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: Tel. 437-9876
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

June 26, 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 26, 2016**

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”


**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).


This week’s Sanctuary Candle:  
In loving memory of  
Constance S. LeMay  
by LeMay Family

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, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, 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, 7:00p.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, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
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

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

WEEKLY OFFERING
June 19, 2016
Regular Offertory: $16,051.97
SVDP: $753.00
Latin Mass: $938.00

Altar Flowers
This Week:  
In Honor of:  
All Resurrection Parish Volunteers

Altar Flower Bouquets
To Honor Your Friends and Loved Ones
The beautiful flower arrangements that you see each week on the altar are available for purchase as a memorial or honorarium.
Altar Flower Bouquets are a wonderful way to remember the anniversary of a friend or loved one’s death or to honor a special event such as a birthday or anniversary.
If you wish, the name of your friend or loved one will be placed in an announcement in the bulletin in recognition of their special occasion.
To purchase Altar Flower Bouquets call the parish office, 239-481-7172.

Thank You for Your Support!!
FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
AT RESURRECTION PARISH

Daily Prayer after Mass for Religious Freedom

Daily Rosary for the Fortnight - Our Daily Rosary will be said for “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM”

Please set aside time each day for personal action - If we all work together much can be accomplished.

Fortnight for Freedom - Bishop Frank J. Dewane is calling on the Diocese of Venice to once again join Catholic Arch/dioceses across the United States to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the fourth annual Fortnight for Freedom, Tuesday, June 21 to Monday, July 4. The theme of this two week focus is "Witnesses to Freedom," and emphasizes the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable. The faithful are encouraged to reinforce their commitment to prayer, to study the Church’s teaching, and to participate in peaceful public action during the Fortnight. Resources and activities for Fortnight for Freedom can be found at www.dioceseofvenice.org/conscience/fortnight-for-freedom.

Additional resources from the USCCB can be found at www.fortnight4freedom.org. The following are recommended activities for Catholics during the Fortnight for Freedom:

Prayer - Pray that the governing authorities would uphold religious liberty, traditional marriage, the dignity of human life, and other key issues such as immigration reform and the need for more humanitarian services.

Study - To find out what Bishop Dewane has said on these vital issues, go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/conscience. Download and read the Fortnight for Freedom Reflections published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by going to www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightreflections.

Public Action
Check out the latest action alerts and write/email to Congress opposing the HHS Mandate and calling for greater conscience protections for religious individuals and institutions. Go to www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightactionalerts.

Join the Diocese of Venice on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dioceseofvenice for news, updates, and opportunities to have your voice heard.

Fortnight for Freedom Closing Mass - Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites the faithful to a closing Mass for the Fortnight for Freedom on Sunday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. The Mass is open to everyone and is for the special intention of protecting religious freedom.

All are encouraged to spend time daily praying for our Religious Freedom.
Let’s all participate whole-heartedly.
The stakes are high!!
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
CATHOLIC HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

USCCB Fact Sheet

For decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has carried out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as the victims of human trafficking. This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed as Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue the call to holiness.

MRS developed years of expertise in actively working to end human trafficking and protect those who have been exploited through trafficking. In 2006, MRS’s Anti-Trafficking Services Program (ATSP) began administering a federal program to provide intensive case management to foreign national victims of human trafficking identified in the U.S. and its territories. In 2010, through its network of subcontracting agencies, ATSP helped survivors of human trafficking from 64 countries, with the largest number of survivors from India, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, and Haiti. Survivors had been trafficked on farms, in hotels and casinos, in private homes, in spas, and in other industries for the purposes of forced labor and/or sex trafficking.

In 2011, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion “services” in violation of Catholic teaching. Consequently, the government refused to award a grant to MRS despite MRS’s earning a far higher objective score from the government’s independent grant evaluators than two other organizations that were awarded grants. And those two scored so low that they were deemed unqualified.

Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious freedom or identity upon entering such contracts. Yet, a federal court in Massachusetts, turning religious liberty on its head, declared that the First Amendment requires such a disqualification—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion. Fortunately, in 2013, an appeals court vacated this terrible decision. But the possibility of similar suits in the future remains.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, the federal government has discriminated against Catholic humanitarian services based on their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs had no impact on performance. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, especially victims of human trafficking in need of important humanitarian services.

Text FREEDOM to 57737 to receive religious freedom updates from the U.S. bishops.

Sign up for Free to Serve, the e-newsletter of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
www.usccb.org/freedom | Twitter: @USCCBFreedom
www.fortnight4freedom.com
Youth ministry registration open for the fall!

NEW TIME FOR RYM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25TH...
Family/Youth Mass 5:15pm
Followed by Youth Gatherings 6:15–7:45pm

Register fees:*
$35 thru June 30
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$55 thru Aug. 31
$65 thereafter

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THEME: LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Pope Francis’ Vision for World Youth Day

“Look at the challenges facing young people in the church and suggest ways that older Catholics can relate to young people.”

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.
Save the Dates!!!
Young Adults
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St John XXIII Catholic Church,
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