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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The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

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July 23, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power, and love.
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Those who are just must be kind.
~ Wisdom 12:19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, July 23, 2017

First Reading
Wisdom 12:13,16-19
God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading
Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)
Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading
In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus’ discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven: the beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus’ explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.
**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

**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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**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (SVdP) FEATURED ON EWTN**

The good works of SVdP will be featured on new episodes of “Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul” on July 26, 27, & 28 at 6:30 p.m. EDT on EWTN (Xfinity channels 17 or 243). The show follows SVdP members on their journey of spiritual growth through service to people and families in need. For info on our Resurrection of Our Lord Conference, call Nancie or leave a message at 239 600 6749

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**St. Vincent DePaul is in need of cereal, canned chicken and small bags of rice**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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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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**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.

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 Regan, former U.S. President

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Bruce Rollman
by Aunt Margaret

Altar Flowers
This Week:

In loving memory of:
Lorraine Murphy
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

In loving memory of:
Dolores Laporta
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

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

The July Novena Mass celebrates the 4th month of baby in the womb. The brain has begun maturing the and taste buds are now working. Nutrients consumed by the mother are passed onto baby within an hour or two. Fine hair begins to grow on the head, eyebrows and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to baby’s parents can be seen at this time. This month rapid eye movements have been recorded - a sign of dreaming.
RYM’s ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
YOUTH MINISTRY IS HELPING OUR FRIENDS AT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES GET READY FOR
THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.....

WE ARE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FILL
40 BACKPACKS!

We have the backpacks, now we need the
following items to fill them!

Pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, rulers, erasers, crayons,
glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, highlighters,
scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

If you are unable to pick up any supplies but would like to make a
monetary donation, we’ll be happy to shop for you!

R.Y.M. ~Helping, mentoring, building community!

All donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center with Youth Ministry
If you have any questions, call Vikki at 481-5144.
REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION!

WHO: Grades K-5
WHEN: Beginning September 10th following the 10:00a.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
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!

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, or call (813) 816-0711. Not counseling or group therapy.

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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