TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God’s plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today’s Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2015

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ~ Mark 10:14

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’” (Genesis 2:18-24).
Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).
Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many years, the Catholic Church has been at the forefront in defending the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. This year’s national Respect Life theme, inspired by the words of the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, is “Every Life Is Worth Living.” It is our responsibility to do everything we can to promote the belief that every life, at all its stages, regardless of age or condition, is truly worth living.

Each year on Respect life Sunday, the first weekend in October, parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice conduct a special second collection to augment the life-affirming work of the Diocesan Respect Life Office. The funds remain in the Diocese of Venice and facilitate our witness as a faith community in southwest Florida.

Recent news, including videos that expose Planned Parenthood’s devaluing of human life, remind us of the importance of defending life in our society. Please continue to pray for a greater appreciation of the sacredness of all human life and be as generous as you can in this annual collection. May God bless you with a deep appreciation for the gift of life and the courage to defend the sanctity of life. Let us remain united in prayer and action.

Sincerely yours in Christ

NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS
BEGINNING OCT. 1

Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
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, Every Monday, 8:30am.

Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass beginning Oct. 4
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

5:00 Mass Music: 10-4-15

Gathering:SS270
Offertory: SS234
Communion:SS243

RB144
Recessional: M275
Mass Parts: SS40, 43, 45, 47, 48

SS:  Spirit and Song (purple book)
RB:  YP Glory & Praise (red book)

Crucifixion of Christ

“This is the crucifixion of Christ: in which He dies again and again in the individuals who were made to share the joy and freedom of His grace, and who deny Him.”

~ Thomas Merton
October is Respect Life Month: 
Every Life Is Worth Living

Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s Love.

Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering.

An elderly man whose health is quickly deteriorating, an unborn baby girl whose diagnosis indicates she may not live very long; a little boy with Down Syndrome; a mother facing terminal cancer - each may have great difficulties and need assistance, but each of their lives is and perfect gift.

Experiencing suffering – or watching another suffer – is one of the hardest human experiences. But we are not alone. Christ experienced suffering more deeply than we can comprehend, and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with His.

Jesus is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need. God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.

First-hand stories: www.usccb.org/respectlife
Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Celebrant
Resurrection of Our Lord Church,
8121 Cypress Lake Dr, Ft. Myers

9:00 a.m. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
for those not participating at the abortion site

9:00 a.m. Proceed by car to Viva parking lot, 5990 Winkler Road
(just north of the intersection of Winkler and College Parkway). Parking permission
granted for this event only.

Prayerful procession with Bishop Dewane
to abortion site, Planned Parenthood,
8595 College Parkway.

Line sidewalk along Winkler to pray rosary.

10:45 a.m. Closing Benediction at Resurrection of Our Lord Church

In memory of more than 58 million unborn babies
who have died since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court
decisions legalizing abortion for any reason.

For more information:
(941) 441-1101 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

Respect LIFE
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Respect Life Office
www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife
Pope Francis reviewed his recent trip to Cuba and the United States


Pope Francis reviewed his recent trip to Cuba and the United States during his General Audience on Wednesday, calling the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia the "culmination" of his apostolic visit.

"I wish to convey my fraternal and warm thanks to Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia, for his commitment, his piety, his enthusiasm, and his great love for the family in the organization of this event," the Pope said Sept. 30 in St. Peter's Square."

At closer inspection, it is no accident, but rather providential that the message, indeed, the witness of the World Meeting of Families came at this moment from the United States of America, that is, the country that during the last century reached the highest level of economic and technological development, without renouncing its religious roots. Now these same roots are asking to be replanted in the family, to rethink and change the model of development, for the good of the entire human family."

He noted that his trip to Cuba and the United States was occasioned by the World Meeting of Families, and was expanded from there to include the United Nations and Cuba. He expressed his thanks to Cuban president Raul Castro, United States president Barack Obama, and United Nations secretary general Ban Ki-moon for their welcome.

The Pope began with his time in Cuba, which he called "rich in natural beauty, culture, and faith," where he went as a "Missionary of Mercy."

"God's mercy is greater than any affliction, any conflict, any ideology; and with this gaze of mercy I was able to embrace the entire Cuban population, at home and abroad, looking beyond any division."

He called Cuba's patroness, Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, the symbol of this unity, and said she "guides us on the path of justice, peace, freedom and reconciliation."

"I was able to share with the Cuban people the hope of fulfilling the prophecy of St. John Paul II: that Cuba will open up to the world, and the world will open up to Cuba," he said. "No more closure, no more exploitation of the poor, but instead freedom and dignity. It is the path that draws strength from the Christian roots of the people, who have suffered greatly."

Pope Francis continued: "From Cuba to the United States of America: an emblematic step, a bridge that, thanks be to God, is being rebuilt. God always wants to build bridges; we are the ones who build walls! But walls fall down, always!"

He said the that United States' greatest wealth is in its "spiritual and ethical patrimony."

