June 25, 2017
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEAR NOT

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today’s scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that “reigned from Adam to Moses” (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—“Do not be afraid!” The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor. ~ Jeremiah 20:13

First Reading
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading
Romans 5:12-15
Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 10:26-33
Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Background on the Gospel Reading
We read today’s Gospel in the context of last week’s Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week’s reading and today’s reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples’ commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today’s Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.
WEEKLY OFFERING
June 18, 2017
Offertory: $13,392.00
Latin Mass: $423.00
SVDP: $719.00

June 11, 2017
Offertory: $14,387.00
Latin Mass: $390.00
SVDP: $640.00

RAINY SEASON has arrived!
St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting umbrellas for the poor and the homeless. Please drop off at the Parish Center. No need for new.

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

WALKING TOWARD GOD
If we walk one step toward God, God will run ten steps toward us.
—Anonymous

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

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far
Total: $286,018.22

We still need $79,981.78 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!

Craft Club News -
The Resurrection Women’s Guild Craft Club will continue to meet through the summer months in the classroom at the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Some Crafters prefer to work on projects of their own at home and donate these item for our sale and raffles.
We are always happy to accept donations of craft materials such as quilting fabrics, batting, knitting and crochet yarns, craft tools etc. We are also collecting jewelry and used books.
Thank you for any way that you want to contribute.
Our next bazaar will be held in November. Stop by on a Tuesday morning and have a cup of coffee with us. A great way for parishioners to meet and share!
**RESURRECTION FOR LIFE**

**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.

**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, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa begins Aug 18-20, 2017. For more information, visit [www.HelpingMarriages.org](http://www.HelpingMarriages.org), or call (813) 816-0711. Not counseling or group therapy.

**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

for **Charles Hepplewhite & Len Luebking**

by Emma Lee Hepplewhite

**Altar Flowers This Week:**

In loving memory of:  
**All the Aborted Babies**

In loving memory of:  
**Rose Habeeb**

by Friends at Resurrection

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

(Please note time change of this Mass)

**Diocese of Venice Respect Life**

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**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.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife).

**Register online for monthly reminders and details about your spiritual baby’s growth at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife).**
Current Threats to Religious Freedom

USCCB Fact Sheet 2017

During his September 2015 visit to the United States, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of religious freedom, saying in front of the White House that religious “freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

Although Americans generally do not face the kind of violent persecution endured by many people of faith around the world, Pope Francis has recently spoken of a “polite persecution” that many people face, as “when someone is persecuted not for confessing Christ’s name, but for wanting to demonstrate the values of the Son of God”. Religious freedom continues to be threatened in the U.S.:

- **HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception, and abortion inducing drugs.** The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.

- **Catholic foster care and adoption services.** Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois forced local Catholic Charities out of adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, ending government contracts, or both—because they refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

- **Immigration laws and policies.** Several states have passed laws that forbid what they call “harboring” undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to immigrants. After urging a ban on Muslim migrants and refugees during the campaign, the new Administration has imposed special restrictions on entry into the United States from several Muslim-majority countries.

  - Discrimination against small church congregations. New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for other uses.

  - Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its grant specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

- **Christian students on campus.** In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

Pope Francis has asked American Catholics to preserve and defend religious freedom, both in the United States and throughout the world.

Text **FREEDOM to 377377** to receive religious freedom updates from the U.S. bishops.

**Sign up for Free to Serve.**
the e-newsletter of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
www.usccb.org/freedom | Twitter: @USCCBFreedom
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God’s presence often surprises us!

Inquiry sessions will be starting in October
Please contact: Joanne MacPeek:
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Phone: 239-481-7171

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

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION!

WHO: Grades K-5
WHEN: Beginning September 10th following the 10:30a.m. Mass
FEES: $70/$15 per additional child
Second year sacramental prep: $25

*Sacramental Prep is a two year program. Students must enroll in first grade to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE AND IN THE PARISH HALL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Questions? Please contact the Faith Formation office: 600-6745 or deanna@resurrectionch.org

“Let the little children come to me…” Matthew 19:14
Chant Camp At Ave Maria
Gregorian Chant Workshop for Young People
Ages 9 to 18
Ave Maria Catholic Church
August 1 to 6, 2017

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Camp Schedule
Tuesday (8/1) through Friday (8/4)
Chant camp meets each day from 9:30-3:30
Saturday (8/5)
Extraordinary Form (EF) Mass from 12-1 PM, with practice at 11 AM
Sunday (8/6)
Novus Ordo (NO) Mass from 10-11 AM, with practice at 9 AM

How To Register
Cost: $60.00/child; $100.00/family
To register please download and fill out the registration forms on our Web site at avemarichantcamp.com, or contact Clare Flavin at Flavins@mac.com. Must register by July 20th or pay a $10 late fee.

Theology Teacher Needed:
Bishop Verot Catholic High School is currently seeking a full-time Theology teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. Prospective candidates must have a Master’s Degree in Divinity or Theology (or be currently enrolled in a Master’s program) from an accredited college/university, knowledge of current teaching trends, ability to pass a Level II background screening, and certification to teach in the State of Florida (or eligible for such certification). Interested candidates should complete a Diocesan teaching application. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website at www.dioceseofvenice.org. (Click on Resources and Forms and then Policies and Forms. Select Forms on the left menu, then scroll to Education Department. Click on Teacher Application.) The completed application, a cover letter and resume should be sent to Mr. David Nelson, Assistant Principal for Student Affairs, at david.nelson@bvhs.org.

Steubenville Florida and Ave Maria Youth Conferences -
This summer there are two wonderful opportunities for teens to encounter Jesus Christ and strengthen their faith. From July 14 to 16, the Ave Maria Youth Conference "Proclaim" will take place at the University and from June 30 to July 2, the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Florida Youth Conference "Elevate" will be held in Orlando. For further information, please go to www.steubenvilleflorida.com and www.avemariayouthconference.com.

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).

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