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.

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Fax: 481-8007, www.resurrectionch.org

September 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECONCILIATION
True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke’s Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul’s letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God’s patient mercy has been shown to us.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— Psalm 51:12

Mass Schedule

SAT. SEPT 10 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Mary Mochrie by husband Ken

SUN. SEPT 11 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Rick Weber by Jane Weber Slaton
10:30 †Barbara Czabala by Sue & Jerry Quaid
12:45 Latin Mass

MON. SEPT 12 -
8:00 †Sharon Kemp by Susan & Charles Kelly

TUE. SEPT 13 -
8:00 †Janice Kelleher by a friend

WED. SEPT 14 -
8:00 †Fred Ianelli by the Wilkins

THU. SEPT 15 -
8:00 †Rusty Wareing by Mom & Dad

FRI. SEPT 16 -
8:00 †Sean Sweeney by Jack & Evelyn Connolly

SAT. SEPT 17 -
8:00 †Janice Tuohy Aguilera by Ken Mochrie

SAT. SEPT 17 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Lois Hessler by Stephanie & Angela

SUN. SEPT 18 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Barbara Czabala by Sue & Jerry Quaid
10:30 †Bassam Ghith by Ghith family
12:45 Latin Mass

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 Dorthea Sedlak.

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.

This Sunday's Readings:
First Reading
Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19
Once we are forgiven, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start.

Second Reading
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading
Luke 15:1-32
Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

Background on the Gospel Reading
In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?
WEEKLY OFFERING
September 4, 2016
Offertory: $16,378.00
Education: $9,962.00
Latin mass: $780.00
SVDP: $347.00

Registration for Faith Formation
Grades K-5 is still open!

Start Date: September 25th
Class Time: Sundays 4:00-5:00pm
Followed by 5:15 Mass

Tuition: -$70
-$15 each additional child
-$25 Sacramental Prep fee if receiving First Communion this year

Registration forms are available in the church office or on line at:
www.resurrectionch.org
*Please register by September 1st*
*Tuition assistance is available.*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

This week’s
Sanctuary Candle:
In loving memory of
Cliff Herdman
by wife Doris

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In loving memory of:
Henry Olewin
by friends at Resurrection

“Let the little children come to me.”
Matt. 19-14

2016 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $347,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $311,147.65, Thank you!
We still need $35,852.35 to pay our assessment.

Bereavement and Beyond -
Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next Bereavement and Beyond meeting will be Monday Sept. 12 at 8:30.
Regular weekly meetings will resume in October.

September 11, 2016
Altar Servers Needed—please call parish office for more information if interested. 239-481-7172

**YOUTH MINISTRY**
**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!**

*Register fee is $65*
*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep ~ 2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.*

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NEW TIME FOR RYM BEGINNING

SEPTEMBER 25TH...
Family/Youth Mass 5:15pm
Followed by Youth Gatherings 6:15–7:45pm
Call RYM or email with any questions:
Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 481-5144

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Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org
Or stop in at the Parish Center!

**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**, Sept. 12, 8:30 and then every Monday, 8:30 beginning in Oct. Alouse 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, after the 9:00 a.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., 1:30 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 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, 8:30 a.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

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**Letter from Bishop Dewane**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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Your generous contribution to the National Collection for the Catholic University of America will help to educate an important generation of lay and ordained leaders within the United States and expand its impact on our Church and nation.

The National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. will be taken up here in our Diocese of Venice the weekend of September 10 and 11, 2016. May God Bless you for your generosity!

This opportunity is taken to extend to you, the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
**GIFT SHOP HOURS**

Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Sun. 8:00 - 11:45 a.m.

The Gift Shop is located at the front entrance of the church.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Lectors Needed**

Looking to grow in your faith? Look no further than participating in the Lector Ministry. It will literally change your life! No experience necessary since training will be provided. Flexible Mass schedule. Call Todd at 239-284-4979.

**Switch to the Choose Life License Plate for Free and Help Promote Adoption -**

For a limited time, you can save the $85 fee to switch to the Choose Life License Plate if you agree to keep it for 5 years. Each year the special fee of $25 (approximately $2 per month) will provide $20 to a local agency to support life and adoption. The funds are needed for housing, utilities, food, medical care, clothing, transportation and counseling for pregnant women making an adoption plan. Email russ@choose-life.org to request your free gift certificate to switch. Questions? Contact Jeanne at Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-441-1101.

**Join us for Lunch! All are invited**

Faith Formation happens all the time.... in everyday experiences of friendship and support .... Please, join us!!!! at Carrabba’s, 12990 S. Cleveland Dr.

*Wed. @ Noon - Sept. 28 Call Reserve your space by Sept. 27. Dutch Treat - Separate checks*

Jesus calls us to share meals... “do this in remembrance of me...” Call 481–7172 to reserve your spot!

