**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

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE:** Tel. 437-9876
The Gift Shop is located in the front of the church

**RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE:** Tel. 482-6883

**YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE:** Tel. 481-5144

**PARISH OFFICE:** Tel. 481-7171 or 481-7172
Fax: 481-8007, [www.resurrectionch.org](http://www.resurrectionch.org)

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**September 24, 2017**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**CALL UPON THE LORD**

The very first line of today’s first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, “For to me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today’s Gospel. There we find that God’s love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — Isaiah 55:7b

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).
Psalm — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).
Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

From the Office of the Bishop

All of you are in my prayers during this time of recovery in Southwest Florida.

The storm has passed and now we find comfort in knowing that we are people of hope, and that our faith will guide us in restoring our everyday way of life.

This may appear to some to be a time of darkness. But, as Catholics we are called to reflect the light of Christ. Let us be compassionate to our neighbor, our brothers and sisters in need who may be suffering at this time. Let us be united in prayer and with the Lord. Let us be beacons of hope to those around us. Let us magnify the light that is Christ.

May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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 the faithful of the parish.

ATTENTION: Music Announcement!!

Come join the "Children's Choir" at the 10:00 Mass on the first Sunday every month! The music will be chosen specifically with our younger parishioners in mind. We will meet in the choir room one-half hour before Mass to warm up and review. Anyone who would like to serve as the cantor should see Connie to sign up for a specific month. Children's choir will take place on: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan.7, 2018, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, and May 6.

In addition, we will also sing at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (4:00 pm, 12-24-17).

If you have any questions, please call Connie (239-464-3437) or the Parish Office. Looking forward to seeing all singers this season .... Let's make a joyful sound to the Lord!
September 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Hurricane Irma clearly made its presence felt in Southwest Florida and the Diocese of Venice. Further, the Hurricane hit the entire state of Florida, with significant damage to parts of the Southeastern United States and many islands in the Caribbean. While emergency outreach was immediate, the road to recovery and the rebuilding of communities will be long.

As your Pastoral leader, I have been responding to calls for assistance to help mitigate damage and assist those in greatest need. Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc. has been tirelessly providing relief to those most affected. Emergency assistance is crucial since vulnerable residents are having difficulty coping. Catholic Charities has set up 12 recovery response distribution points. Still, many of the poor are facing long-term job shortages as both businesses and crops have been destroyed.

The Dioceses of the United States will be taking up an emergency collection for those impacted by Hurricane Irma. The Diocese of Venice will take part in this collection the weekend of September 23-24, 2017. These funds will be used to support humanitarian aid, assist with long-term efforts to restore communities, and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in affected areas. This comes on the heels of the emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey. It is unusual to have special collections so close; however, the damages have been so great that many need our help.

Please make your donations payable to your Parish, noting “Hurricane Irma” in the memo field. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
WEEKLY OFFERING
Collection figures unavailable at this time. Watch future bulletins for this information.

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

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, 7:00 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

National Respect Life Sunday and Diocesan Collection -
Celebrate Respect Life Sunday with Catholics across the United States on Sunday, October 1. Educational information about this year’s theme, "Be Not Afraid," is available at www.usccb.org/respectlife. Please give as generously as you can to the annual Diocesan Respect Life Sunday collection.

RAINY SEASON is here! 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.

Kidnapped Priest Has Been Released -
Thank you for your prayers! Father Tom Uzhunnialil has been released. Father was kidnapped in Yemen 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. He will spend a few days in Rome in a community of his Salesian order before returning to India.

Coffee and Donuts begin September 30 after the 10:00 Mass! Please join us in the Parish Center for coffee, donuts and fellowship!!

Resurrection Youth Ministry
KICKS OFF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 6PM!

Our first gathering is for all registered 6-12th grade teens and parents!
Join us for a presentation on this year’s Youth Ministry Program, meet the Team, and enjoy a light reception.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:
The 5:00 pm Sunday Family Mass has been postponed.

Registration forms can be printed out from our website: www.resurrectionch.org
Any questions ~ Contact Vikki Melchiorre vikki@resurrectionch.org or 239-481-5144
HELP SAVE LIVES IN LEE COUNTY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 20 coordinated campaigns:

- **13,305 babies** saved from abortion
- **154 abortion** workers converted
- **86 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location**: Public right-of-way (Winkler Rd & College Parkway sidewalks & grass strips) outside Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Parkway, Fort Myers (Please do not use the sidewalk up at the Planned Parenthood office)
- **Vigil hours**: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm Saturday
- **Local contact**: Rick & Paula @ 239-770-2501 or 40daysforlifeFM@gmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

[40daysforlife.com/FortMyers](http://40daysforlife.com/FortMyers)
Resurrection Parish’s Schedule for 40 Days for Life - Sept. 27 - Nov. 5

Tuesday, Sept. 26: Kickoff
6:30 pm Mass at Church of the Resurrection will be celebrated by Father Hugh McGuigan. This Mass for all 40 Days for Life participants will be followed by a 7:15 p.m. candlelight vigil on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood, 8595 College Pkwy at Winkler Road.

