### CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
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**Youth Ministry Director:** Vikki Melchiorre
**Organist:** Connie Kish

### 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.

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172

### RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:
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### JANUARY 17, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SURPRISES**
Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God’s surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bride-groom in today’s Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today’s familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody’s life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.
— Isaiah 62:2

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).
Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).
Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother’s request (John 2:1-11).

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
Sunday Connection, Loyola Press - January 17, 2016

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To situate today’s reading within the context of John’s Gospel, we note that John’s report of this event follows Jesus’ call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus’ mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church’s liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus’ divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus’ impending passion and death is ever present in John’s Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus’ first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus’ passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples’ feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

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John’s Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus’ identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus’ identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God’s salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, John’s Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh’s promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus’ miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

January 10, 2016

Offertory: $24,681.15
Seminarian Collection: $6,292.00
Latin: $824.00
SVDP: $861.00

A SPECIAL “Thank you” to the donor of the generous $10,000 gift.

5:00 Mass Music:
1-17-16
Gathering: RB 16
Offertory: SS207
Communion: SS243
Recessional: M270
SS: Spirit and Song (purple book)
RB: YP Glory & Praise (red book)
M: Missalette

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of 2016, which will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wed. Jan 20 at the Parish Center. All ladies of their Parish are welcome.

Our program will be guest speaker Joanne MacPeek, who will be explaining the goals and objectives of “Living the Eucharist”, a new program being offered to Resurrection parishioners.

The schedule of Guild events for the coming months will be presented. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of
David Campbell
by Jack & Cheryl Sheer

Altar Flowers This Week:

In loving memory of
Leroy Stabile
by Wife Pauline

Long-time Usher Retires

Jim Hof, 91 year old usher retired January 2, 2016 after 20 years of service at the Sunday 7:30 Mass. “Thank you Jim, for your dedication and service to our Lord and to Resurrection Parish”. We wish you all the best. We will keep you in our prayers”. God bless you!!

Faith and Ale 2015-2016 Schedule -

Jan. 21, 2016 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish - Speaker, Fr. Pat Boyhan
Feb. 18, 2016 at St. Columbkille Parish - Speaker, Raymond Arroyo, EWTN Host
Mar. 10, 2016 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish - Speaker, Guy Gurtres, Vietnam POW
April 7, 2016 at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish - Speaker, Fr. Larry Richards, Reason for Our Hope Foundation

Meetings are from 6-8 pm and include Pizza and refreshments, ($10 donation)
Reservations: www.faithandale.com

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:30 MASS
RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL POLISH DINNER & DANCE

Monday, February 1, 2016
(Tickets available at Parish Center - 481-7171)

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30
SERVING AT 5:30 P.M.
*****
LIVE BAND
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.
*****
TICKETS $20 ADVANCE
$25 ON DAY OF THE EVENT

MENU:
Pierogi, Cabbage Rolls
Sauerkraut, Kielbasa,
Coffee, Dessert
Beer & Wine Available
*****
Limited Seating

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PARISH CHARITIES

(REFRESHMENTS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL BY GUESTS)
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy -

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

Jubilee Year of Mercy
January 17, 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mary, whom Catholic tradition names “Mother of Mercy,” at Cana intercedes with her Son to show mercy toward the bridal couple: “Son, they have no wine.” But he does more! Jesus’ transformation of water into wine is a “sign” (John’s term for “miracle”) that God’s marriage with the whole human race has begun in Jesus’ person and ministry, a marriage that will be consummated on the cross: “It is finished”—we are saved! But before Jesus acts, Mary instructs the servers to prepare the way for Jesus’ miracle of mercy: “Do whatever he tells you.” During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Mother Church, like Mother Mary, instructs us to share the Spirit’s manifold gifts—some of which Paul lists in today’s second reading—in generous service to the human family. Thus we prepare the way for Jesus’ new miracles of mercy, transforming life’s sometimes stagnant water into the refreshing wine of God’s mercy.

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Bible Study During Holy Year of Mercy
January 20, 2016
“Christ’s Wounds of Mercy”
Wednesday
10:00am - 11:30 am
We are a people born anew
to a life of hope
Calling ALL who search
For Relationship with God
For Meaning in Life  For Mercy
Come! Seek! Ask! Find!
Share faith stories!

The Gift of Faith is always there...waiting to be Opened!

PLEASE PRAY
FOR OUR CANDIDATES!
BRAD BENDER
TOM HITCHCOCK
ELAINE TRAPP
GREG WARNECKE

PLEASE PRAY
THAT
ALL THOSE
WHO SEEK
TO KNOW
WILL FIND
CHRIST IN EACH OF US!

