PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today’s Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A
Sunday, May 21, 2017

First Reading
Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17
The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 66:1-7,16,20
Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading
1 Peter 3:15-18
Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading
John 14:15-21
Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s Gospel is a continuation of last week’s Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today’s reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning “one who offers defense for another.” Note that Jesus says that he will send “another Advocate.” Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today’s reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: “On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you” (John 14:20).

Today’s reading is one example of the contrast that John’s Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the “Spirit of truth,” whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God’s revelation and love be known.
WEEKLY OFFERING
May 14, 2017
Offertory: $17,532.00
Trinity Dome: $4,120.00
Latin Mass: $677.00
SVDP: $640.00

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00

We still need $109,039.56 to pay our assessment.

Thank you for your loyal support of this annual assessment!

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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., 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

On-Line Giving, April 2017
Offertory: $9,483.00
Education: $343.00

SVDP Distributions, April 2017
Food. $27.29
Electric. $1438.65
Rent. $6992.15
Furniture. $297.50
Gas Vouchers $175
Medical. $763.57
Storage $202

"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

How is God inviting you to become more generous? Would you like to see the face of God in the face of the poor?

EXTREMES
If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.
—St. Philip Neri

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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Payments made thus far
Total: $256,960.44

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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.

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This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

for Joseph L Gaulin, by Nancy & Bill Gurry

Altar Flowers This Week:

In loving memory of: Nancy Crowther by Friends at Resurrection

In loving memory of: Pierre Delago by Friends at Resurrection

The baby is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During this month baby teeth form and her fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone and brain waves can be recorded. The central nervous system is now functioning and its forty muscles will begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present and now the baby is called a “fetus”, a Latin word meaning “little one”. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring and jump – her first dance steps!
Jesus Is Lord

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.

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

FRIDAY MORNINGS
8:30 - 9:15 AM
Parish Center Classroom A1

“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4

You are invited!

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!

PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!
Your food donations will help St. Vincent De-Paul, 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).

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Do you have questions about meaning?
Does fear control your living?

Jesus says, “Peace be with you!”

If you are searching...
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God’s presence often surprises us!

Inquiry sessions will be starting in October
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek:
e-mail: resurrectionre@gmail.com
Phone: 239-481-7171

Jesus promises:
“I come that they may have life...
life in abundance!”

Register fees:
25 thru May 31
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$45 thru July 31
$55 thru Aug. 31
$65 thereafter

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Senior Yth. ~ 9— 12th grade

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Followed by
Youth Gatherings 6:15— 7:45pm
Call RYM or email with any questions:
Vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~
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Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org
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