THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists’ portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people’s expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today’s Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say “I thirst” before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.
Mary Maiorano.

**Third Sunday of Lent**

March 19, 2017

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

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**Mass Schedule**

SAT. MAR 18 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Carl W. Hessler by Peach Giles
5:00 †Ruth Croswell by Lou Pluchecka

SUN. MAR 19 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Michael Aronica by Wife
10:30 †Joanne Lundi by John & Teresa Nicholson
2:15 Latin Mass
5:15 †Tom Bowen by Dennis & Jeanne Marcoux

MON. MAR 20 -
8:00 †Jeanne Bizzarri by Family
9:30 †Jacquelyn Coliton by Charlie & Claire

TUE. MAR 21 -
8:00 †Ann Hoyne by Tom & Beverly Sheehan
9:30 †Paul Lutheringer by Wife & Boys

WED. MAR 22 -
8:00 †Roy Guzman by Amy Shea
9:30 †Margaret Birge by Cynthia Demetrious

THU. MAR 23 -
8:00 †Stephen Hally by Family
9:30 †Joseph Waugh by Gus & Marilynn

FRI. MAR 24 -
8:00 †William Greene by Daughter Rita Zak
9:30 †Ellen Morrissey by Katherine Nagel

SAT. MAR 25 -
8:00 †For a Greater Respect for Life

SUN. MAR 25 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Lois Hessler by Stephanie Giles
5:00 †Al Palmietto by Ben Bubala & Jan Krisman

SUN. MAR 19 -
7:30 ♥†People of the Parish
9:00 †Mom & Dad Puccia by Larry & Val Puccia
10:30 †Elaine Toggweiler by John & Teresa Nicholson
2:15 Latin Mass
5:15 †Homer Pyle by Anne Moore, Sal Giuliano, Ron Kessner

**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 Mary Maiorano.

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**Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A**

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

**This Sunday’s Readings:**

*First Reading*, Exodus 17:3-7, *Responsorial Psalm*, Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

*Second Reading*, Romans 5:1-2,5-8, *Gospel Reading*, John 4:5-42

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John’s Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John’s Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today’s Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus’ promise of “living water” in a literal sense: “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her “many husbands.” Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well).Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman’s questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God’s mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.
Schedule for this Lenten Season
(Through April 16)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(March 3rd - April 7th)
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 12:00 noon
Each Friday of Lent.
(Except Good Friday)

There will also be Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament during the
Reconciliation times listed below.

RECONCILIATION
Friday April 7, 2017: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday April 8, 2017  9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

Check out our newest CD's, DVD's, Books and Pamphlets at the front entrance of the church.
It's a great way to increase your knowledge and understanding of our beautiful Catholic Faith.
WEEKLY OFFERING

March 12, 2017

Offertory: $See next bulletin for collection amounts.
Education: $
Latin Mass: $
SVDP: $

Online Giving, Feb. 2017

Offertory: $9345.52
Education: $393.00

SVDP Distributions, Feb. 2017

We are humbled by your generosity!
Electric bills: $1,390.62
Rent: $2,663.35
Car Repair: $300.00
Prescriptions: $180.13

As we abandon ourselves to God's will, renew in us your Spirit, O God
As we allow prayer to change our lives, be present to us, O God
As we seek to know Christ ever more fully, transform us, O God
As we serve Christ faithfully in the person of the poor, strengthen us, O God.

Please don’t forget the poor boxes; they are the bread boxes of the poor!

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $377,000.00
Payments made thus far
Total: $110,471.93
We still need $266,528.07 to pay our assessment.

Thank you for your loyal support of this annual assessment!

If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so today!

Tickets are now on sale for the 2017 Venetian Charity Ball to be held on Saturday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. All proceeds from the gala will benefit the essential social services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties.