If you, or someone you love is Searching...
For HOPE... For JOY... For PEACE ... For LIGHT
Our Parish Mission is:  A People Born Anew to a Life of Hope.
YOU are INVITED! WELCOMED! PRAYED FOR!
CALL - WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN TO YOUR QUESTIONS.
Contact: Joanne MacPeek - 418-7171 Ext. 216
Join us for Lunch!
Open to ALL—Men & Women
Share in the Year of Mercy
Called to encounter Christ in each other.
Discover we are connected in Christ!
Share New Year’s Hope
at Carrabbas
12990 S. Cleveland Dr.
Wednesday @ Noon - Jan. 27
Call to reserve your space by Jan. 26
Dutch Treat - Separate checks!
Call 481–7172 to reserve your spot!

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC
AT 3900 BROADWAY, FT. MYERS
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass)
FOR THE ROSARY. AND TUESDAYS FROM
7:30 AM AND THURSDAYS FROM 10:30 UNTIL
CLOSE. WE ALSO PRAY EVERY WEDNESDAY
AND THURSDAY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD,
CORNER OF WINKLER & COLLEGE ANYTIME
BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM.

We need volunteers to
serve as ushers at Mass

We are in need of Ushers at the
5pm Saturday mass. If you are a parishioner
in good standing, or are new to the parish
and can provide a letter from your former
parish, please call the Parish Office 481-7171
or see John Patterson, the Head Usher,
after mass.

NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION
ALL ARE WELCOME
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
AFTER 10:30 am Mass in Parish Center
COME FOR DONUTS!!!!

AS A PEOPLE BORN ANEW TO A LIFE OF HOPE!
We come to share our story, we come to break the bread...
We come to discover new light in each other.
We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor, to feed the hungry!
Come discover how this is happening!

40+ New Parishioners have Registered since October, 2015
Please come! Meet each other! Discover what is happening!
Meet a member from the Men’s Club, Women’s Guild, Lectors, Ushers, Faith Formation, Bereavement.
Phone Calls & Email Invites are being sent...
If you are new and didn’t get an invite...Call Us! We want to Welcome You!
We would like to invite all who are new to the parish!

RSVP: 481-7172
Celebrate the Year of Mercy at the

MEN’S CONFERENCE

Saturday,
February 6th, 2016
9am-3pm

Location:
Bishop Verot High School,
5598 Sunrise Drive,
Ft. Myers

Cost:
$20 pre-registration
$30 at the door
$5 for students

MATT LEONARD
Matthew Leonard is an internationally known speaker, author, and Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology (founded by Dr. Scott Hahn). He is a frequent guest on radio and television programs across the country and is the host of the popular Journey Through Scripture video series.

TERRY BARBER
Terry Barber is an international speaker and has been instrumental in founding three Catholic organizations - Saint Joseph Communications, The Catholic Resource Center, and Lighthouse Catholic Media. He is a co-host for The Terry and Jesse Radio Show on Immaculate Heart Radio as well as Reasons for Faith Live with Jesse Romero on EWTN Radio Network.

BEAR WOZNICK
A two-time Master’s World Tandem Surf Champion and guest star on “Hawaii Five-O,” Bear Woznick is the host of EWTN’s “Deep Adventure Radio” and author of “Deep in the Wave – A Surfing Guide to the Soul.” He was inducted into the Catholic Sports Hall of Fame and will be inducted in 2016 in the Hawaii Surf Hall of Honor.

Registration Link: http://dioceseofvenice.org/mens
Or mail check to: DIOCESE OF VENICE  Attn: Men’s Conference
1000 Pinebrook Road • Venice, FL 34285
For more information, call 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org
Celebrate the Year of Mercy at the

Catholic Women's Conference

February 27, 2016
9 AM to 3 PM
Location: Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers
Cost: Adults $20, Students $5.

Note: You must pre-register; tickets will not be available at the door as we are expecting to sell out!

Scott Hahn
An exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, Dr. Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith.

He is the founder and director of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Dr. Hahn is the bestselling author of numerous books including The Lamb’s Supper: Reasons to Believe, and Rome Sweet Home (co-authored with his wife, Kimberly).

Emily Stimpson
Emily Stimpson is a freelance Catholic writer; her books include These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body and The Catholic Girl’s Survival Guide for the Single Years. Her writing has appeared in Our Sunday Visitor, First Things, Touchstone, the National Catholic Register, Lay Witness, Catholic Digest, and elsewhere.

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in Florida

Gina Lohr
Gina Loehr is an inspirational speaker; a theology teacher, author; and the mother of five young children. While serving as a delegate for the 2013 Pontifical Council for the Laity seminar on women, Gina met Pope Francis about whom she has recently published her fourth book, Saint Francis, Pope Francis: A Common Vision.

Register by Monday, February 22nd, 2016 Registration Link: http://dioceseofvenice.org/womens
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