WISDOM

We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it.

Paul's words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus' resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ.
The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, November 12, 2017

Today’s readings:
First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Our souls are thirsting for God.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)
God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading
In this week’s Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week’s reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus’ parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week’s Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity’s struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today’s parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus’ return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?
RESURRECTION CALENDAR

**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

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**WEEKLY OFFERING**

*November 5, 2017*

Offertory: $21,491.36

Education: $5,413.00

All Saints: $5,950.00

Latin All Saints: $605.00

Latin Sunday: $724.00

SVDP: $889.00

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**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.

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**WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:**

Regina Stewart, Jacob George, M/M Todd Camron & Family,

M/M Robert Ross, M/M John Hammill, M/M John VonHarz,

M/M Thomas McGee, Dave Whitman,

M/M Luis Cualing & Family, M/M Bob Chesnover,

M/M Anthony Misner & Family, M/M Scott Metzer,

M/M Tony Gottschalk & Family, M/M Corey Savage & Family,

M/M Bill Ridings, Jessica Hermance & Family,

M/M Michael Moran, M/M Samuel Ina, Zachary MLCoch

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

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

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**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!

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**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

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…..’Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

~ Matthew 25:40

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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!
This week’s Sanctuary Candle:  
for Mary & Joseph Pasko  
by Joan & Brian Anzelone

Altar Flowers This Week:  
In Loving Memory of:  
Rick Georgeson  
by Family  
In Loving Memory of:  
Jean Quinn  
by friends at Resurrection

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

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

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.

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.

Dioecese of Venice Respect Life  
1000 Pinebrook Road  
Venice, FL 34285  
941-441-1101

Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life”  
November 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November -  
That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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

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.
THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS:
EVERYONE HAS A MISSION
ALL ARE INVITED.

Join us for a parish mission Dec. 2-5
With Fr. Chris Beretta, O.S.F.S.

Conference 1:  Sunday, Dec. 2nd: 6:00 P.M. Mass then Conference
OR
Monday, Dec. 3rd: 8:00 A.M. Mass then Conference

Conference 2:  Monday, Dec. 3rd: 6:00 P.M. Mass then Conference
OR
Tuesday, Dec. 4th: 8:00 A.M. Mass then Conference

Conference 3:  Tuesday, Dec. 4th: 6:00 P.M. Mass then Conference
OR
Wednesday, Dec. 5th: 8:00 Mass then Conference

*Conferences are one hour followed by question/answer sessions.
*There will be an opportunity for reconciliation following conference 3.

Rev. J. Christian Beretta, O.S.F.S., Oblate of St. Francis de Sales is the former principal of Bishop Verot High School and current principal at Salesianum in Delaware, MD. Fr. Beretta holds his master degrees in Divinity from the de Sales Schools of Theology, Kinesiology-Sport Psychology from University of Maryland, and Educational Administration from the University of Notre Dame.
Christmas Angel Tree Starts Next Week!

It is almost time for our annual Christmas Angels Project to help families in need. Last year with your generosity we were able to help many enjoy a wonderful Christmas. Last year our Parish helped grant the wishes of over 1200 children.

We would like to do the same this year! Angels are available at all the entrances of the Church. Please visit one of the trees and select an angel. The gifts need to be wrapped and returned with the Angel securely attached to the package. Please return to the Church or Parish Center no later than December 3rd.

On behalf of all the wonderful children that will benefit from your generosity, we thank you very much.

~Resurrection Youth Ministry

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
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 to 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-convinced, 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. 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!
SAVE THE DATES

Couples Celebrating Marriage - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Information packages will be mailed to parishes in January.

2018 Women's Conference - Women of all ages, you are invited to a day filled with the richness of our faith at the 2018 Diocese of Venice Women's Conference. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration on line), students $5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is $30, and $10 for students. This year’s speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, and Rosario Rodriguez. Join us in enjoying the tenderness of God’s love and mercy! For Conference details and to register go to dioceofvenice.org/womens.

2018 Men’s Conference - The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men who desire to encounter the presence of God to attend the 2018 Diocese of Venice Men’s Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration on line), students $5 pre-registration.

Women’s Guild News

The women’s Guild will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at the Parish Center immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and join us for coffee and refreshments.

Our meeting will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will share the results of our Annual Craft Bazaar and plans for upcoming events.

Dues of $10.00 will be collected at this meeting for the coming year.

We hope all our members will attend this meeting and encourage others to join. Your support is appreciated.

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Save the Date, Venetian Charity Ball -

6:00 p.m., Saturday February 3, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort. Watch future bulletins for more details.

**Eucharist: Banquet of Love**

**Marriage Enrichment**

December 2, 2017
9:00am–3:30pm

Ending with Confession and Mass

Join us for a chance to renew and strengthen your marriage in the richness and beauty of the Catholic Faith through Sacramental grace.

“The Marriage Covenant, by which a man and woman establish between them a partnership of their whole life, and which of its very nature is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children has been willed by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament.”

Concilation of the Catholic Church 1601

St. Cecilia Catholic Community
Fort Myers, FL.

825 per couple (includes lunch)
Babysitting available for small fee

Online Registration:
www.dioceseofvenice.org/marriage-enrichment
Please register by November 27, 2017

Contact: Kim Elsmore (941) 484-9543
elsmore@dioceseofvenice.org