July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.
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Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.
— Romans 6:11

First Reading
2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 89:2-3,16-19
Sing God’s praises forever.

Second Reading
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 10:37-42
Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew’s audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus’ followers. In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today’s Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Volunteers are needed in the Gift Shop for all shifts.
Please call 239-481-7171 and leave a message for Gaye for more details.
**WEEKLY OFFERING**

June 25, 2017

Offertory: $15,776.00  
Latin Mass: $497.00  
SVDP: $640.00

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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


**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

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**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.

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND**

This week a Second collection will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.

This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

*Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor*

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**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 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.

Enrolling now for Pre-K 3 through 8th Grade
Tuition Assistance Available
Please contact us for your personal tour. 239-772-3922

This week’s Sanctuary Candle: for Melvin Dorak by wife, Jan

Altar Flowers This Week:
In honor of: The Brave Men & Women of Our Armed Forces, Past & Present, Who Protect Our Liberty

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.
For decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has carried out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as the victims of human trafficking. This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed as Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue the call to holiness.

MRS developed years of expertise in actively working to end human trafficking and protect those who have been exploited through trafficking. In 2006, MRS’s Anti-Trafficking Services Program (ATSP) began administering a federal program to provide intensive case management to foreign national victims of human trafficking identified in the U.S. and its territories. In 2010, through its network of subcontracting agencies, ATSP helped survivors of human trafficking from 64 countries, with the largest number of survivors from India, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, and Haiti. Survivors had been trafficked on farms, in hotels and casinos, in private homes, in spas, and in other industries for the purposes of forced labor and/or sex trafficking.

In 2011, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion “services” in violation of Catholic teaching. Consequently, the government refused to award a grant to MRS despite MRS’s earning a far higher objective score from the government’s independent grant evaluators than two other organizations that were awarded grants. And those two scored so low that they were deemed unqualified.

Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious freedom or identity upon entering such contracts. Yet, a federal court in Massachusetts, turning religious liberty on its head, declared that the First Amendment requires such a disqualification—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion. Fortunately, in 2013, an appeals court vacated this terrible decision. But the possibility of similar suits in the future remains.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?
Among many current challenges, the federal government has discriminated against Catholic humanitarian services based on their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs had no impact on performance. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, especially victims of human trafficking in need of important humanitarian services.

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.

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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 NOW FOR
FAITH FORMATION!

WHO: Grades K-5
WHEN: Beginning September 10th following the 10:30 a.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
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.

Chant Camp At Ave Maria

Gregorian Chant Workshop for Young People
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- Sung Mass
- Sung Vespers
- Sacred Arts Activities
- Good, clean, play time!

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 Order (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 avemariachantcamp.com, or contact Clare Flavin at Flavins@mac.com. Must register by July 20th or pay a $10 late fee.
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