Tickets are $225 a person. The evening will include a cocktail hour, auctions, dinner, dancing, the Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award ceremony, and the Venetian Charity Ball Raffle. The exciting raffle will include a new Kia Optima donated by Galeana Chrysler/Dodge/JEEP/Ram of Fort Myers, and a Mac-Book Pro and iPad Pro donated by Catholic Charities donors. The raffle entry donation is $25 per ticket or five tickets for $100. The drawing for one winner for each prize will be held at the Venetian Charity Ball and ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Catholic Charities is a source for quality programs and services for thousands of needy families, individuals, and seniors.

For more information call (239) 334-7401 or email VenetianBall@ccslee.org.
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. Columbkill Parish, 489-3973

A society is best judged by how it treats its most vulnerable members.

~ Anonymous

We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life.

~ Ronald Regan, former U.S. President

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, Mondays, 10:00 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, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Men's Gospel Forum, Fridays 8:30 a.m.
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
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 SVPD 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

HELP SAVE LIVES IN FORT MYERS!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers!

With God's help … we've seen proven results in 19 coordinated campaigns:

- 12,668 babies saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers converted
- 75 abortion centers closed

Here’s how to take part:

- Vigil location:
  Public right-of-way outside
  Planned Parenthood
  8595 College Parkway, #250, Fort Myers

- Vigil hours: 8 am to 8 pm daily

- Local contact: Mike Ziegler
  239-400-0090
  mike40days4LifeFM@gmail.com

- Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

Visit: 40daysforlife.com/fortmyers to sign up for the vigil hours you would like to pray throughout the campaign!
Diocesan News -

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March -
That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Pray for Kidnapped Priest -
Father Tom Uzhunnialil was kidnapped in Yemen in March 2016. Father Uzhunnalil, an Indian national, was abducted March 4 when four gunmen attacked a Missionaries of Charity-run retirement home in Aden, Yemen, killing 16 people, including four Missionary Sisters of Charity. Since his kidnapping, photos and videos have appeared purportedly showing him in captivity, however, the authenticity is unclear. Officials do believe Father Uzhunnialil is still alive. Please continue to pray for the safety and release of Father Uzhunnialil.

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, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. During this Mass, the faithful of the Diocese join the Priests, Deacons 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. Priests and Deacons 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.
JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN FISH FRY

March 24, 31, April 7
SERVING FROM 4:30 UNTIL 6:30
(or until fish is gone)
Cost is $10.00
Baked & Fried Fish Fillets, French Fries, Coleslaw, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese, Dessert, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade

ALL ARE WELCOME!!


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

A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.
Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.
Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

JESUS IS LORD PRAYER GROUP
Please join us every Wednesday night from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Center for prayer, praise and faith sharing.

Calling All Moms...
You are invited to share in a new ministry for mothers!

SWF Catholic Moms: Where mothers are nourished, strengthened and cherished, and families are celebrated!

Come join fellow Moms.......
Every first and third Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 in the Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall

For more information contact Amanda Gavini at:
239-222-0452 or girlyamanda@yahoo.com
The Third Week of Lent

Proclaiming Christ
Meditations for the Season of Lent

“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”
— Evangelii Gaudium
(“The Joy of the Gospel”), 167

Faith Stories
John 4:5-42

Today’s Gospel shows us a different kind of encounter with Jesus. Unlike last week’s story of Nicodemus, who sought out Jesus, or the disciples who accompanied Jesus to the mountaintop, the woman in today’s reading meets Jesus by accident when she goes to the well to get water.

At first she is shocked that Jesus would even speak to her. But, as their conversation progresses, the woman wants the living water that Jesus tells her about. When Jesus reveals everything about her past, she recognizes that he is no ordinary human being. When he tells her that he is the Messiah, she runs back to the town and encourages other people to meet Jesus.

This woman’s encounter with Jesus not only changed her life, but it changed the lives of others. She accomplished this simply by sharing her story. We are also called to share our faith stories. How many lives would be changed if we had the courage to tell our stories and invite others to encounter Christ?

