November 5, 2017
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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**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 Frank Barbone.**

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**The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, November 5, 2017**

Today’s readings:

**First Reading**

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 131:1-3

We find peace in the Lord.

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today’s Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week’s reading from Matthew and this week’s, we find Jesus’ question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being “David’s son.” Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew’s Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew’s Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. **Phylacteries** are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. **Tassels** refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person’s garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.
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
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

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $336,265.09
We still need $29,734.91 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!

WEEKLY OFFERING
October 29, 2017
Offertory: $16,412.00
SVDP: $524.00
Latin: $291.00

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND
This week a Second collection will be taken up for the Church of the Resurrection Catholic Education Fund.
This fund is specifically designed to provide financial aid to needy and deserving children in our parish who otherwise would not receive a Catholic education.

Our gratitude to all who consistently and generously support this endeavor

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

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, food in pop-top cans, cereal, mayo, sizes 5 & 6 diapers, wipes, toilet paper, and hotel size toiletries such as shampoo and soap.
Please drop off donations at the Parish Center
Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Thank you for your generosity!
ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
WOMEN’S GUILD

8121 CYPRESS LAKE DR.

FRI. NOV. 10, 8:30 - 3:00 AND
SAT. NOV. 11, 8:30 - 12:00

DOLL HOUSE DRAWING:
Raffle tickets $1.00 ea or 6 for $5.00

GIFT BASKETS, GIFT CARDS, VINTAGE, JEWELRY,
WREATHS, BOOKS, $1.00 TABLE,
COFFEE CAFÉ, BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY
This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for **Duane “Butch” Buck**
by Mom & Dad

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**Altar Flowers This Week:**

**In Loving Memory of:**
**Don Weber**
by friends at Resurrection

**In Loving Memory of:**
**Mike Tirpak**
by friends at Resurrection

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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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**Coffee & Donuts** -
Please join us in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome!

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**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.

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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.

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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.**
NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK -

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5-11, 2017. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, “As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else’s story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call.”

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS -

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church’s needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Music Announcement !!

Come join the “Children’s Choir” at the 10:30 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: 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!

Mission Speaker

On November 11 and 12, Jesuit Father James Kubicki will speak at all the Masses. This summer, after fourteen years as the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, Fr. Kubicki became the director of St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota. Rosebud is located in Todd County, the second poorest county in the entire U.S. With three other Jesuits and a dedicated staff of Native Lakota people, he cares for the spiritual and social needs of over 23,000 people. St. Francis Mission addresses the needs of these ignored and poorest fellow citizens with its five churches, its recovery center and outreach, its grade school, its suicide hotline, its dental clinic, and various other programs.

Fr. Kubicki is a frequent guest on Catholic radio stations nationwide and has appeared on EWTN. He is the author of two books: “A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus” and “A Year of Daily Offerings.” To find out more about St. Francis Mission or to make an online gift, go to www.sfmission.org.

Babysitting Bonanza

Friday, December 8, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Calling all parents with young children.... plan a quiet date night or get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!

$15 for one child; $25 for 2; $35 for 3 or more

YOUTH MINISTRY will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center for children through 5th grade! Christmas movie, dinner, crafts, stories, games, just a lot of fun, fun, fun!

CALL OR STOP IN TO REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT...

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Any questions? Contact Vikki with Youth Ministry @ 481-5144
RYM’S FEELING FESTIVE IN THE FALL
WITH OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING!
Catholic Charities, Clare House, in Fort Myers offers an afterschool program for underprivileged children in elementary school. Each year, RYM delivers a full Thanksgiving dinner to each of the families. It’s a great experience for the teens to meet the families and personally give them the dinners.

On Monday, November 20th we will deliver the dinners, enjoy cake with the children, sing songs, and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. They look forward to seeing us and count on us for their Thanksgiving dinners!

