cells and tissues from fetuses can also be morally acceptable when those cells are obtained from a natural miscarriage, and the parents provide consent. This would be equivalent to consenting to an organ donation from their deceased child.

Recently, however, a phenomenon has come to light that involves the partnering of biomedical researchers with abortionists for the purpose of securing a reliable supply of human tissues and organs. In these cases, parental consent (usually from the mother) may be sought prior to using that aborted child's remains. Researchers claim this consent is necessary to enable the ethical use of the cells or tissues. This procedural detail is frequently described in the section called “Materials and Methods” found in scientific research papers, as, for example, in this February 2015 article on brain research in the journal Science: “Human fetal brain tissue was obtained from the (clinic) , following elective pregnancy termination and informed written maternal consents, and with approval of the local University Hospital Ethical Review Committees.”

Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of abortions in the United States, also seeks maternal consent prior to procuring fetal body parts from direct abortions, as chronicled by the Center for Medical Progress in their bombshell 2015 video expose in which the sales of fetal heart, lungs, brain and liver were discussed and negotiated.

The strong public outcry that followed these revelations of harvesting fetal organs was understandable on the one hand, yet difficult to explain on the other, since there hadn’t been a parallel outcry when it came to the more offensive act of terminating the life of the unborn child itself. As one commentator observed, “Maybe it is not enough to be outraged at abortion on its face because, I don’t know, killing is somehow worse if body parts are sold.”

Despite this inconsistency, it is none the less clear that the use of tissues and organs from direct abortions raises significant moral concerns, even if the mother’s signature may have been sought and obtained.

Typically when we serve as a proxy for someone and give consent on their behalf, we act simply as their agent and provide an affirmation of their original wishes (“Yes, he told me he wanted to donate his kidneys”). Alternatively, if we do not know the wishes of the deceased patient, we do our best to make a reasonable decision based on the specifics of their situation, using a “best interest” standard (“Based on my friendship with him and concern for him, I think he would have wanted to donate his kidneys”). When we serve as a proxy decision-maker for a fetus, an infant, or a deceased child prior to the age of reason, it is incumbent on us to make a “best interest” decision on their behalf. The assumption is that as we cared for them in life, and had their best interests in mind while they were living, we can continue to exercise that “best interest” decision-making capacity later when they are deceased.

But if the mother of an aborted child were to sign the dotted line granting permission to utilize fetal cells and organs, that consent would necessarily be void, because she would have already categorically demonstrated that she does not have the best interests of her child in her mind, having arranged for the taking of that child’s life. From the ethical point of view, she has disqualified herself from being able to give valid informed consent on behalf of her now deceased child.

In the absence of proper informed consent, taking organs or tissues from the corpse would represent a further violation of the integrity of the child’s body and constitute a failure to respect the remains of the dead. Thus, the tissues and organs of the directly aborted child should not be utilized for research, transplantation or the development of therapies, but instead should be given a proper and respectful burial. In the final analysis, maternal consent, cannot provide moral clearance for researchers to utilize fetal remains from direct abortions in their research. Such permission from the mother is not, objectively speaking, an authentic form of consent, but is rather a type of “sham consent” that secures the veneer of legitimacy for what is ultimately an unconscionable research practice.

Father Pacholczyk, PhD., earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.
(www.ncbcenter.org)
Let us always Pray for the end of Abortion, Euthanasia and the Death Penalty, so that we may become a People of Life to the World!

Jesus

Life

Novena of Life Mass - Celebrate the life of Jesus in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 25th of every month through December and pray for a greater respect for life. We will celebrate the end of the fifth month on August 25th, at the 8:00 Mass, Resurrection Parish.

MONTH 5 – Developing Baby
“Mommy felt me kick today!”

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it - - the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

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Jesus

Heart

Life

Novena of Masses for Life

Celebrate Mass on the 25th of each month from the Annunciation to Christmas for a greater respect for all human life.

See the schedule of Masses throughout the Diocese of Venice at www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife.

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PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself
Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!
Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion
(Promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Nov. 1996)

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in this celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to the celebration of this Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires prior permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of church law.

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as Your people and given us the right and the duty to worship You, the only true God, and Your Son Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of Your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and saving the truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all Your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome -

For the sake of our children, grandchildren and all who come after us - this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!
Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, CCMJ, Soup Kitchen, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit & vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans), Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam), Spaghetti noodles and Sauce, Ready Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!
Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation is a two year preparation period.

