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

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The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: Tel. 482-6883

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE: Tel. 481-5144

PARISH OFFICE: Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172 Fax: 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org

MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016
I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
— Philippians 3:8

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.
Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

The Second collection this week will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.
This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.
Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor

GIFT SHOP HOURS
Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
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RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

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

Mass Schedule

SAT.  MARCH 12 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30  †Frank Triola by Pat & Bill Reid
5:00  †George Leo by Marlene

SUN.  MARCH 13 -
7:30  ♥†People of the Parish
9:00  †James DiPalma by JoAnn Kane
10:30 †Sheryl Rubino by Melchiorre Family
12:00 †Bienvenida Vargas by Libia Rodriguez
2:00  Latin Mass
5:00  †Stacy Steiger by Catherine Bruno

MON.  MARCH 14 -
8:00  ♥Spec. Int. for Sal Badali
9:30  †Barbara Janda by John Janda & Rich DelPizzo

TUE.  MARCH 15 -
8:00  †Steve & Ann Hoynos by Tom & Beverly Sheehan
9:30  †Efrain Hernandez by Aunt Doris & Uncle Bill

WED.  MARCH 16 -
8:00  ♥Living & Deceased Members of Resurrection Women’s Guild
9:30  ♥†Maria Capacchione by Helen & Bill Farley

THU.  MARCH 17 -
8:00  †Patrick J. Fisher by Joseph & Missy Fisher
9:30  †Stephen J. Patterson III by Barbara M. Pizzolato

FRI.  MARCH 18 -
8:00  †Lee Gorgone Buntrock by Gorgone Family
9:30  †Ray Walsh by Bereavement and Beyond

SAT.  MARCH 19 -
8:00  †Michael Aronica by Wife

SAT.  MARCH 19 - SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
3:30  †Anita Otto Herman by Ed & Judy Hilferty
5:00  †Deep Chopra by Kathy Chopra

SUN.  MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY
7:30  ♥†People of the Parish
9:00  †Dr. Edward Dilello by Rosemarie & Dom Melchiorre
10:30 †Jeanne Bizzarri by Family
12:00 †Claude W. Nicholson, Jr. by John & Teresa Nicholson
2:00  Latin Mass
5:00  †Ronald Marra by Leonard & Carmella Dixon

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

MEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Ethel Moran, Nancy Reagan.

Even a cursory glance through John's Gospel reveals a number of events that are reported at a very different point in time than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. John's Gospel, the parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death. In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is stated in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.
EASTER FLOWERS
We thank the many parishioners and visitors who contribute toward our beautiful Easter flowers. Easter flower envelopes are gathered near the altar, as they represent the prayerful remembrances of our beloved living and deceased. Included in your envelope packet or at each entrance of the church there are Easter Flower donation envelopes for your convenience. Please submit prior to March 25.

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR LENT -
Tired of giving up candy, cigarettes, desserts, etc. for Lent? How about giving up a little more time (about fifteen minutes a day) and spend it reading the Gospels? By reading three chapters a day, you can move through the four Gospels during the season of Lent. This is a perfect Lenten activity for families. For those who don’t want to carry the Bible around, there is a reading list in an APP at www.truthandlifeapp.com. This will allow anyone to carry the Gospels with them and take fifteen minutes during a work break, while exercising or while travelling. This year, don’t give up; rather give time to God.

DIOCESE OF VENICE
LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Christ’s faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days, the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to fulfill their obligations more faithfully, and to deny themselves especially by observing the fast and abstinence according to the laws of the Church.

The following are the Lenten penitential regulations issued for the Diocese of Venice in Florida.

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, and Good Friday, March 25, are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are all days of abstinence. It should be noted that if a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

LENTEN FAITH SERIES WITH FR. O’ MADAGAIN
Tuesdays: Mar. 15, 22
We will begin with light hors d’oeuvres in the parish hall at 6:00 PM.

Schedule for this Lenten Season
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(Feb. 12th - March 18th)
After the 9:30 a.m. Mass –
Each Friday of Lent
(Except Good Friday)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
In the Chapel for quiet, private Adoration following Stations, until 12:30
Each Friday of Lent
(Except Good Friday)

RECONCILIATION
Saturday Mar. 19, 2016: 10:00 a.m. - noon
Wed. Mar. 23, 2016: 10:30 - noon & 5-7 p.m.
Good Friday Mar. 25: 10:30 a.m. - noon

Lent is a time of renewal, for the whole church, for each community and for each believer. Above all, it is a time of Grace.

