SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SERVANT

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, “The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear” (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, “The Lord God is my help” (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2015

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).
Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).


THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be taken up in the Diocese of Venice this weekend.

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Theses are the young lay and ordained leaders of the future within the United States.

Your contribution directly benefits students at the Catholic University from all over the United States. Please be generous in your support.

THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

THE ADDITION OF THE SUNDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS BEGINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

2015 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our commitment for this year is $360,000.00

Pledges made thus far Total: $344,113.36

Payments made thus far Total: $315,852.72, Thank you!

We still need $44,147.28 to reach our goal.

Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA
WEEKLY OFFERING
August 30, 2015
Reg. Offertory: $19,272.50
Education: $4,376.00
Latin Mass: $790.00
SVDP: $554.00

On-Line giving August 2015
Offertory: $8485.00
Education: $445.00

SVDP Distributions for August 2015
Rents: $1592.73
Water Utility: $51.28
Medical: $120.00
Electrical Utilities: $877.70
Food: $200.00

Your gift placed in the SVDP Poor Box brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor and needy.

Thank You

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.

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In Loving Memory of
Helen & Julius Matuza
by Carol & Ian Macbride

In Loving Memory of
Tom Roberts, Sr.
by friends at Resurrection

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In Loving Memory of
Brian Podell
by wife Maria & Sons Matt & JR

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, 8:30am. 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, 9-11 a.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
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!

Novena of Masses for Life

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

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

Diocese of Venice Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
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941-441-1101

MONTH 6 – Developing Baby – “I’m sitting up straight now!” Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don’t forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.

Isaiah 44:24 - “Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, who formed you from the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, I spread out the earth by myself.”

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!
ATTENTION:
Singers/Instrumentalists from age 6-20

With the commencement of the “New and Improved” Family Mass, beginning September 20 at 5 p.m. on Sundays, the former “Children’s Choir” will now be known as the “Youth Choir.”

Our happy ensemble will now include ALL youth from age “I can’t read” to “I have graduated.” No absolute “talent” is necessary - just come and bring your special gifts to enhance the making of a joyful sound to the Lord!

We will meet every Sunday at 4:30 in the Choir Room at church to warm up. Don’t worry if you cannot be there until 5:00 - just join us in the church by the piano; music will be waiting for you!

It’s a new time, but it is still the upbeat, youth-oriented mass as it was in the past. Come! Be a part of Resurrection Music!

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.

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.

Food Drive

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 website: www.resurrectionch.org or fill one out in our office.
The cost is:
$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
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20
5:00 PM MASS

Faith Formation begins with a Commissioning of ALL who witness to the presence of Christ in our lives. We invite Catechists, Parents, Sponsors, and Youth catechists and team to attend this COMMISSIONING as you begin this year of serving, teaching, learning together.

FAITH FORMATION includes all the ways we experience God’s presence

♦ SUNDAY MASS - A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST’S LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION
♦ ALL WHO WORK TO PREPARE AND CELEBRATE LITURGY - PRIESTS, SACRISTANS, LECTORS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, USHERS AND ALL WHO PARTICIPATE
♦ THE HOME WHERE PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS FOLLOW CHRIST IN THEIR DAILY LIVING
♦ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST
♦ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS
♦ RCIA - ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON MONDAY EVENINGS
♦ RYM - YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE, LEARNING AND WORKING TOGETHER
♦ BIBLE STUDIES, RETREATS, DAYS OF REFLECTION, ADORATION, PRAYING THE ROSARY
♦ BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT, RESPECT LIFE
♦ SOCIAL TIMES - MEN’S CLUB, WOMAN’S GUILD, CRAFT CLUB, TEAMS OF OUR LADY, FAITH & WINE, FAITH & ALE.
♦ SERVING THOSE IN NEED - ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, FOOD COLLECTIONS, MISSION TRIPS
♦ CREATION - ALL THE WAYS GOD IS PRESENT EACH DAY FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE COMMISSIONING
NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 5:00PM MASS.
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 Ph# 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 Spirituality 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 olphrtrtreat@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

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!

Junior, Yth ~ 6–8th gr.  Register fees:*  $55 thru Aug. 31  $65 thereafter
Senior, Yth.. ~ 9-12th gr.

NEW TIME FOR RYM BEGINNING SEPT. 20TH...

Family /Youth Mass 5:00pm  Followed by Youth Gatherings
6:00– 7:30pm  Call RYM or email with any questions: Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~ 2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.

Women’s Guild News  
The first meeting of the new season will be held at the Parish Center on Wednesday September 16th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to come and join us for a “picnic” breakfast to start the new Guild year. Dues of $10.00 will be collected at this time. Please bring a hard cover or paperback book for our used book sale to be held at our annual Craft Bazaar on November 6th & 7th. Details of the Bazaar and other Guild events will be announced at this meeting.  
We look forward to seeing our regular guild members and welcoming new members. See you then!
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