February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Mass Schedule

SAT.  FEB 11 - VIGIL MASS
3:30  †Alice Marghella by Norma Perroni
5:00  †George Leo by Marlene

SUN.  FEB 12 -
7:30  ♥†People of the Parish
9:00  †Pat Lotz by Maureen & Frank Rose
10:30 †Ray Walsh by Walsh Family
2:15  Latin Mass
5:15  †Cel & Harry Terlecki by Paul & Darlene Friedl

MON.  FEB 13 -
8:00  †Julia Reiner by Doc & Jerrie Woods

TUE.  FEB 14 -
8:00  †Frank O’Donnell by Wife & Family

WED.  FEB 15 -
8:00  ♥†Living & Deceased Mbrs of Resurrection Women’s Guild

THU.  FEB 16 -
8:00  †Alice Marghella by Frank & Nancy Albano

FRI.  FEB 17 -
8:00  †Catherine Romeo by Ellie & Sal Munizza

SAT.  FEB 18 -
8:00  †Loretta Feeny by Dan & Sharon Feeny

SAT.  FEB 18 - VIGIL MASS
3:30  †James Martin, Sr. by Chloe Gier
5:00  ♥Special Intention, Bob & Pat Dorage 58th Anniv.

SUN.  FEB 19 -
7:30  ♥†People of the Parish
9:00  ♥†Living & Deceased Mbrs of Serra/Wasko Families
10:30 †James Provensal by Ray & Barbara Provensal
2:15  Latin Mass
5:15  †Kayla Stembridge by Donna Cook

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 the faithful of the parish.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

GIFT SHOP HOURS
Thurs. 7:50 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat: 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.  Sun. 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.
THE GIFT SHOP IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US EACH 1ST FRIDAY FOR ADORATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS
WEEKLY OFFERING

February 5, 2017
Offertory: $28,113.09
Education: $7,329.00
Latin Mass: $594.00
SVDP: $677.00

Thank You!

Consider Online Giving

Online giving simplifies how you can make contributions to the church. With WeShare you can make your contribution electronically by credit or debit card, or have it withdrawn directly from your bank account.

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- **Simple Enrollment** - You can enroll online with WeShare.

Go to **www.resurrectionch.org** click on the ONLINE GIVING button.
If you prefer, you can also manually fill out an Enrollment Form and bring it to the parish office to be set up.

Seasonal Parishioners
HEADING BACK NORTH
Envelope Mailings come two months at a time. Please mark the months in which you will NOT Require Envelopes. Drop at Parish Office.

| July/Aug 2017 | Sept/Oct 2017 |
| Nov/Dec 2017 | Jan/Feb 2018 |
| Mar/April 2018 | May/June 2018 |
| July/Aug 2018 | Sept/Oct 2018 |

Repeat these months Yearly until further notice.

Name: _________________________________________

Env. #: ________________________________________

Contact Info: _________________________________
_____________________________________

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, after the Sunday 10:30 Mass.

St Vincent de Paul’s Thrift Store located at 2023 Del Prado Blvd. Cape Coral is in desperate need of volunteers. We would be grateful if you can donate 2-3 hours a month. If interested call Amy at 239-573-0217.
If redecorating or moving, we need kitchen and dining room sets. They sell very quickly. Pick up is always available.

St Vincent de Paul is very low on food! We are in need of tuna, canned chicken, rice, beans, cereal, pasta and sauce. We have also had a need for soap. We are very grateful for your kind, generous hearts!

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!
Message from Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“...It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35). These words from Jesus, recounted by the Apostle Paul, are central to the life we are called to live. St. John Paul II wrote about this very passage from scripture, noting that the desire to give “…is rooted in the depths of the human heart.” Every person desires to find fulfillment in the gifting of self to others.

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) of the Diocese of Venice provides an opportunity to respond to this inner call to give of one’s self. The CFA allows the chance to assist in the good works of the Diocese throughout Southwest Florida. Your kindness and generosity help those in need.

Many of the Diocesan programs and ministries supported by the Catholic Faith Appeal are highlighted herein. As can be seen, the CFA furthers the mission given by Christ and impacts so many lives: children being educated in Catholic schools, seminarians being prepared for priesthood, elderly and vulnerable being cared for, homeless parents being assisted in basic essentials for their children, people of all ages being drawn closer to Christ, etc.

It is the combined efforts of faithful and generous donors, through the Catholic Faith Appeal, that allow the Church in the Diocese of Venice to touch the lives of the poor and the needy. I invite you to join in following St. Paul’s words and be “blessed” through giving to others.

