SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE: For these Sacraments please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.

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NOVEMBER 8, 2015
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GIVING ALL

Trustig widows play a significant role in this weekend’s readings. At the point of poverty, when giving even the smallest amount of what they had could imperil their health and well-being, they trusted God and gave anyway. What is important about their giving is not what or how much they gave, but how they gave it. Without selfishness, they gave to help others. Their giving was from the heart, with little hope or intention of receiving any sort of reward or recognition for their generosity. The monetary values of the widows’ gifts were small, but their value measured in the Kingdom was priceless.

There is a significant similarity between their gift and the gift Jesus gave each of us. The widows offered their lives for God. Jesus offered his life for us.

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.
~ Psalm 146:7

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).
Gospel — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Since 1954, Veterans Day has been observed in our country on Nov. 11th, honoring the men and women who have served our country in the military services. Many of you, as well as members of your family and friends, may be veterans. It is truly a selfless sacrifice to serve in the military whether here in the United States or overseas. I take this opportunity to extend to you my deepest appreciation to all those in our parishes who have served or continue to serve to protect our country.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) brings the sacraments, faith formation, and other ministries to the 1.5 million Catholics currently serving in the armed forces, their families, students at military academies, and veterans in VA Medical Centers. The AMS has no territorial borders, or parishes with weekly collections to fund their mission.

It is for this reason that the Bishops of the United States agree to give financial support to the Military Archdiocese by having a special collection in their dioceses. The collection in the Diocese of Venice will be taken on the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2015. There is great reason to support their mission as it continues to face great challenges. Please know of my gratitude to you for your financial contribution, thus helping to ensure that our military personnel continue to have the spiritual support they need and deserve.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely your in Christ,
+Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

Take a moment to remember the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have valiantly fought to make America the land of the free and home of the brave.
WEEKLY OFFERING
November 1, 2015

Reg. Offertory: $22,072.30
Education: $5,439.00
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Latin Mass: $668.00
SVDP: $638.00

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To Reflect,
To Understand!
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Spiritual
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Listen!
Meditate!
Understand!

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481-7172
Attend one or all sessions!
See you soon!

Veterans Day Mass -
The Annual Veterans Day Mass is being held at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72 (Clark Road) in Sarasota (five miles east of I-75) on Wednesday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. All priests, deacons and faithful are invited to attend and participate in honoring the men and women who have served our country and are serving us today. Active military personnel are encouraged to wear their uniform. There will be ample seating and parking.

5:00 Mass Music:
11-1-15

Gathering: SS226
Offertory: RB 2
Communion: SS248, SS301
Recessional: RB 70
Mass Parts: SS40, 43, 45, 47, 48

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

We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Mass
We are seeking volunteers to serve as ushers at Mass. This is a good opportunity to serve our Lord.
Please call the parish office if you are able to volunteer. 481-7171.

IT TAKES MORE
Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.
—Billy Sunday

DO ANYTHING
I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.
—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In Honor of
All Veterans
from a proud American

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In Loving Memory of
Duane “Butch” Buck
by Parents
We extend heartfelt thanks to the Conidaris family, Dona Badman, and Bob & Judy O’Donnell who have beautified our sanctuary with their generous donations of statues of St. Joseph, Mary and Child, Tabernacle, and the spectacular Cross of Christ crucified.
Embracing Life
1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

For Sunday, November 8, 2015,
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After reading the story of creation in Genesis, what images come to mind? We hear of a God freely and intentionally choosing to create something out of nothing motivated by the pure power of love, of which he is the author. God pronounces all things good at the end of his creation and everything is ordered as it is intended with each creature and thing in its proper place. Everything has its place and everything has its purpose. Images of harmony, peace, happiness, contentment, and mutual love and acceptance immediately flood our senses. The First Letter of John in the New Testament tells us that God is love. We are ordered toward love, not violence, negativity, discord, discontent, and malice. Those things speak of a life not based on order but disorder. Yet, so much around us today speaks to our disordered selves. There is so much unnecessary and extremely traumatic violence occurring way too often. Recently we witnessed another act of road rage that pulled at the heart strings of many across our country and perhaps even our world. This one was more poignant because it claimed the life of an innocent four-year-old girl. An innocent, four-year-old, happy, full of life girl simply driving home with her dad on her second day of preschool has her life cut short because of a mindless, aggressive, power-driven, rage-fueled driver hell bent on making a point! What is happening to people that is driving them to such extremes?

