May 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today’s responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads “Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage” (Psalm 23:4) connects this week’s scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).
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**Please note -** Beginning May 13, there will no longer be a Sat. 5 p.m. Mass.

### Mass Schedule

**REMINDER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Patricia George, Marie Hillmyer, Robert O’Neill.

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

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

### NEW GIFT SHOP HOURS:
- Thursdays: Closed until November
- Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Sun: Open 7:00 a.m.
- and also open between morning Masses.

**CLOSED DURING MASSES**

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A**
Sunday, May 7, 2017

**First Reading**
Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41
Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

**Responsorial Psalm**
Psalm 23:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd.

**Second Reading**
1 Peter 2:20b-25
We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

**Gospel Reading**
John 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John’s Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus’ teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today’s reading falls between the stories of Jesus’ healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year’s season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John’s Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus’ ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be “robbers and thieves” because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus’ disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the shepherd and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today’s Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus’ words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus’ allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.
2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $377,000.00

Payments made thus far
Total: $242,241.74

We still need $134,758.26 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!

WEEKLY OFFERING
April 30, 2017
Offertory: $22,415.97
Catholic Home Missions: $4,922.00
Latin Mass: $528.00
SVDP: $600.00

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 8:00 a.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., church
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

Women’s Guild News -

To the Ladies of the Parish. The Women’s Guild will hold the last meeting of the season on May 17th at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

This meeting will be in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come and join us as we crown our Mother, recite her Litany and sing her praises. This ceremony will be followed by breakfast and reports by the board and President. We hope to see all our members as well as anyone that might be interested in joining. Yearly dues will not be collected until September. A call to Joan (432-0656) or Rosemary (482-1526) of your attending would be appreciated.
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.

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

CELEBRATE MASS ON THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH FROM THE ANNUNCIATION TO CHRISTMAS FOR A GREATER RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE.

See the schedule of Masses throughout the Diocese of Venice at www.diocesofvenice.org/respectlife.

Diocese of Venice Respect Life
1000 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34285
941-441-1101

Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life”
May 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!

This week’s Sanctuary Candle: for Gordon Lee by wife, Sadie

Altar Flowers This Week:
In loving memory of:
Micillo & Podell Families by Daughter and Grandsons
In loving memory of:
Pierre Delago by Friends at Resurrection

SPiritually Adopt

an Unborn Child

PRAY
I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 6 months from now until Christmas:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
~ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Register online for monthly reminders and details about your spiritual baby’s growth at www.diocesofvenice.org/prayforlife.

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.
Why is May the Month of Mary?

by Marge Fenelon

It’s here.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans.

It’s also the Month of Mary.

Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May – a practice I’ve continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It’s as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time: Why is May Mary’s month?

Here’s a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blossoms, or blossoms. They celebrated ludi florales, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of Tricesimum, or “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary,” came into being. Also called, “Lady Month,” the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn’t always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary’s Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It’s common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary’s month. Additionally, it’s a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary’s beauty and virtue. It’s also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother’s virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crowning aren’t just “church” things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it’s a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it.

Why?

Not because it’s a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone’s mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

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**MAKER FUN FACTORY**

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

**Time:** 9am—Noon

**Where:** Resurrection Parish Center

**Who:** Kids from Pre-K thru 5th grade

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Senior Yth. ~ 9—12th grade

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Youth Gatherings 6:15–7:45pm

Call RYM or email with any questions:  
Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~  
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Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org.  
Or stop in at the Parish Center!

Wondering about becoming Catholic?

Have you ever felt frustrated?

Is something missing in your life?

Is belief in God difficult for you?

How does prayer make a difference?

Will you join us to inquire???

“God and Faith”  
May 14: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Resurrection Parish Center - Continental Breakfast available

You are invited to reflect, discuss and discover …

Come and See!

Call Joanne - 481-7171
Preparation for Eucharist - Family, Traditions, Prayer

Jesus is the Bread of Life...
We Believe, We Celebrate, We Receive.
“Thank you“ to the Resurrection Men’s Club for the $5,000.00 donation to the 2017 Catholic Faith Appeal !!

The generous gift will go a long way toward paying our assessment.

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

Marriage Struggling?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. (A couple in our own parish [who was actually divorced at the time] had their marriage restored 19 years ago via the Retrouvaille program). Our next program in Tampa begins May 19-21, 2017. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call (813) 816-0711. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.
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