October 1, 2017
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD’S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week’s texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week’s concluded. The sentiments expressed in today’s first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, “The LORD’s way is not fair!” (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God’s way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God’s mercy and love.
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Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 2:5

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

First Reading
Ezekiel 18:25-28
It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one’s life.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 25:4-9
A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading
Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form Philippians 2:1-5)
Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

Background on the Gospel Reading
The context for today’s Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers’ tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today’s Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will.

Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.
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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection figures unavailable at this time. Watch future bulletins for this information.

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 8:00a.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

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.

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store located at 2023 DelPrado Blvd. is in need of men’s clothing and gently used children’s clothing and toys. All proceeds go back into our community to serve the poor.

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, food in pop-top cans, cereal, mayo, toilet paper, and shampoo.

Thank you for your generosity!

Coffee & Donuts -

Please join us in the Parish Center after the 10:00 Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome!

"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.

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 NEATEST PARISHIONERS:

M/M Christopher Bessert, M/M Arthur Miller, M/M David Ornato, M/M Sam Polotto, Sr.

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

The Catholic Church continues to lead the world on the issue of the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death, regardless of age or condition. It is our responsibility to do what we can to help others and to promote a greater respect for all human life.

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, which this year is October 1st, Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice conduct a special second collection to augment the life-affirming work of the Diocesan Respect Life Office. The funds facilitate our witness as a faith community in southwest Florida.

Please continue to pray for a greater respect for human life at all stages and be as generous as you can in supporting this annual collection so that this outreach can be expanded.

To explore ways to use not only your treasure but your time and talent as well to support life, contact your Parish or the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 941-441-1101.

May God bless you with a deep appreciation for the gift of life and the courage to defend the sanctity of life. Let us remain united in prayer and action.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Resurrection Parish’s Schedule for 40 Days for Life - Through Nov. 5

To you who cherish human life,

We have all come through Hurricane Irma with varying degrees of loss and anguish. Our life has just improved now that our church has regained electric power! As each day passes, though, we resume more of our normal life activities. And one important piece of Resurrection Parish’s mission is to pray for and protect the unborn and their parents from the scourge of abortion. This fall we can do this especially through the 40 Days for Life campaign. See the schedule below. May God bless us in our gift and sacrifice of time.

Our parish day on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood is FRIDAYS.

We need everyone to do their little part to fill 28 hours of prayer and sign-carrying. Our last 2 bulletins were meant to be full of information, but Irma intervened. Please, please come and gather on the sidewalk to proclaim the sanctity of human life!

We will have sign-ups at all the church entrances before and after the Masses this weekend, September 23rd and 24th.

If you cannot do so, you can sign up at the parish center or call Judy at 287-1237 to sign up. Thank you!

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

for Jack & Ann Valenti
by The Family

Altar Flowers

This Week:

In Loving Memory of:

Dolores Laporta

Tom Roberts, Sr.

by Friends at Resurrection Parish

All are welcome and encouraged to participate in the 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.
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

ATTENTION: Important 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:
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!

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.

SAVE the DATE!
We have put together an exciting lineup of both local and national speakers this year.

Please save the following dates:
• October 26, 2017 ~ Anonymous Speaker "Hope Does Not Disappoint" at Church of the Resurrection $10.00
• November 30, 2017 ~ Fr. Sean Morris “Prayer and Ignatian Contemplation” at Our Lady of Light $10.00
• January 11, 2018 ~ Dr. Mary Healy "Jesus the Healer of Souls and Bodies" at Saint Columbkille $15.00
• February 22, 2018 ~ Dennis Solon "The World of Human Trafficking" at Our Lady of Light $10.00

Dates, venues and speaker biographies are available for your review on our website:
faithandwineleecounty.com

Tickets go on sale September 1st
SEASON TICKET SALES $40.00 ($5 savings)
“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
Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee Celebration - As a result of Hurricane Irma, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 5 at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda. The Conference will begin at 12:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. A notification has been sent to all existing registrants advising of the date change and registration remains open. The Conference theme is, "A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization," and 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. Pre-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.

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.

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES: All married couples should focus on their relationship, build on the love they have for each other, and look for ways to keep their marriage healthy and exciting. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is one simple way to step outside our day-to-day life, and give couples an ideal way to show one another that their marriage is as important to them today, as it was on the day it began. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend November 12th-14th at the Franciscan Center in Tampa. Space IS limited, so apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, check out flwc-wwme.org or call 813-270-7832.

HATE NOT
I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.
—Booker T. Washington

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