I would suspect that no longer motivated by false motivators like fear, punishment, fear of embarrassment, and with long-standing social mores now called into question or discarded, many no longer have possession of a center of self-knowledge from which to act. Impulse and passion all too often reign supreme. Richard Rohr aptly points out that “before conversion... we don’t know who we are or what we are for.” Many do not know who they are or what they are for because they have not experienced conversion. He also rightly states that their “small self cannot radically connect with Being because it’s always defining itself in terms of comparing, competing, analyzing, critiquing, judging, labeling, and positioning.”

Hence, there is a valuable lesson that can be learned from the poor widow in this week’s Gospel. She has been converted. Her loss and suffering were allowed to teach her incredible lessons and they did not lead her down the road of negativity, despair, or frustration. She learned that life is much more that what someone “has” and all about what one has “become.” Trust and faith in God are paramount over anything one can acquire, own, or become. Developing patience, which is rooted in suffering, is what will ultimately bring people happiness. For the widow, life is a precious gift. She has also learned that God is the One who provides this gracious gift of life.

Our first reading this week from the First Book of Kings underscores this same virtue of trust and demonstrates what happens when it is embraced. For this widow, “the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.” “Praise the Lord, my soul,” echoes our psalm refrain. It is God who gives sight to the blind, raises up those who are bowed down, who loves the just, and protects strangers! The author of Psalm 146 discovered the same mystery as did our two widows.

We have a choice whether to allow life to bring us to an embrace or engage us in battle. Granted, we are psychologically complicated. But in most cases, except perhaps with extreme mental illness, it’s all about a choice. If we’ve chosen the path of game playing, proving our point, getting ahead, teaching someone a lesson, showing someone who’s boss, and being defensive then we are engaging in battle. Sometimes, as in the case of our beginning story, this battle has an incredible outcome. In attempting to win, we lose.

Whether we like to admit it, we are all at the ground and foremost point of our being a “poor widow.” This is what we are created to be, what we are meant to discover, and where love ultimately leads us. We resist this calling because we falsely believe that being a “poor widow” is perceived as a negative, evoking images of excessive want, need, or helplessness. Therefore, we pursue a stronger self-image to acquire, one that is seemingly more secure, powerful, dominant, and aggressive. It is a self, false though it may be, that can overpower, overcome, bully, and conquer. In attempting to secure something, we lose our truth. Whereas there is nothing negative, weak, needy, or pathetic in either the widow from Kings or the widow from the Gospel. In fact, the opposite is true. Their ability to trust makes them strong! It gives them courage, centers them, provides confidence, brings contentment, gives example, and speaks of abundance! By their choices, these two widows balance the scales and bring order to disorder. They chose to embrace what life has given, graces and hardships, and learn from the lessons they teach. In short, they act out of love.

And this is where our perpetrator of road rage and aggression misses the point. He does not know how to love. To do so means that he would have embraced the journey his life has brought him on and refused to do battle. He has literally taken up arms and brought down a most innocent victim, all in service of his distorted need to prove a point. Where would the world be if throughout history it followed his example? It would be in total ruin and I would not be here writing this reflection and you would not be reading it. This I know for certain. It takes the example and courage of those who show us a better way to keep humanity on course, at least as best they can. They show us that love is what really matters and a life of peace and justice the only one worth pursuing.

In the end, we are all destined for love but it takes an embrace of life and whatever it brings to discover it. Sadly, for many the battle continues. We can only hope and pray that by giving good example ourselves they can see the light. Only then will we find our path back to God.

"He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less."
~C.S. Lewis

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

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

Babysitting Bonanza

Friday, December 4, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Calling all parents with young children.... plan a quiet date night or get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!
$15 for one child; $25 for 2; $30 for 3 or more

YOUTH MINISTRY will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center for children through 5th grade! Christmas movie, dinner, crafts, stories, games, just a lot of fun, fun, fun!

CALL OR STOP IN TO REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT...
SPACE IS LIMITED!
Any questions? Contact Vikki with Youth Ministry @ 481-5144

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.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168
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, Sundays, 3:30p.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 SVP 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
Catholic Charities, Clare House, in Fort Myers offers an afterschool program for underprivileged children in elementary school. The children in the program make up **35 families**.

