LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God’s question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017
All things work for good for those who love God. ~ Romans 8:28a

Mass Schedule

SAT. JULY 29 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †George Blair by wife

SUN. JULY 30 -
8:00 †Iris N. Davis by daughter, Liz
10:00 †Henry Olewin by Ed & Jeannine Baran
12:15 Latin Mass

MON. JULY 31 -
8:00 †Hank Olewin by Resurrection Men’s Club

TUE. AUG 1 -
8:00 †John O’Connor by Nancy O’Connor

WED. AUG 2 -
8:00 †Kenneth & Catherine Yeomans by Kathy, Kenny, Bob

THU. AUG 3 -
8:00 †Bishop Untener by Bob & Ruth

FRI. AUG 4 -
8:00 †Alfred Carpinello by M/M John Troia

SAT. AUG 5 -
8:00 †Margaret Kane by by Niece

SAT. AUG 5 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Ida Emerling by Jean & Chloe

SUN. AUG 6 -
8:00 †David Pannone by Father
10:00 ♥Special Intentions for Patricia Plummer by Daughter
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 Kathaleen Barina, Randall Shinske, Rose Cahill, Eleanor Lee Brown.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

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.

First Reading
1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading
Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. A great many fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.
2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00

Payments made thus far
Total: $297,265.92

We still need $68,734.08 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

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
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
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

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

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?

We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

We welcome our newest parishioners:
M/M Robert Friscoe, M/M Paul Crompton, M/M Jason Flynn & Family, M/M Albert Frizalone, M/M Nathan Larrea & Family, M/M Larry Maroney, Greg Prenger, Margaret Valdes, M/M Bill Hartnett, Lynn Guerrazzi, M/M John Gonzalez, Carmen Felipe, Thomas Niehoff, Ann Hickey, Sylvia Wilson, M/M Ordeano Rosa, James Hinders, M/M Joe Antonelli & Family, Nancy Crout, M/M Louis Squillante, M/M Scott Allan & Family, Robert Browning, M/M Gerard Paul, Dr. & Mrs. Noel Roncal, M/M Steve Harrell, Joyce Lally, Emily Wolfarth, Brendan Sloan, Renee Hashem.

May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of cereal, canned chicken and small bags of rice. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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

Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing - “I felt such a relief,” a retreatant explained. “I felt that I was genuinely forgiven and that helped me to forgive myself.” There is hope and healing for those who suffer the pain of abortion. Call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org. See video testimonials at www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/post-abortion-help.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Ron Elliott
by Wife

Altar Flowers This Week:
In loving memory of:
Hero
by Angel

In loving memory of:
Domenic Scricca
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

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

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

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.

Diocese of Venice Respect Life
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Please join us at the Abortion Clinic at 3900 Broadway, Fort Myers every 2nd Saturday (after the 8:00 Mass) for the Rosary.
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WHEN: Beginning September 10th
following the 10:00a.m. Mass
FEES: $70/$15 per additional child
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Students must enroll in first grade to receive
First Holy Communion in the second grade.

REGISTRATION FORMS
AVAILABLE ON LINE AND
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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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

“Let the little children come to me…”
Matthew 19:14

YOUTH MINISTRY
REGISTRATION OPEN
FOR THE FALL!

 Register fees:*

$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
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Registration forms can be printed out from
our website: www.resurrectionch.org
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Coffee and Donuts begin September 10 after the
10:00 Mass! Please join us in the Parish Center
for coffee, donuts and fellowship!!
Florida Catholic Chamber of Commerce -
NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2017
Please join the next Catholic Chamber networking/lunch meeting on August 22, 2017 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.
Where: Brookdale Senior Living, 8351 College Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 33919 We invite all Catholic businesses and ministries. Free to attend. No membership required. Being a member is a great way to witness our beautiful Catholic faith.

"Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" - Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard the last Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. on 1660 AM in Naples and 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.

Safe Environment Training - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. The next training sessions will be on August 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and August 26th from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall. Call 239-481-7172 to register if you plan to attend.

Matt Talbot Men's Spiritual Retreat - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 S. Moon Drive, Venice, invites all men to a spiritual retreat from Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17. All meals are included. The cost is $294 for single occupancy, $195.80 for shared. To register by mail, send a check to: Genco Business Systems, c/o Matthew Marzano, 2291 J & C Blvd., Naples, FL 34109. Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 1. For more information, please contact Matthew Marzano at 347-796-7131 or mmarzano@gencooffice.com.

Volunteers needed for the Venetian Charity Ball event committee in Fort Myers. The 2018 Venetian Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, February 3 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort in Bonita Springs and is the major fundraiser for Catholic Charities programs and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Volunteer committee members will assist with the planning and organizing of the gala with duties such as soliciting auction items, selling raffle tickets, and coordination and logistics of the event. Volunteers also will be needed for tasks the day before and day of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Venetian Charity Ball, please contact Catholic Charities at mclark@ccslee.org or 239-337-4193, ext. 310.

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. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

Christians of the Holy Land
Please join us in the Parish Hall the weekend of August 19/20 after Masses, (3:30, 8:00, 10:00) to view the beautiful religious items for sale from the Holy Land. The Christian situation in the Holy Land is dire. What used to be a strong and vibrant 30% of the population has dropped down below 2%. There are several factors involved, not the least of which is economics. Traditionally, the Christian community relied on the services offered for pilgrims as a main source of income for the community, who in turn conduct commerce with each other. Olive wood items/carvings represent the only tangible product they produce and can export. Christians of the Holy Land graciously asks your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Items range in price from $5 to a few hundred and include rosaries, crosses, icons and statues. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment and cash flow for our Christian community in Bethlehem. These beautiful and very affordable goods are great gifts for your family, friends and yourself, and please be as generous as God is to you. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Cheese and crackers will be provided on Saturday and coffee and donuts on Sunday, compliments of Resurrection Family Circle.

Pray for Kidnapped Priest - Father Tom Uzhunnalil was kidnapped in Yemen in March 2016. Father Uzhunnalil, an Indian national, was abducted March 4, 2016, when four gunmen attacked a Missionaries of Charity-run retirement home in Aden, Yemen, killing 16 people, including four Missionary Sisters of Charity. Since his kidnapping, photos and videos have appeared showing him in captivity, however, the authenticity is unclear. Officials announced in mid-July 2017 that Father Uzhunnalil was still alive. An April 2017 video-appeal from Father asked for prayers and said he was in deteriorating health. Please continue to pray for the safety and release of Father Uzhunnalil.

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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