THE WAY

Today we sense the apostles’ trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that he is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord’s promise that he is going to his Father’s house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God’s wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A
May 14, 2017

First Reading
The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading
1 Peter 2:4-9
Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading
John 14:1–12
Jesus tells his disciples, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

Background on the Gospel Reading
The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today’s Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus’ life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples’ reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don’t know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus’ words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus’ work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today’s Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, “I am,” so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today’s reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus’ name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.
WEEKLY OFFERING
May 7, 2017
Offertory: $20,389.00
Education: $4,381.00
Latin Mass: $454.00
SVDP: $555.00

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far
Total: $248,577.94
We still need $117,422.06 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!

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., 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
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

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

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.

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.

### This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

for **John H. McNamara**, by Nancy & Bill Gurry

### Altar Flowers This Week:

In loving memory of: **Brian Podell**
by loving wife, Maria & Sons

In loving memory of: **Vera Szego**
by her daughter & Family, The Cromptons

**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.diocesefortmyers.org/adoptlife.
Congratulations to all the children who have received their First Holy Communion!

Julian Alfonso
Addison Aloia
Logan Anderson
Brody Baxmann
Alexia Boby
Cooper Brist
Dalton Davey
Isabella DeLaRosa

Rocco DePasquale
Ronnie Gamboa
Rosie Gamboa
Natalie Gavini
Nicholas Gavini
Alan Gonzalez
Dean Nichols

Valentina Osario
Gianna Perry
Nicolas Phan
Madison Smiley
Magnusson Stejskal
Brandon Unger
Peter Vangrinsven

Welcome to the table of Our Lord!

Congratulations Confirmandi!
Together with Bishop Dewane we recently celebrated the sacrament of confirmation with our high school youth!

Janeen Banasiak
Ethan Blakely
Marc Cyr
Tiernan Dwyer
Jennifer Farri
Stefan Fevrier-Sildor
Keara Haataja
Katrina Januszkiewicz

Edna Koraya
Mackenzie Kramer
Marina Lombardo
Lauren Marquardt
Alex Midgley
Connor Parnell
Joshua Parsons
Klein Patter

Emily Proce
Rebecca Rivera
Shavonne Schrickel
Riley Sheffield
Katherine Stoll
Devin Welsh
Jackson Windhorst
Joseph Swafford
We Celebrate Neophytes! Newly Planted Catholics - Easter Vigil 2017

Jim JOSEPH Orr with his sponsor Andrea Luizzi received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Jim teaches at Bishop Verot High School. His teaching ministry there led him to seek full communion in the Catholic Church. We thank God for his witness to the gospel. He chose JOSEPH, for his Confirmation name. Joseph is patron of families, workers and the Universal Church.

Omar JUDE THADDEUS Benitez felt called to commit to Full Communion in the Catholic Faith because of his sons, Lucas and Mateo. His wife Nereida encouraged his faith journey and as his sponsor fully supported his time and efforts in preparation. He chose JUDE THADDEUS, an apostle of Jesus because he too wanted to follow Jesus completely. St. Jude Thaddeus was also the name of the church of his Baptism.

Stephanie MELISSA Brown made a promise to her grandmother that she would complete her initiation in the Catholic Faith. Her search brought her here. She was received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. Stephanie chose her grandmother’s name which comes from, Deborah, the Old Testament woman of faith. The Hebrew word also means honey. Stephanie feels called to spread the sweetness of God to others.

Bill MICHAEL Porter returned to receive his Confirmation because of the persistence of his Mom. He chose Michael the Archangel as his Confirmation name. He is an honor student at FGCU and made every effort to fit his faith into his busy schedule. Greg Warnecke, who was confirmed last Easter, was happy to help as his sponsor.

Riseana Benn’s mother found Resurrection for her daughter so she could complete her Confirmation. Riseana is a student at FGCU. Rosalia Benn, her Mom, is her sponsor. She took Rosalia for St. Rose of Lima for her Confirmation name to honor her Mom. It was a delight to have young person who is actively seeking to grow in their faith.

After a long journey through the annulment process, Fred and Margaret’s marriage was blessed and they both were received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Kathy Chopra sponsored Margaret. Margaret chose St. Maria Betilla Boscardin for her Confirmation name. She was a brave nurse who cared for soldiers during WWII. Fred chose St. Francis of Assisi as he is an engineer who works in wood. He makes every attempt to preserve natural resources in his design work. Doug Rae was Fred’s sponsor.

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Edward GABRIEL Marquez came with a deep understanding of scriptures and felt the call to proclaim the Good News. He chose Gabriel for his Confirmation name for that reason. Zane Eaton was his sponsor. Zane shares that same enthusiasm to spread the gospel to others.
Wondering about becoming Catholic?

What do you make of Jesus?

Is something missing in your life?

How does prayer make a difference?

Will you join us to inquire???

“Jesus”
May 21: 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
“100 Years of Fatima – A Message for Today”
May 19-21, 2017
All are invited to the 6th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference at Ave Maria University “100 Years of Fatima - A Message for Today” May 19-21, 2017. Featured speakers include Fr. Bill Casey, Fathers of Mercy, Dr. Mark Miravalle, STD., Franciscan University, and Kathy Beckman, Co-Founder and President of the Foundation of Prayer for Priests, Curtis Martin, Founder and CEO of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and Dr. Catherine Muto PhD, Executive Director of the Epiphany Association PLUS music by Martin Doman and the AMU Band. The weekend also includes daily Mass, the Rosary and Adoration. The cost is $150 per person and includes lodging, meals and conference fee for the entire weekend. Visit www.aveconferences.com/marian-conference to register online or call (239) 348-4725 or email conferences@avemaria.edu for more information.

MOTHERHOOD
All mothers are working mothers.
—Anonymous

PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!
Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit and vegetables (corn/peas/carrot/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam). Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS
MORNING
10:00am - 11:30am
Or
EVENING
7:00pm - 8:30pm
MAY 17
PARISH CENTER
Fr. Dave Pivonka, DVD series
Questions: Call 481-7172
Joanne MacPeek
The Holy Spirit aids us in moving from our limited intellectual perception of who Christ is and what he has done for us to a life-changing understanding of Christ. It is also the Holy Spirit that inspires us to give witness to Christ by our words and actions. This segment will look at how we are best able to cooperate with the Holy Spirit so that we may see Jesus as he is and give witness to him.

HOPE FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES
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 were 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.
Motherhood

Mothers are a gift from God. God knew what He was doing when He created women with the ability to nurture life.

Mother's Day honors all our mothers and their enormous sacrifices. Mother's Day encompasses more than just the honoring of those who have borne children. It is the celebration of motherhood—the divine nature of women. May we all feel a deeper appreciation for the great blessing of motherhood, not just when we celebrate Mother's Day, but everyday!

Today’s culture undermines both motherhood and the God-given gift and blessing of children. May we help the next generation reclaim and respect this incredible gift of MOTHERHOOD!

A Mother's Day Prayer

I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother.
I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways.
She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it is ok to cry and that I should always tell the truth.
Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her.
Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.
Bless her this day with your love. Amen.
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