THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John’s vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, “countless in number” from “heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe” (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).


Jubilee Year of Mercy

April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

How appropriate today’s Gospel for this Jubilee Year of Mercy, both because of the “breakfast” Jesus provides (“a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread”) and the number of fish in Peter’s net (“one hundred fifty-three”) (John 21:11-12). Of the fish, Saint Augustine suggests that the roasted fish is the suffering Christ. Saint Gregory the Great adds that Christ lowered himself to swim in the “water” of our humanity; to be caught in the “net” of our death; to be “roasted” in his Passion on the fire of suffering. Saint Jerome claims that “one hundred fifty-three” represents the full number of known species of fish, signifying that the Church’s “net” has room for all our widely diverse humanity, securing our unity-in-diversity in the hands of Peter and his successors. Having received God’s mercy as “the beating heart of the Gospel,” may the Church—we—“pattern [our] behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception” (Misericordiae Vultus, 12).

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GIFT SHOP HOURS

Tues. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  Sun. 8:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

Wanted for our Gift Shop - Volunteers for just a couple of hours once or twice a month. Help us keep the Gift Shop open. If you can volunteer please call the parish office, 481-7171.

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Bill Menke, Mother Angelica, Elaine Toggweiler, William “Bill” Keller, Rose Marie Harrington.

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

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.
WEEKLY OFFERING

April 3, 2016

Reg. Offertory: $29,650.36
Education: $6,793.00
Latin Mass: $745.00
SVDP: $646.00

Thank You

2016 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $347,000.00
Pledges made thus far Total: $262,265.08
Payments made thus far Total: $190,224.19, Thank you!

We still need $156,775.81 to pay our assessment.
Please join our parish family in making a sacrificial gift to the CFA

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS WHO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:

VERIFY THAT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS & ENVELOPE # ARE CORRECT ON YOUR MAY/JUNE, 2016 ENVELOPES !!

Due to a computer glitch SOME of the envelopes have addresses that do not match the name and envelope #s.

If yours are NOT correct, throw them away, and a new set will be automatically sent prior to May 1. (there is no need to contact the parish office)
Please join us for adoration every first Friday after the 8:00 Mass

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, 8:30 a.m.
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 8:00 a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, 3:30 p.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., 1:30 p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 p.m. 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, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May

Women's Guild News

The Women’s Guild will hold a meeting on April 20 at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Come and join us for a “White Elephant Swap Party”.
Please bring a “White Elephant” item (something you don’t want in your home) and place it in a paper grocery bag. If you don’t know how this “SWAP” works, you will find out when you get here!! Hope to see you then!!

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

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 a.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 until close.
We also pray every Wednesday and Thursday at Planned Parenthood, corner of winkler & college anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mercy

A Bible Study Guide for Catholics
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 6 - Mercy as a Saving Act
All are Welcome - Join us for a Lively Discussion! RSVP 481-7172

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of Justine Warren
by friend, Anna
Come as you are!  
Come journey with us!  
St John XXIII Young Adult Ministry —  
Where Faith Meets Life.  
St. John XXIII is creating two new environments for our 18 to 30 “somethings” young adults to gather for faith and friendship.  

A bit about our two new environments— We MEET on alternate Thursdays throughout the year...  
Our Young Adult Ministry for those 18-21 years old is entitled CONVERGE and will gather one Thursday evening per month at St John XXIII Parish Community Room.  
Our CONVERGE dinner gathering is from 7pm to 9pm (at no cost).  
Our Young Adult Ministry entitled ROOTED for those 22-30 “somethings” will gather one Thursday per month at St John XXIII Parish Community Room.  
Our ROOTED dinner gathering is from 7pm to 9pm (at no cost).  

We offer dinner, faith-sharing, speakers, questions and topics that concern our relationship with Christ Jesus, The Roman Catholic Faith Tradition...and our everyday lives.  
So come as you are without worrying about any judgement, “preaching” or pressure.  
This is a time of friendship as we encounter our loving, merciful Father, in His Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.  

Contact- Lois Kittenplan,  
Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
lois@johnxxiii.net  239-561-2245 xt 107  
St. John XXIII Catholic Church  
13060 Palomino Lane Fort Myers 33912  

Loyola Press,  
A Jesuit Ministry  

Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter  
The Easter season – beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days – is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.  

Live with Joy  
Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.  

Live without Fear  
The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.  

Live with New Eyes  
Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God’s eyes.  

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.
**Men’s Gospel Forum**

- **Dates:** Fridays at 7:00 a.m.
- **Location:** Sweet Bean Coffee Café, McGregor Blvd.
- **Contact:** Ange Ford, 216-496-0269.

**We Need Volunteers to Serve as Ushers at Sunday 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.

**Dogmatic Theology**

- **Description:** Dynamic eight-part DVD series chock-full of humour, insight and theological consideration.
- **Event:** Resurrection Parish Center
- **Dates:** June 13-June 17, 2016
- **Times:** 9am—Noon
- **Cost:** $30 for 1 child, $50 for 2 children, $65 for 3 children (discount applies to siblings)

**Questions?** Email or contact Vikki Melchiorre (vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).

**Fr. James Mallon Shares Wisdom Via - DVD**

What do you get if you spell “God” backwards? Man’s best friend. Add a Catholic priest, a theologian, eight weeks of dogma and you get *Dogmatic Theology*, a dynamic eight-part DVD series.

**The Talks**

- **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 Dog’s Go To Heaven? - Mortality, Grief, and Eternal Life

**All are Welcome!**

**WEDNESDAYS**

- **April 13:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **April 20:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **April 27:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **May 4:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **May 11:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **May 18:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **May 25:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Journals for Discussion Available!**

**RSVP:** 481-7172
NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION
ALL ARE WELCOME
SUNDAY, APRIL 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!
NEW PARISHIONERS ARRIVING EACH WEEK! WE WELCOME YOU!
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

Join us for Lunch!
Open to ALL—Men & Women
Celebrate EASTER JOY - CHRIST AMONG US!
Called to encounter Christ in each other.
Discover we are connected in Christ!
at OLIVE GARDEN
Wednesday @ Noon - April 20
Call to reserve your space by Apr. 18
Dutch Treat - Separate checks!
Call 481–7172 to reserve your spot!

Share a Meal
Discover connections
Participate in community
Share the Mystery of Life
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Catholic Chamber of Commerce meeting -
All Catholic businesses and outreach efforts are invited to the next Catholic Chamber of Commerce Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, 8051 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. There is no charge to attend or membership required. The purpose of the Catholic Chamber of Commerce is to inform and unite Catholic businesses to encourage the use of Catholic values and a culture of life in the home, community and workplace. For more information ph 239-980-0921 or toni@floridacatholicchamber.com

NECESSARY
Grace is necessary to salvation, free will is equally so; but grace in order to give salvation, free will in order to receive it. —St. Bernard

St. Francis Catholic School
End of Year Celebration
You are invited to an evening of camaraderie and musical entertainment featuring a seafood buffet, beer and wine as well as silent and live auction items.

Friday May 6, 2016, 7:00 - 11:00 pm
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