"And so I wanted to encourage to continuation of social construction faithful to the United States' fundamental principle, that all men are created by God, equal and endowed with inalienable rights, such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These values, shared by all, find their fulfilment in the Gospel, as was clearly shown by the canonisation of Fr. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan, the great evangeliser of California. St. Junipero shows us the way to joy: going forth and sharing Christ's love with others. This is the way of Christians, but also of any person who has known love: not to keep it to oneself but to share it with others. The United States of America have grown on this religious and moral base, and on this base they can continue to be a land of freedom, welcome and cooperation for a more just and fraternal world."

The Pope then discussed his visit to the United Nations, where "I renewed the Catholic Church's commitment to the institution and to its role in promoting development and peace, especially with regard to the need for joint and active commitment to care for creation."

He also highlighted his appeal "to stop and prevent violence against ethnic and religious minorities and against civilian populations."

"The culmination of the trip was the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, where the horizon extends to all the world through the 'prism' of the family. The family is the answer to the great challenge of our world, which is a dual challenge: fragmentation and solidification, two extremes which co-exist, support each other, and together support the consumerist economic model."

He said the family is "the answer" because "it is the cell of a society which balances the personal and community dimensions, and is at the same time the model for a sustainable management of the goods and resources of creation. The family is the protagonist of an integral ecology, as it is the primary social subject which contains within itself the two basic principals of human civilisation on earth: the principles of communion and fruitfulness."

"Biblical humanism presents us with this icon: the human couple, united and fruitful, placed by God in the garden of the world to cultivate it and protect it."

Following his address, Pope Francis asked the pilgrims to pray for the upcoming Synod on the Family, "and to be witnesses of God's presence in the world through your family life."
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 proceeding 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.

Inquiry Sessions
Begin Sept. 28

RCIA may be for you!!!

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? If so please join us for a:

“COME AND SEE!”
Monday Evenings
6:30PM - 7:30PM
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.

Inquiry sessions continue on Mondays in October.
If you or someone you know is contemplating becoming Catholic please have them call or e-mail me, Joanne @ 482-6883 or Resurrectionre@gmail.com

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Faith Formation
K–5

Offertory for October
We are collecting:
Peanut Butter

Show Your Children
What God is Like
Help your child to WONDER - it is the first step in Recognizing God’s Presence in our life.

• The heavens are filled with the glory of God Psalm 19.1
• “For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.” Habukkak 2.4

Familiarize your child with Bible Stories that tell us WHO GOD IS!
• Parable of Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37
God loves all of us!
• Jesus teaches NOT TO WORRY - Matt. 6:19-21

• Parable of Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32
God is all forgiving and waiting for us.

Find a place for SACRED ART in your home:
• What images do you have on your walls?
• Do they present an engaging and challenging vision of God and God’s works?
• Find images of God from other cultures.
Join us for Lunch!
All are invited
Faith Formation happens all the time in everyday experiences of friendship and Support - we come to know God’s presence. We celebrate God’s love at every Mass and we live it everyday in sharing time with others building right relationships!

at Carrabbas
12990 S. Cleveland Dr.
Wednesday @ Noon - Oct. 28
Call to reserve your space by Oct. 25
Dutch Treat - Separate checks
Jesus calls us to share meals with each other!
Call 481-7172 to reserve your spot!

Pope Francis prayer intentions for October -
General Prayer Intention - That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.
Mission Prayer Intention: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

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.

Ushers Still Needed
Please call the parish office if you are able to volunteer. 481-7171.

Lector Ministry
Looking for a way to grow closer to your faith? Are you looking to learn more about Christ’s teachings? We are looking for parishioners who would like to proclaim the word of God at daily as well as weekend masses. Consider being part of this ministry by calling Todd Macke at 239-284-4979.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary
During this time we are reminded of the importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and striving to be more like Christ through the mysteries of the Rosary. Our relationship with Christ grows through meditating on these mysteries. We must however, be careful that our prayer does not become wordy and mechanical. Pope Paul VI said “Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul.”

therosary3.com is a scriptural Rosary available on-line.
Whether you are already in the habit of praying the Rosary and want to renew the spirit of your prayer, or whether you are new to the Rosary and want to learn how to quiet your mind and heart, therosary3.com will help you enter more deeply into the Mysteries of Christ.
Check it out on-line today!!

The memories of Jesus impressed upon Mary's heart were always with her, leading her to reflect on the various moments of her life at her Son's side. In a way those memories were to be the rosary"which she recited uninteruptedly throughout her earthly life.

(Pope John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae)
MINISTRY OF THE SICK

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

If you are admitted to the hospital and wish to see a priest from Resurrection Parish please make sure you notify the hospital as well as the parish office, 481-7171 as quickly as possible. *To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.*

Resurrection priests will be happy to visit you but you must make sure that you are on the hospital list and notify the parish office, otherwise we have no way of knowing that you are hospitalized.

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.