The readings for today’s celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit’s power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.
**The Ascension of the Lord**
**May 28, 2017**
He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
— Acts 1:9

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**Mass Schedule**

| SAT. | MAY 27 - VIGIL MASS |
| 3:30 | †Henry Olewin by Chloe Gier |
| SUN. | MAY 28 - |
| 7:30 | ☼ People of the Parish |
| 9:00 | †Women of Savino & Guadagno Families by Judith & Frank Savino |
| 10:30 | †Phyllis LaRubio by AnnMarie & Joseph Destefano |
| 12:15 | Latin Mass |
| MON. | MAY 29 - |
| 8:00 | † Karolina Urban Kova by Kyzek Family |
| TUE. | MAY 30 - |
| 8:00 | †Maxine Palen by Shea Family |
| WED. | MAY 31 - |
| 8:00 | ☼ Spec. Int. Joan Oppenheimer by Jerry Oppenheimer |
| THU. | JUNE 1 - |
| 8:00 | † Timothy Shea by Amy Shea |
| FRI. | JUNE 2 - |
| 8:00 | † Deceased Mbrs of Univ. Notre Dame Class of 1952 by James Reid |
| SAT. | JUNE 3 - |
| 8:00 | ☼ Spec. Int. Dorothy McNeill by Noel & Colleen McNinis |
| SAT. | JUNE 3 - VIGIL MASS |
| 3:30 | † Mike Manfre by Ellie & Sal Munizza |
| SUN. | JUNE 4 - PENTECOST SUNDAY |
| 7:30 | ☼ People of the Parish |
| 9:00 | † Virginia Kelley Charlebois by Robert Rowe, Yvonne Holstein |
| 10:30 | † Phyllis LaRubio by Rita & Charles Armato |
| 12:15 | Latin Mass |

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 15 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 Secundo Tata.

**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.

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**The Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A**

**Sunday, May 28, 2017**

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 47:2-3,6-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

**Second Reading**

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

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Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered “in the name of Jesus.” The ending of Matthew’s Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, “God with us” (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.
WEEKLY OFFERING
May 21, 2017
Offertory: $15,464.00
Latin Mass: $401.00
SVDP: $442.00

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far: $256,960.44
Total: $256,960.44

We still need $109,039.56 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, 7:00 p.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 8:00 a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00 a.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., 1:30 p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 p.m. 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, 8:30 a.m. Sept. - May

2nd Collection for Catholic Communications Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 2016 World Communications Day Message, Pope Francis reminds us that “communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society”. The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) collection helps bring the gospel message to the public square so that all can know the Word of God.

As people continue to access more and more information on mobile devices, there is an increased need to provide faith resources on these platforms as well. With your support of the CCC, the daily readings are available as free podcasts to download and listen to when on the go. In addition, the readings are also available in English and Spanish by email subscription. By supporting the CCC, people from all over are able to experience the Scriptures in a new way and are never far from the Word of God. Your support of this collection helps to enrich society and to invite all to encounter the love of God.

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice on May 27 and 28, 2017. Please remember that 50% of the funds collected will remain here in the Diocese of Venice to fund our local communications and evangelization projects which include the weekly broadcast of the televised Mass.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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

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 Reagan, former U.S. President

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 David Blair, by Mother

Altar Flowers This Week:
In loving memory of:
Henry Di Ruscio
by Paluzzi Family

In loving memory of:
Helen McGiveron
by Chloe & Mercedes

Spiritually Adopt
an Unborn Child

Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

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

Respect Life

PRAY
I will commit to pray this prayer every day for 9 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 Alfonso J. Schwie

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

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A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
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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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Leaving At one time or another in our life, we know we must take leave. We may leave a home, a job, a way of life. We leave because we believe something better lies ahead. We do not do this lightly. We leave with a tinge of sadness and a measure of hope.

Today’s Gospel proclamation is solemn and grave. Matthew’s Gospel does not mention Jesus’ ascension. Rather, Matthew is concerned about handing on the mission of Jesus. The apostles offer homage; Jesus acknowledges this gesture by announcing that God, his Father, is the source of his authority. Jesus acts as one duly authorized to give the apostles the mission of teaching, baptizing, and carrying out all he had commanded.

The questioning and anxious waiting, which are recorded in the first reading, are absent in today's Gospel proclamation. The whole of Jesus' ministry is handed on to the eleven. Their mission is to reach the ends of the earth. They are assured that Jesus will be with them everywhere and always, right up to the end of time.

Reflection The death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit, comprise the inseparable Paschal Mystery. We take each event in time, of course. We observe and honor one facet, then another throughout Triduum and the Easter season. Our celebration of the Ascension of the Lord focuses on Jesus' necessary departure. The apostles had been warned, or reminded, “I tell you the sober truth, it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). Jesus will no longer be present in the old, familiar way. He whom they have seen with their very own eyes, he whom they have touched will no longer be there. We can easily sympathize with the apostles. We can forgive them for staring up in awe, riveted to that place on earth, wishing this were not so. Or wishing they could join him. Or wishing he would return soon. But the apostles have a mission. They also have the assurance of Jesus' presence with them to the very ends of the earth and until the end of all time. God has all space and all time covered, so to speak.

For the apostles this is quite a stretch. They must tarry awhile on this earth. They must learn that though Jesus left them, he did not abandon them. He is wholly present. It is for them to receive and experience and know him in a new way. This will make all the difference to them; it will make all the difference in the world.


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!

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).

Thank you and God Bless!

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)

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Maker Fun Factory

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you searching for peace?
Do you have questions about meaning?
Does fear control your living?

Jesus says, “Peace be with you!”

If you are searching...
PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING

God’s love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit...
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
$35 thru June 30
$45 thru July 31
$55 thru Aug. 31
$65 thereafter

Junior Yth. ~ 6— 8th grade
Senior Yth. ~ 9— 12th grade

Family/Youth Mass 5:00pm
Followed by
Youth Gatherings
6:00 - 7:30pm
Call RYM or email with any questions:
Vikki@resurrectionch.org or 481-5144

*Add’l fee for Confirmation Prep. ~
2yr. Program begins in 9th gr.

Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org
Or stop in at the Parish Center!