~ Pope Francis
Jubilee Year of Mercy
March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jubilee Year of Mercy

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy’s theme, took place the last time today’s Gospel about Jesus’ encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. “Jesus’ attitude is striking,” Francis declared. “We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: ‘Neither do I condemn you’ (John 8:11). Francis continued: “God’s face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God’s patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God’s] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us” if we return ‘with a contrite heart” (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus’ raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those “raised” from the “death” of sin, Jesus defines the community’s “mission of mercy”—“Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).

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- Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30am.
- For more information call Alouise 481-8168
- Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
- Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.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, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
- 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

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of Arthur Fleck
by Family

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

Inspiring resources to deepen your Faith!
Faith-filled Catholic CDs, books, and booklets

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RESURRECTION MEN’S CLUB
ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
MONDAY MARCH 14th, 2016

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
SERVING AT 5:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE
PARISH CENTER

$20.00 EACH IN ADVANCE
$25.00 ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

MENU:
Corned Beef and
Cabbage
Parsley Potatoes/Carrots
Bread/Rolls
Coffee
Dessert

BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE
(Refreshments may not be brought into
the Hall by guests)

***** FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PARISH CHARITIES *****
YOU ARE INVITED &
WELCOME TO JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm - 8:30pm
PARISH CENTER
Begins April 6

DOGmatic Theology

DOGmatic Theology is sure to evoke laughter and prompt newfound contemplation of the simple yet profound aspects of everyday life, dog days and all!

Based upon Father James Mallon’s many experiences with the often-mischievous “Monsi”, a nine-year old shepherd mix dog, this course explores themes central to the faith.

Each theme probes into a mystery of faith that is then illuminated with a witness story as well as a teaching by Dogmatic theologian, Dr. David Deane.

JOIN US FOR THIS DVD SERIES & DISCUSSION FOLLOWING:
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00pm - 8:30pm

THE TALKS

April 6 - I Believe in doG - The Unconditional Love of God
April 13 - You Did Not Choose Me - Coming Into Relationship
April 20 - The Seven Dogly Sins - Sin, Guilt and Forgiveness
April 27 - Cages and Fences - Surrendering to Christ
May 4 - Yum Scripture—Eating God’s Word
May 11 - The Leash and The Collar—Living Under the Lordship of Christ
May 18 - It’s a Dog’s Life - The Problem of Suffering
May 25 - Do Dogs Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief and Eternal Life

ALL ARE WELCOME

JOURNALS FOR DISCUSSION ARE AVAILABLE!!!

PLEASE RSVP: 481-7172
**MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM** -
Fridays at 7:00 a.m. at Sweet Bean Coffee Café, McGregor Blvd. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

**REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR WEBSITE:** [WWW.RESURRECTIONCH.ORG](http://WWW.RESURRECTIONCH.ORG)
CLICK YOUTH MINISTRY: CLICK FORMS

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**We need volunteers to serve as ushers at Sunday 12:00 pm 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.

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**JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN FISH FRY**

March 18

SERVING FROM 4:30 UNTIL GONE

**MENU:**
FISH WITH TARTAR SAUCE, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW, MACARONI & CHEESE, COFFEE OR LEMONADE, BREAD & BUTTER, DESSERT, CUP OF HOME MADE CLAM CHOWDER

**COST:** $10.00

ALL ARE WELCOME!!


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**Women’s Guild News**

To the Ladies of the parish -
Come and join us on March 16th for a bit of Irish celebration at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Coffee and Irish Soda bread will be served. Entertainment to be provided by Kellyn Celtic Dance Academy. Bring a friend and enjoy a “Top of the Morning”!

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**MERCY**

A Bible Study Guide for Catholics
10:00am - 11:30am

**Wednesday, March 16 -**
MERCY & COVENANT LOVE

**Wednesday, March 23 -**
LORD HAVE MERCY

**NO BIBLE STUDY DURING EASTER WEEK**

**Wednesday, April 6 -**
MERCY AS A SAVING ACT

ALL ARE WELCOME - JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION! RSVP 481-7172

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When: June 13–June 17, 2016

Time: 9am—Noon

Where: Resurrection Parish Center

Who: Kids from Pre-K thru 5th grade

Cost: $30 for 1 child
      $50 for 2 children
      $65 for 3 children
      (discount applies to siblings)

Any questions ~Email or contact Vilikki Melchiorre (vilikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).
News from the Diocese...............

Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation - Wednesday Morning Adult Faith Formation Video-Conferencing Sessions are now underway. The free sessions are available simultaneously through the Institute’s centrally-located video-conferencing sites. The weekly sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue for approximately 90 minutes. Attendees can go to any location they choose and need not participate in each session. For further information about the scheduled topics and speakers please visit http://institute-dov.org.