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Faith Appeal. Please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated and you and your family are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
**WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15th** is “Guild Day”. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us. Our day starts with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and we will gather at the Parish Center immediately afterward. This month we will enjoy once again a “White Elephant Swap”. Please bring a “White Elephant” item (something you no longer want in your home) placed secretly in a brown grocery bag. If you don’t know how this “swap” works you will find out when you get here! Coffee and refreshments will be waiting.

**Men’s Gospel Forum -** How often in our daily conversations do we talk about a topic other than sports, politics, work, family and things of this world? It is so refreshing to start your day discussing the Word of God with fellow parishioners and to share what the message of the coming Gospel means to us.

All men of the parish are invited to join us each Friday at 8:30 in the Parish Hall.

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**Altar Flowers This Week:**

- In loving memory of: **Henry Wojtowiecz**
  by Friends at Resurrection Parish

- In loving memory of: **George Blair**
  by Friends at Resurrection Parish

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**RESURRECTION FOR LIFE**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC AT 3900 BROADWAY, FORT MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY.**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MAKER FUN FACTORY**

- **When:** June 13-16, 2017 (Tuesday through Friday)
- **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 only)

Any questions ~ Email or contact Vikki Melchiorre (vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144).
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- Private and public school administrators agree that students from Saint Francis Xavier School are the most prepared for success entering high school.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE DATES 2016-2017:
Wednesday, November 16, 9:10-10:30am
Tuesday, January 31, 9am - 12noon
Tuesday, February 28, 6-7:30pm
Friday, March 24, 9-10:30am
Monday, April 10, 9-11am

Call 239-334-7707 to meet our faculty and students, tour our campus and see what Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School is all about!

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Visit www.stfrancisfortmyers.org for more information.
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

LOCATION:
Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers

COST:
Pre-Registration:
Adults $20, Students $5.
At the door: $30 and $10.

JEFF CAVINS
Jeff Cavins is a nationally known speaker and author best known for Great Adventure Bible Study series. He founded EWTN’s weekly program Life on the Rock and Relevant Radio’s Morning Air.

MIKE PACER
Mike Pacer practiced as a Chicago trial lawyer for fourteen years before hearing a call from God to “just leave.” Mike is an international speaker, author and retreat facilitator. He and his wife, Lori, are the Directors of Evangelize All Ministries, an apostolate that promotes God Is! – a powerful plan for parish evangelization and renewal.

KEVIN LOWRY
Kevin Lowry is a convert who has worked for The Coming Home Network International, a Catholic apostolate that assists non-Catholic clergy and laity on the journey to the Catholic Church. He is an author and frequent guest on radio and cable programming.

Registration link: http://dioceseofvenice.org/mens
For more information, call 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.
Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes -

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. There are several upcoming Safe Environment Training sessions at nearby parishes. For more details or to register, call the Parish Office at the location where the class is offered.

* 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

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

Several Safe Environment Training Sessions Have Been Scheduled at Area Parishes -

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

Thursday, February 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Finbarr, Naples 239.417.2084
Saturday, February 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. St. Finbarr, Naples 239.417.2084
Thursday, March 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Ann, Naples 239.262.4256
Saturday, March 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m. St. Ann, Naples 239.262.4256

For the complete list of regional trainings that will be held this winter and spring, please visit http://dioceseofvenice.org/programs/safe-environment/training-schedule/

The next trainings will be scheduled in the spring and summer of 2017.

THE CURE

The only known cure for fear is faith.

— Lena K. Sadler
Join us for Lunch!

Open to ALL—Men & Women

Celebrate FEBRUARY’s Special Days!
Called to encounter Christ in each other.
Discover we are connected in Christ!

at Duffy’s
13721 S. Tamaimi Trl.
Wednesday @ Noon - Feb. 22

Call to reserve your space by Feb. 21
Dutch Treat - Separate checks!
Call 481– 7172 to reserve your spot!

In Sharing a Meal - We Celebrate!
We discover connections!
We recognize ourself in the Body of Christ,
In the Mystery of Life
God’s Love is Poured Out
Please consider joining us!

ALL ARE WELCOME
WED. 7:00pm - 8:30pm
FEB. 15
PARISH CENTER
Fr. Dave Pivonka, DVD series

TOPIC:
BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT
What is it all about?
Take your time...ask God to
Send his Holy Spirit upon you.

“Let us rediscover , Dear Brothers & Sisters, the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.”
Pope Benedict XIV

All are Welcome
Join us Wednesdays
RESURRECTION
PARISH CENTER
10:00am—11:30am
Bible Study
A History We Can Share

Feb. 15 - Grasping What God is Doing
Feb. 22 - Missionary Adventures

A call to be open to a love that
Precedes us, a love that
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Acting in us and through us.
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