Each year, RYM delivers a full Thanksgiving dinner to each of the families. It’s a great experience for the teens to meet the families and personally give them the dinners.

On **Monday, November 23th** we will deliver the dinners, enjoy cake with the children, sing songs, and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. They look forward to seeing us and count on us for their Thanksgiving dinners!

Would you kindly help us with any of the following donations:

* **FROZEN TURKEY**
  * Rice * stuffing mix * cranberry sauce * potatoes
  * canned sweet potatoes * corn muffin mix * canned veggies,
  * gravy * sweets/desserts

If it’s more convenient to make a monetary donation, we’ll grocery shop for you!

**No amount of help is too big or too small!**

Please drop off your donations at the Parish Center

**no later than Sunday, November 22nd**

*And do not neglect doing good and sharing: for with such sacrifices God is pleased.* ~Hebrews 13:16
Lighthouse Catholic Media

Come visit the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk in the main entrance of the church. You will find inspiring CD’s, best-selling Catholic books, informative booklets and more resources to help build your faith.

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We are proud to introduce an exciting addition to our parish community! Make sure to stop by our new kiosk featuring life-changing materials from Lighthouse Catholic Media.

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- There are hundreds of titles available and we plan to order new titles after the current ones run out. So keep checking back!

We ask for a donation of $2 per booklet, $3 per CD and $4 per book to help continue this program. Checks can be made payable to the parish. Donations will be used to cover the cost of the initial materials and towards the purchase of additional materials.

PRAYER

God, teach me to be patient, teach me to go slow—Teach me how to wait on You when my way I do not know.
Teach me sweet forbearance when things do not go right So I remain unruffled when others grow uptight.
Teach me how to quiet my racing, rising heart So I might hear the answer You are trying to impart.
Teach me to let go, dear God, and pray undisturbed until My heart is filled with inner peace and I learn to know Your Will.
Amen.
~Helen Steiner Rice

PURCHASE A PERSONALIZED PAVER FOR YOUR FAMILY!

As we continue to beautify and pave our Parish Center’s Faith Formation and Youth Ministry entrances, let us remember that the Youth are the foundation of our Church’s future!

This is a Fundraiser for RESURRECTION YOUTH MINISTRY

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Should you have any questions, please contact Vikki Melchiorre, Youth Director, 239-481-5144 or email vikki@resurrectionch.org

In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. ~ Proverbs 3:6

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:30 MASS
To the parishioners of Resurrection of Our Lord parish:
I am very grateful that so many of you came to meet me after Mass a few weeks ago. Your community and clergy made me feel so very welcomed and appreciated. I appreciate that many of you purchased the olive wood religious articles which were available. I am grateful for your support and generosity; thank you. Many Christian Palestinians will soon be hard at work to replenish what you have purchased and more.
I urge you to continue your prayers for our shared cause, namely safeguarding our Christian Holy Land; its people and parishes.

Peace, Rami Qumsieh, KHS
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OPLATKI WAFERS
AVAILABLE AT THE GIFT SHOP & PARISH OFFICE

The Christmas wafer (oplatek, plural oplatki) is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.
The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin; they are identical in composition to a round wafer which becomes the Host after the Consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Being only a reminder of the Body of Christ used in private homes, Oplatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus to the Star of Bethlehem.

COST IS $3.00
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MORE GIFT SHOP NEWS:
The 2016 paperback Sunday Missals have arrived in the gift shop. Quantities are limited. The price is $10.

Faith & Wine Lee County announces our next event on Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our speaker, Sister Carmella T. DeCosty, will present on "Wake Up the World...With Joy!" in his Apostolic Letter to all consecrated people, Pope Francis urges us to "Wake Up the World" and reminds us that the strength of the Church is living by the Gospel and bearing witness to our Faith. This mandate is not only for those called to Religious Life, it is demanded of everyone! This event will be held at Church of the Resurrection. We invite women from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and inspiring topics by Catholic speakers. For more information and to register please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com.
Come Sail Away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Cruise starting as low as $1045 per couple. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposit of only $100 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited.

Thanks and God Bless,
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