Theology on Tap - This exciting program for young adults (18-39), allows them to learn about the faith while building community. Theology on Tap is held at various parishes throughout the Diocese. Each location hosts a series of weekly talks and discussions on relevant topics in a relaxed atmosphere. Free babysitting, icebreakers, trivia, and food and drinks are provided... BYOB. Upcoming dates are as follows:

Naples Area - Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at rotating Parishes: First Tuesdays at St. John the Evangelist Parish; Second Tuesdays at St. Agnes Parish; Third Tuesdays at St. Peter the Apostle Parish; Fourth Tuesdays at St. William Parish.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat - If you have ever had an abortion, give yourself the gift of a Project Rachel Healing Retreat during the Year of Mercy - the perfect time to experience the healing provided through the retreat. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. For confidential information, contact Fonda at 239-719-7210 or Fon-da.rachel@gmail.com. Here’s what a recent retreatant shared: Many thanks for the experience of a day filled with love, understanding and not one ounce of judgement. Please thank all your staff...what marvelous ladies...and the priests showed such kindness and demonstrated what Pope Francis wants Jesus’s disciples to do...teach us that God is MERCY and LOVE. I was blessed to have been in the company of ten women who were open, honest and caring. It was beyond my expectations. I know I was led there. What a nearness I feel with God." 40 Days for Life Naples - There is still time through March 20 to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in Naples and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information or would like to help, go to www.40daysforlife.com/naples or call Pam at 239-776-8288.

Pope Francis Prayer intentions for March -
General Prayer Intention - That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.
Evangelization Prayer Intention - That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Catholic Charities Tours - During the Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., is offering bus tours to its four locations throughout Collier County. Sign up and discover the work of Catholic Charities! Tours will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Journey from the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center in East Naples, to Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee, with two stops at Catholic Charities locations in Golden Gate. Those who have taken the tour in the past remarked on the difference it has made in understanding the programs and services of Catholic Charities. If you are looking for ways to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy, please contact Catholic Charities to register for a tour at maryshaughnessy@catholiccharitiescc.org or call 239-455-2665.

Win a brand new 2016 Jeep Wrangler - The entry donation for the car raffle is $100 per ticket. The drawing for the winner will be held during the Venetian Charity Ball on Saturday, March 12 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. For more information and ticket purchase, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or email VenetianBall@ccslee.org.

Silent Ignatian Retreat - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice invites those interested to an Ignatian Preached Retreat from Sunday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 6. This is a silent retreat that includes scheduled conferences each day, Mass, and an opportunity to meet with the retreat director. The topics center on Ignatian spirituality, prayer, and discernment. There will be opportunities provided for private prayer where the retreatant may bring into their own spiritual life those elements discussed within the conferences. Scripture passages will be provided for personal prayer and meditation. All rooms are single occupancy with a full size bed and private bathroom and shower. Retreat Cost is $395. For more information or to register for a retreat please call 941-486-0233 or email gazo@olph-retreat.org.

Chrism Mass - The Chrism Mass which takes place during Holy Week every year will be held at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., in Venice, Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. During this Mass, the faithful of the Diocese join the Deacons, Priests and Bishop Frank J. Dewane for the blessing of the Holy Oils which are used in the administration of the Sacraments at each parish throughout the year. Deacons and Priests celebrating 25 and 50 years of Ordination are recognized at this Mass. All are encouraged to attend in support of our clergy and to participate in this important Holy Week celebration.

Discerning Your Vote - The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a document to assist the faithful in discerning their vote for the March 15 Florida Presidential Preference Primary. The document and resources can be found on the USCCB website via www.faithfulcitizenship.org.
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Resurrection for Life members ask you to help foster life by helping with your donation of much needed items. Community Pregnancy Clinic helps mothers with counseling and provides them with supplies for their babies that they cannot afford. The current needs are:

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Something New: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it. But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel which had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37-39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but strainning forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises - "the resurrection of the dead."

~ Scott Hahn
Lent is the preparation for the celebration of Easter, the heart of the paschal mystery. It is a time to meditate on the passion and suffering of Christ, and to look forward to His resurrection.

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Congratulations to our students who placed within the TOP 8 of their divisions at the Regionals competition in Pembroke Pines on February 23rd:
- 6th grade – Winston Fairchild
- 7th grade – Christopher Lade
- 8th grade – Carter Baxmann & Quentin Fairchild

These students now qualify to represent St. Francis Xavier School at the 2016 National History Bee in Chicago, "the Windy City", this summer along with other qualifying students from across the nation! We are so proud of these students and their outstanding work, and we thank our National History Bee sponsor teacher, Mrs. Virna Mandra-rino, for her encouragement and support!

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