SUNDAY MASSES & CONFESSIONS: See inside
BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE: For these Sacraments please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.
NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration card and return to ushers or the church office.
RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Tel. 482-6883 or 481-7172
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July 9, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
— Matthew 11:28

First Reading
Zechariah 9:9-10
The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
A prayer of praise to God who is our king.

Second Reading
Romans 8:9,11-13
Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 11:25-30
Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today’s Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today’s Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week’s Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus’ disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the “little ones” and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew’s Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus’ life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today’s Gospel, Jesus’ teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew’s Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus’ way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thursdays: Closed until November
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sun: Open 7:00 a.m.
and also open between morning Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASSES

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

July 2, 2017

Collection figures unavailable at time of printing. See next week’s bulletin.

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of canned chicken and diapers in sizes 3, 4, 5. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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

The Peter’s Pence Collection......

has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just....

In his 2016 Urbi et Orbi address, Pope Francis reminds us, “The Lord... enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.” By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis that “efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.”

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting this collection, you support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

~ Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

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.

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**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 items 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!

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**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

for **Ron Elliott**

by wife

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**Sanctuary Candle:**

In honor of:

**Ida Hurt’s 103rd Birthday**

by friends at Resurrection parish

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**Altar Flowers This Week:**

- **Spiritually Adopt an Unborn Child**
- **Resurrection for Life**

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**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.
The Green family began what became Hobby Lobby Stores, a retail chain of arts and crafts stores, out of a garage in the family’s home in Oklahoma. The Hahn family began Conestoga Wood Specialties, a cabinet-making business, out of a garage in the family’s home in Pennsylvania.

The Greens are evangelical Christians who strive to operate Hobby Lobby in a manner consistent with biblical principles. Hobby Lobby pays full-time employees at almost double the minimum wage, offers generous health benefits, and allows employees ample time off from work. The Hahns, who are Mennonite, similarly strive to operate Conestoga Wood in a way that honors their faith.

Both the Hahns and the Greens believe that life begins at conception, and their religious beliefs prohibit them from facilitating abortion.

Unfortunately, a mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) tried to compel the Greens and the Hahns to cover certain drugs and devices that can end life after conception. Coverage of these drugs and devices was required in the companies’ health plans under threat of severe fines by the federal government.

The Greens and the Hahns were forced to sue the federal government to vindicate their rights under the U.S. Constitution and federal law to exercise religion. They argued that Americans do not give up their freedom when they open family businesses.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided on June 30, 2014 that closely held businesses like Hobby Lobby and Conestoga can exercise religion under the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a law that passed Congress nearly unanimously and was enthusiastically signed into law by Pres. Bill Clinton in 1993. The Court also found that the HHS mandate constitutes an unjustified, substantial burden because of the millions of dollars in annual fines that both companies would face if they did not comply with it.

The U.S. bishops have voiced their strong support for families like the Greens and the Hahns. The bishops filed a friend-of-the-court brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Hobby Lobby and Conestoga in their challenge to the HHS mandate.

The bishops explained that they oppose “any rule that would require faithful Catholics and other religiously motivated business owners to choose between providing coverage for products and speech that violate their religious beliefs, and exposing their businesses to devastating penalties.” The bishops have repeatedly voiced their concern for faithful people in business so that they can continue to live out their faith in daily life.

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
www.fortnightforfreedom.org
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

“Youth ministry registration open for the fall!

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

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!

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

“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.

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

HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY TO IDA HURT !!!!

Ida was born 7/9/1914. She has 1 Son (Charles), 4 Grandchildren and 2 Great grandchildren. Ida has been a member of Resurrection parish since 2002.
May God bless you, Ida!!