Lent Trivia

1. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
2. Name the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. During what days of the week do we meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Answers on reverse.
Almsgiving

Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to the parish or some other good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need — not just with our money but also with our time and talents. Almsgiving allows us to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share with other people what we have and who we are. It helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ. Think carefully about how you will share your time, talents, and treasure during Lent this year.

Lenten Prayer

The Prayer of St. Francis is a powerful way to ask God for the graces we need to share his love with others:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.”

Extending an Invitation

We all know people who have drifted away from their faith for one reason or another. Lent is the perfect time to invite them to come to Mass with you. Or you could invite them to a Lenten lecture, Stations of the Cross, or some other Lenten event at your parish. It doesn’t have to be something religious. Maybe your parish is having a fish fry or a spaghetti dinner. Inviting someone to meet other parishioners is often the best way to help them reconnect. There are people out there just waiting for an invitation to come back to the Church. You could be the one to help transform their lives!

Catechism CONNECTION

“The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel… This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2472

Answers: 1. There are 14 Stations of the Cross. 2. The sorrowful mysteries are the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, Jesus Carrying His Cross, and the Crucifixion. 3. The sorrowful mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays.
**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

*for Cecilia Arango*  
*by Rosary Group*

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**Fr. Dave Pivonka, DVD series**

**MORNING SESSION**

**THE BREATH OF GOD**

“This encounter with the Holy Spirit is available to everyone. Pentecost is the theme!”

**WEDNESDAY**  
10:00am - 11:30am  
March 22  
Parish Center

**EVENING SESSION**

**THE SPIRIT AND THE SACRAMENTS**

The Sacraments are always an encounter with the Holy Spirit and each and every time we come to the Sacrament the Holy Spirit is present. The Holy Spirit is present in ALL the sacraments. In this segment we will look at how the Holy Spirit is present in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage and how this can impact your life.

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
March 22  
Parish Center

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

For Questions: Call 481-7172  
Joanne MacPeek

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**A LENTEN TALK WITH DEACON REARDON**

To all men and women of the parish -  
You are invited to a special morning, sponsored by Resurrection Women’s Guild, with Deacon David Reardon on Wednesday, Mar. 22nd at the parish center immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. The Lenten Talk will include a question and answer period. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Come and join us for this opportunity to reflect on our Lenten season. All are welcome!

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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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**ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?**

We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

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**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:**

M/M Harry Miller,  
M/M Daniel Josie and Family,  
M/M Marion Perry, Joan Anzelone,  
Mr. Edward Lundy.

May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.
Sanctuary Flowers for Easter Celebration

To memorialize a loved one, in celebration of a birthday or anniversary, as a thank you or to honor someone special in your life, Easter Flower Offering envelopes are located at the church entrances and are also included in the monthly envelope packets. Write the name of the person to honor and your name on the envelope and return via the collection basket or drop off at the parish center. The envelopes will be placed on a pedestal near the sacred altar for the octave of Easter as a spiritual offering to our God.

DON’T DELAY REGISTER NOW!

When: June 13-16, 2017 (Tuesday thru 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)

Building Faith and Friendship!
Bishop Frank Dewayne Celebrates the Rite of Election at Epiphany Cathedral

We celebrate the faith journey of seven Elect from Resurrection on the First Sunday of Lent with over 217 candidates for the sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation and 120 Catechumens who will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 15, 2017.

Join us in welcoming them to full initiation into the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.
This thrilling rock-opera takes a passionate, and sometimes irreverent, look at Jesus' last days through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. As Judas begins to question the motivations and methods of Jesus, emotion and true belief is put to the test. Propelled by a thrilling score by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, Jesus Christ Superstar illuminates the moving power of the human spirit with a passion that goes straight to the heart.

YOU ARE INVITED!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

LUNCH AT 11:45AM    SHOW AT 1:15 PM

TICKETS: $51.00 includes lunch & show

LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

Payment due to reserve tickets
Mail or bring in check to Parish Center
Questions: Call 481-7172

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