Faith Formation is a life-long journey.
Students in first and ninth grade who are participating in Mass and who have expressed a desire are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. In order for a child to receive God’s graces through the sacraments he or she is obligated to be actively involved with Religious Education or Youth Ministry for at least two years immediately preceding the Sacrament.

♦ 1st Grade students are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and Religious Education for their first year of Sacramental Preparation to receive in the 2nd Grade
♦ 9th Grade students are obligated to be actively participating in Mass and a member of Resurrection Youth Ministry to be Confirmed in 10th grade.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If so, then RCIA is for you!!!

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This journey of inquiring, learning and becoming Catholic will lead an individual to full communion in the Catholic Church.

As people journey through life, sometimes they realize that they are wanting something more from life. Many times you are searching for a faith community.

We will have a couple of inquiry sessions during the summer months. If you or someone you know is questioning becoming Catholic please have them call the parish office at 481-7171

2015-16
Religious Education Registration is open

Pre-K- Fifth Grade Religious Education has two options to choose from:
Sundays from 3:45pm-4:45pm followed by the New Family Mass at 5:00pm
or
Wednesdays= 5:45-6:45

Classes and the 5:00 Family Mass will start on Sep. 20

You may download forms from our web site: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.
The cost is~
$70 thru Aug 31
$80 after Aug 31
$15 for each additional Child
$25 Sacramental Prep fee for students receiving sacraments this year.

“In the family, faith accompanies every age of life, beginning with childhood; children learn to trust in the love of their parents. This is why it is so important that within families parents encourage shared expressions of faith which can help children gradually to mature in their own faith.”
~Pope Francis, #53 Lumen Fidei
Diocesan Happenings.........

Catholic Chamber of Commerce Mtg - Sept. 15, 2015, 10:00-11:30 at Jesus the Worker Church 881 Nuna Ave. Fort Myers, FL Phone 239-693-5333

Bishop Verot Catholic High School - Our wildly popular Verot Visit Days will once again be held this fall. Visit Days are a time to experience Bishop Verot Catholic High School first hand. Prospective students and their parents will be able to tour campus, speak with students and get an overview of the curriculum, faith formation and co-curricular opportunities that Bishop Verot provides. Reservations are required and can be made on-line at bvhs.org/admissions or by calling our admissions office at 239-274-6760. Scheduled dates are: Oct. 1, 9:30am - 12pm / Oct. 9, 9:30am - 12pm / Nov. 11, 9:30am-12pm.

Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion - Registration is now open for a one-day retreat on Saturday, September 19, at a confidential location within the Diocese. This retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. It will offer a loving and confidential environment to hear stories of post-abortion healing, share Scriptural stories of Christ’s healing love, spend quiet time in prayer and receive Sacramental Reconciliation and Eucharist. To allow sufficient time for sharing, the retreat is limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration is required. A recent retreatant shared “I want to thank you and the Team for a wonderful and most beautiful experience! God bless all of you for making Project Rachel the opportunity for me to re-connect with God the Father and the Church. The painful burden I have carried all these years has been unloaded, and now peace has taken its place. How absolutely amazing was the interaction with all of the blessed souls at our Retreat! God’s love flowed freely that day, and I am so fortunate to be a part of it!” For further information, contact Fonda on the confidential helpline at 239-719-7210.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center - Ignatian Spirituality Retreat Dates - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, has two upcoming opportunities to attend an Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. The St. Ignatius Spiritual exercises, along with good food, fellowship and quiet reflection offers a chance for spiritual growth. The upcoming dates are: September 8 to 11 and October 30 to November 2. The cost is $395 which includes 3 night’s accommodations, meals, private rooms and baths. For additional information or to register, please call 941-486-0233 or email olphrtreat@gmail.com.

Endow: Letter to Women - Explore Pope John Paul II’s 1995 letter to all the women of the world. Written for the occasion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women, this letter demonstrates that whenever people gather to discuss what ails humanity, the voice of the Church should be there. This will take place for eight sessions on Tuesdays, September 1 to October 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Light Parish, Rm 309, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. To register and order your course materials: https://store.endowonline.org/sue-ellen-nolan-p2515.aspx, or contact Sue Ellen Nolan at sueellen@ourladyoflight.com or 239-267-7088 ext. 245

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