August 27, 2017
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

BE A ROCK

Peter’s history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn’t feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God’s power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter’s great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.
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“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” — Matthew 16:19

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, August 27, 2017

First Reading
Isaiah 22:19-23
God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
God’s kindness is forever.

Second Reading
Romans 11:33-36
Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:13-20
Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading
It is important to read today’s Gospel and next week’s Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew’s Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus’ prediction about his passion and death.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build his Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today’s Gospel, Peter’s recognition of Jesus’ identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus’ rebuke of Peter in next week’s Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.
### 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

### WEEKLY OFFERING

- **August 15**: Assumption: $5,055.00
  - Assumption, Latin mass: $250.00
- **August 20, 2017**
  - Offertory: $13,628.50
  - Latin Mass: $452.00
  - SVDP: $691.00

### 2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00

**Payments made thus far**

- **Total**: $308,299.87

We still need $57,700.13 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!

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

### ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?

We would like to welcome you to our parish family. 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:

- Janice Lambka, Carol DeSouza, M/M Don Gotter,
- M/M Dan Salak, Beverly Draeger,
- Dorothy Opferman, M/M Bob Rando,
- Al Shilling & Family, Zina Bartkeviciene & Family.

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

### 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

### 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.

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of peanut butter, jelly, mayo, toilet paper, and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!
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

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This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Jack O’Connor
by Loving Wife

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In Loving Memory of: José Gamboa
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

In Loving Memory of: Kevin Sorbello
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

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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.
Life Line Screening Comes to Resurrection Parish

Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.**

Why Get Screened?

Taking preventive steps such as making lifestyle changes and getting health screening may help you avoid a stroke or other serious health events in the future. Early intervention is important.

If you are over fifty, if you have diabetes, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, or if you have a family history of stroke or heart disease, you may be at risk, even if you feel great. Actually four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms and nearly 30% of strokes occur under the age of 65. The good news is that according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Life Line Screening will help you find out if you are at risk, so you and your doctor can take the next steps and be proactive about your health.

Where: Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord
When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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YOUTH MINISTRY
REGISTRATION OPEN
FOR THE FALL!

Register fees:*

$55 thru Aug. 31
$65 thereafter

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

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!

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

COFFEE AND DONUTS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17
AFTER THE 10:00 MASS! PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER
FOR COFFEE, DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP!!
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.

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 gunman 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.

Statewide Respect Life Conference - Please include information in your bulletin about the annual Respect Life Conference sponsored by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops and hosted by the Archdiocese of Miami October 20 and 21.

Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee Celebration - To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Diocese of Venice English and Spanish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Commissions will be hosting a Conference at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda on Saturday, September 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Conference theme, "A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization," will feature exciting speakers in both English and Spanish. There will also be a combined English/Spanish session for youth, ages 13-17. All are encouraged to attend this Spirit-filled conference, to experience inspirational speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Cost is $20 for adults and $10 for youth (13-17) and includes dinner. Registration is required online at www.dioceseofvenice.org. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Golden Jubilee Celebration please visit www.dvccr.org.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August - That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

"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.

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.

Magnificat Breakfast - All women are invited to attend a breakfast sponsored by the Catholic ministry for women, Magnificat. The breakfast will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers, Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The speaker for this event is Amberose Courville, a Sarasota artist who learned to share Jesus’ love and mercy through art. The cost is $20. For registration or further information, please contact Lucy Dennett at 239-791-8007 or Barbara Tay at 646-296-2335.

Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation - Master’s Level Course - Through a partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, the Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation extends an invitation to those interested in pursuing a Master’s Degree or just interested in learning their faith, to enroll in the upcoming Fall course, The 607 Dogmatic Theology II: Church and Sacraments. A 33 percent tuition discount is offered through the Institute. For more information, please contact Kathryn Klein DeNinno at 941-766-7334 or deninno@institute-dov.org.

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).

Thank you and God Bless!