Would you kindly help us with any of the following donations:

*FROZEN TURKEY
*Rice * stuffing mix * cranberry sauce * potatoes
*canned sweet potatoes * corn muffin mix * canned veggies, * gravy * sweets/deSSERTS

If it’s more convenient to make a monetary donation, we’ll grocery shop for you!

No amount of help is too big or too small!

Please drop off your donations at the Parish Center no later than Tuesday, November 14th.

And do not neglect doing good and sharing: for with such sacrifices God is pleased. – Hebrews 13:16
JOIN US FOR LUNCH & BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

2ND FRIDAYS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH
Reserve your lunch for $10.00 - Call: 481-7172

November 10 @ NOON - Join in for Lunch & TALK about
CS Lewis book: THE WEIGHT OF GLORY
This most important Christian writer of the 20th Century contains nine sermons delivered by Lewis during World War II...read Lewis for comfort and pleasure. C.S. Lewis is the ideal persuader for the half-converted, for the good man who would like to be Christian but finds his intellect getting in the way.  
Book is available on Amazon for $11.16

ALL ARE WELCOME

December book: “A Fierce Radiance” by Lauren Belfer
February, March choices open from the participants - Bring in your suggestions
Bring in your favorite suggestions.

ALL ARE WELCOME...
JOIN US MONDAY NIGHTS
NOV. 6, 13, 20, 27 - DEC. 11, 18
“Put on the mind of Christ”
7:00 pm - 8:30pm Resurrection Parish Center

PHILIPPIANS

Life in Christ

Saint Paul exhorts the Christians at Philippi to have the mind of Christ. But to what exactly is he referring? Join Dr. Tim Gray as he opens up this heartfelt correspondence. Learn the key to Christian friendship. Learn how Paul is able to rejoice in the midst of suffering. Learn from the Philippians how to become partners in the Gospel. Discover what it means to share in the citizenship of Heaven. Glory with Saint Paul as his eloquent hymn reveals the mind of Christ.

Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Tim Gray and the hallmark artistry of the Augustine Institute, this dynamic video series explores the power and joy of life in Jesus Christ and the partnership to which we are called in sharing the Gospel—in the early Church and today.

RSVP: 481-7172 - Joanne MacPeek
Sign up for dessert to share!
Do you have questions?  
God’s love is always near ... let your friends know...  

Jesus tells us,  
“Peace be with you!”  

PLEASE CONSIDER CALLING  

Please contact: Joanne MacPeek  
e-mail: resurrectionre@gmail.com  
Phone: 239-481-7171  

Jesus promises:  
“I will be with you always...yes to the end of time!”  

OPLATKI WAFFERS  
AVAILABLE AT THE GIFT SHOP & PARISH OFFICE  

The Christmas wafer (oplatek, plural opłatki) is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.  
The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin; they are identical in composition to a round wafer which becomes the Host after the Consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Being only a reminder of the Body of Christ used in private homes, Opłatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Opłatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus to the Star of Bethlehem.  

Cost is $3.00 for a pack of 5 wafers.  

SIGN UP TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER  

Being an altar server is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to participate in the Sunday liturgy. Any child in the fourth grade or higher who would like to become an altar server is invited to sign up for training.  

If interested, please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the parish office.  

Server’s Name____________________________________  
Parent’s Name____________________________________  
Address__________________________________________  
Telephone________________________________________  
Email____________________________________________  

BIBLE STUDY  
Resurrection Parish Center  
WEDNESDAYS 10–11:30AM  

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Connecting the Scriptures To Life Experiences  

Inviting GOD into Your Life  
A Practical Guide for Prayer  
An Ignatian Path To Christ  
With Sacred Story Prayer  

SHREK THE MUSICAL  
at Bishop Verot Catholic High School  

Bishop Verot High School  
Anderson Theater  
3905 Sunrise Dr.  
Fort Myers, FL 33919  

Performance:  
Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 PM  
Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 PM  
Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 PM  

Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Bishop Verot front office or at the box office on the day of the performance.  

If you are interested in purchasing an advertisement for the program, please contact lisastore38x82x94.org.  

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