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.

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September 3, 2017
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you’ve ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God “good one—you duped me.” We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is “duping” him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God’s will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named “Satan” today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week’s Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.
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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. — Romans 12:2

Mass Schedule

SAT.  SEPT 2 - VIGIL MASS  
3:30 † Teresa Christian Grueser by Family

SUN.  SEPT 3 -  
8:00 † Dottie Sedlak by Munnings Family  
10:00 † Viola Napoli by Mary Bednar  
12:15 † Latin Mass

MON.  SEPT 4 -  
8:00 † Hank Wojtowicz by Mercedes

TUE.  SEPT 5 -  
8:00 † John Chicos by John & Nancy

WED.  SEPT 6 -  
8:00 † Mary & Albert Juergens by The Family

THU.  SEPT 7 -  
8:00 † Barbara Walsh by Walsh Family

FRI.  SEPT 8 -  
8:00 † Theresa Ann Hogan by The Hogan & Ferreria Family

SAT.  SEPT 9 -  
8:00 † Donald Knize by Family

SAT.  SEPT 9 - VIGIL MASS  
3:30 † Christopher Mathison by Tom & Sheri Mathison

SUN.  SEPT 10 -  
8:00 † Rick Weber by Jane Weber-Slaten  
10:00 † Brian Podell by Loving Wife Maria & Matt & J.R.  
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 Patricia Forbes.

The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Sunday, September 3, 2017

First Reading  
Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God’s name.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9  
Our souls yearn for God.

Second Reading  
Romans 12:1-2  
Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading  
Matthew 16:21-27  
Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading  
Today’s Gospel continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.
WEEKLY OFFERING
August 27, 2017
Offertory: $12,216.02
Latin Mass: $266.00
SVDP: $411.00

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

Operational Revenues vs Expenses
July 2016 - July 2017

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Expenses:
Lay/Clergy Salaries and Stipends | $642,119.83
Lay/Clergy Benefits               | $177,694.71
FICA/Taxes                        | $35,950.84
Facility/Equip./Grounds Maintenance | $251,360.50
Utilities                         | $69,548.67
Tuition Assistance                | $100,000.00
Charitable Donations              | $78,081.26
Vehicle repairs/mileage           | $3,654.70
Miscellaneous Personnel          | $4,480.00
Property/Liability Insurance      | $58,519.17
Religious Education/Youth Ministry | $51,605.53
Liturgy                          | $32,105.09
Hospitality                      | $97,505.00
Office/Administration            | $46,564.75
Miscellaneous Ministry           | $5,321.76
Contracted Services              | $89,999.08
Other Expenses                   | $6,292.15
TOTAL                            | $1,752,340.94
Net Loss                         | $28,902.11

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!

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far
Total: $310,466.37
We still need $55,533.63 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!

HARD-EARNED LUCK
I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.
— Thomas Jefferson

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.
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.

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

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Adelaide Pritchard
by Susanna Brennan

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In Loving Memory of:
Hero
by Angel

In Loving Memory of:
John Malloy
by Reenie Abileenie

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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.

Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life”
September 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
No Regrets: The Art of Living as a Catholic

“If only I’d done this!” “If only I’d done that!” These are not statements we want to make at the end of our lives, especially when we face our Maker. But in a world that presents us with an almost infinite number of options, what are the things that make up a “Catholic” life? What makes us different? How are we supposed to live? While our paths can certainly go in any number of directions, God provides foundations upon which we can build and enjoy a full, purposeful, adventurous life that is both satisfying now and prepares us for eternity. There’s no reason to settle for less and every reason to perfect our “art of living.”

You are sure to enjoy this inspirational message. Invite a friend to join you!!

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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

Coffee and Donuts begin September 17 after the 10:00 Mass! Please join us in the Parish Center for coffee, donuts and fellowship!!

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
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!”
Praying for all Hurricane Harvey victims, survivors and volunteers!  
May God bless them all!

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.

**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](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org). For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Golden Jubilee Celebration please visit [www.dvccr.org](http://www.dvccr.org).

**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 Oct. 6, 2017. For more information, visit [www.HelpingMarriages.org](http://www.HelpingMarriages.org), or call (813) 816-0711. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

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YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE FALL!

Register fees:*
$65.00

Youth Gatherings begin October 1st;
6:00 – 7:30pm

Call RYM or email with any questions: Vikki@resurrectionch.org / 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](http://www.resurrectionch.org)
Or stop in at the Parish Center!

**RELIGION DEFINED**

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one’s fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.
—Theodore Roosevelt

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**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, Masa flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/kidney).

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