Fridays are Resurrection Parish’s Days on the Sidewalk of Planned Parenthood

- Friday, October 6, 8:30 - 4:30
- Friday, October 13, 12:30 - 4:30
- Friday, October 20, 8:30 - 4:30
- Friday, November 3, 8:30 - 4:30

Please sign up at the church entrances at the Sept. 23/24 weekend Masses for your hours to pray and carry a sign. Or, if you miss the sign-up, just come and pray at any hour to support and save babies, mothers and fathers from the sad choice of abortion.

Friday, October 27: Bishop Dewane’s Mass, and Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood
Details of time and place to come.

“A Nation That Kills Its Own Children Is a Nation Without Hope.” ~ Pope John Paul II

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Melvin Dorak
by Wife, Jan

Altar Flowers
This Week:

In Thanksgiving for the strength to endure the effects of hurricane Irma and for all those who came to the aid of those in need.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Masses, and sidewalk vigils during 40 Days for Life.

The power of prayer CAN and DOES make a difference in our effort to end abortion.
May we all continue to pray for an end to abortion, confident in the power of prayer to bring about God’s will.

Rosary Rally, ALL are welcome to join -
Rosary Rally to be held on Sat., Oct. 14, 2017 at noon at the intersection of Winkler and College Ave. Everyone is welcome to join us.
Any questions, please call Carol 432-9501

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing -
"The Project Rachel retreat brought me freedom and joy. You will find God's love, mercy, and healing." (Testimony of retreatant) For information about the November 11 retreat, call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org. See video testimonials at www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/post-abortion-help.

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.
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!!

“I’m not exaggerating. Not since Fulton Sheen have I heard a speaker so effective at motivating ordinary Catholics to step up their prayer lives and take their faith more seriously.” ~Mike Aquilina, EWTN Personality & author of more than 30 books
Catholic Charities alerted us to the desperate need of the people in Wachula and Clewiston. Parishioners of Resurrection Parish delivered donated items to Clewiston and Knights of Columbus offered the use of their trailer for delivery to Wachula.

See next page for other ways to help.

A special “Thank you” to the many parishioners (and others) who generously donated and helped with this effort. It truly was a team effort.....neighbor helping neighbor!!
FEMA is offering emergency housing for free for up to 90 days. There is no pre-requisite information required to receive assistance. Call 866-545-9865 to apply for emergency housing.

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF CENTERS
CENTERS ALSO WILL BE OPEN SATURDAYS FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. has opened 11 hurricane relief centers. The centers are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are in need of water, non-perishable food, home cleaning supplies, and volunteers. Anyone interested in providing support or items can contact the center or show up to lend a hand. THANK YOU!

**ARCADIA**
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in DeSoto County
1210 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266
Office Phone: 863-494-1068
Contact Persons: Sister Ann DeNicolo and Andy Herigodt
Cell Phone: 941-204-7715

**BONITA SPRINGS**
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. In Bonita Springs
St. Leo the Great Parish
28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
Office Phone: 239-390-2928
Contact Person: Chuck Anderson
Cell Phone: 239-738-8678

**CLEWISTON**
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Clewiston
St. Margaret Parish
208 North Deane Duff Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440-3135
Office Phone: 863-983-8585
Contact Person: Rev. Jiobani Batista
Cell Phone: 786-378-0381

**FORT MYERS**
Jesus the Worker Parish
881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Office Phone: 239-693-5333 (alt) 239-693-0640
Contact Person: Rev. Patrick T. O'Connor
Cell Phone: 239-770-8094

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Fort Myers
4235 Michigan Ave. Link, Fort Myers, FL 33916
Office Phone: 239-337-4193
Contact Person: Charles Anderson
Cell Phone: 239-738-8678

**IMMOKALEE**
Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities
211 S. 9th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
Office Phone: 239-657-6242
Contact: Peggy Rodriguez
Cell Phone: 239-986-0563

**LAKE PLACID**
Camp San Jose
170 Sun n’ Lake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852
Contact Person: Father Jose Gonzalez
Cell Phone: 863-991-0303

**MOORE HAVEN**
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
24065 U.S. Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL 33471
Office Phone: 863-946-0696
Contact Person: Rev. Marcial Garcia
Cell Phone: 239-895-8482

**NAPLES**
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Collier County
2210 Santa Barbara Blvd., Naples, FL 34116
Office Phone: 239-455-2655
Contact Person: Mary Shaughnessy
Cell Phone: 239-248-6675

**SEBRING**
Holy Family Youth Center
900 US Highway 27 North, Sebring, FL 33870
Contact Person: Father Jose Gonzalez
Cell Phone: 863-991-0303

**WAUCHULA**
St. Michael Parish
408 Heard Bridge Road, Wauchula, FL 33873
Office Phone: 863-773-4089
Contact Person: Sister Gema
Cell Phone: 863-232-9284

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**Prayer for Victims of Recent Natural Disasters**

For those in our country and around the world affected by recent natural disasters, may the support of relief agencies, neighbors and loved ones who come to their aid provide them the care and hope needed to recover and rebuild from the devastation they have experienced, let us pray to the Lord.