**COMING JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Mornings  
10:00 am - 11:30 am  
beginning Sept. 21  
Call - 481-7172, Parish Center

Bible Study Guided from the following Books

- **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Michael E. Gaitley, MlC  
- **15 Minute Prayer Solution** by Gary Jansen  
- **Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple** by Edward Sri  
- **Joy of Love** by Pope Francis  
- **Joy of Discipleship** by Pope Francis

**The First Disciples - John 1:37-39**

“The two disciples heard and followed Jesus. Jesus turned around, saw them following and said, ‘WHAT DO YOU WANT?’ They answered, ‘Rabbi, where do you live?’ He replied, ‘COME AND SEE’ and so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him that day.”
A few years ago, my six-year-old great nephew died suddenly. A few days before Tyler’s death, I was taking care of him and his new-born sister. As I was feeding Abby, Tyler sat there, incessantly carrying on a delightful conversation. All of a sudden, he said, “You know, Janet, God is a part of every family.” I’m not really sure what caused him to say that at that time. Whenever I recall that moment, I experience various emotions and memories.

One realization that his words shout to me is the power of prayer in the family: family prayer helps to make tangible the reality that we are never alone; that God is intimately with us, always and everywhere, and uniquely in family life. The Second Vatican Council restored the ancient belief of “domestic church,” of family church (Lumen Gentium, no. 11). The first and foremost way most people experience God is within family relationships and the encounters of everyday life within the family. Prayer is what binds the family together: it is the power that enables the recognition of God with them always and everywhere, and the strength that upholds them as they live a faith-filled life in their 24/7 world.

The call to holiness is lived by most people within their everyday family lives. People are holy when they "wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2013). These two ways of living are intertwined; prayer, especially family prayer, leads to action.

Pope Francis strongly asserted that "we must reject the temptation to offer a privatized and individualistic spirituality which ill accords with the demands of charity. . . . There is always the risk that some moments of prayer can become an excuse for not offering one's life in mission" (Evangelli Gaudium, no. 262).

TODAY WE GATHER IN PRAYER
FOR ALL THE FAMILIES OF RESURRECTION PARISH
WE COMMISSION ALL PARENTS AND CATECHISTS
IN THEIR CALL TO HOLINESS
Calling All Moms…

You are invited to share in a Catholic ministry for mothers!

**Ministry for Moms:**
Where mothers are nourished, strengthened and cherished, and families are celebrated!

Join together with other MOMS to celebrate family, parenting and life as Mom on the first and third Thursday mornings beginning in OCTOBER. If you are interested in joining the core ministry team to share your gifts, ideas, experiences or suggestions please contact Amanda Gavini at: 239-222-0452 or girlyamanda@yahoo.com

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**Safe Environment Training** - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment.

For the current training schedule go to the following web address:

http://files.constantcontact.com/45669ebe001/241ccf9-afb2-43e6-b186-978830a9662d.pdf

**AFFCAM Volunteer Needed** - A Volunteer or Volunteers are needed for coverage of the front desk reception area at AFCAAM, a program of Catholic Charities, located at 3681 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers. Requirements of the position are personable, basic computer and copier knowledge, excellent phone skills and can lift 25 lbs. There is a strong preference for bilingual (Spanish/English) candidates. Duties include helping children, parents, and staff.

**Study the Bible!** - The Diocese of Venice is hosting "The Bible and Prayer" program presented by Dr. Scott Hahn's Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology on **Saturday, September 24.** It runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Saint Patrick Parish, 7900 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Participants will not only develop a deeper understanding of the Scriptures, but be trained to bring this teaching back to their parishes. Interactive talks will be given by St. Paul Center’s nationally known speaker and author Matt Leonard and the Center’s executive Director Rob Corzine. Whether you have attended this event before, or are new to studying the scripture, you are encouraged to attend. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon. **Registration ends on September 16. The cost is $40 per person.** Registration and more information can be found at [http://dioceseofvenice.org/bible-study](http://dioceseofvenice.org/bible-study). Questions? Call 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.

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**40 Days for Life Events**

Come to the 40 Days for Life kickoff Wed, September 28th! We will begin with 6:30 pm Mass at Church of the Resurrection, celebrated by Father Oliver Toner, with David Reardon as homilist. This will be followed by a 7:15 candlelight vigil on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway, corner of Winkler Road.

What better way to begin 40 days of prayer and fasting to end the evil of abortion!

You can sign up for sidewalk time of prayer during the 40 days before all the Masses Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18.

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“A Nation That Kills Its Own Children Is a Nation Without Hope.”
~ Pope John Paul II

**Project Rachel** - Trust in the mercy of God's love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help at 888-456-4673, 239-719-7210 or e-mail Fon-da.rachel@gmail.com

**Natural Family Planning Class** - Natural family planning is 100% natural, has no side effects and is effective in both achieving and postponing pregnancy. To learn more, consider attending a three class series to be held at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 12905 State Road 70, Lakewood Ranch. The class dates are Sundays, September 11, October 16 and November 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register visit [https://register.ccli.org](https://register.ccli.org) or contact Andrea McSorley at ablyth3@gmail.com or 941-348-3258

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**MEN’S GOSPEL FORUM**

Strengthening men’s roles as husbands, fathers, workers and community volunteers.

Join us for coffee and casual, insightful discussion on the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel.

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