Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,  
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,  
A STRANGER AND YOU WELcomed ME,  
Naked AND YOU CLOTHED ME,  
ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME,  
IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME.

MATTHEW 25:35–36
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“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” — Matthew 5:35

Mass Schedule

SAT. NOV 25 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 †Betty Roach by Cathy & Andy Wilson
SUN. NOV 26 -
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish
9:00 †Helen & Frank Savino by Judi & Frank Savino, Jr.
10:30 †Bruce Tischler by Wife Mariann & Son Bryan
1:15 Latin Mass
MON. NOV 27 -
8:00 † Cecile & Leo LaPorte by Luigi & Lucille Visciotti
TUE. NOV 28 -
8:00 COMMUNION SERVICE
WED. NOV 29 -
8:00 COMMUNION SERVICE
THU. NOV 30 -
8:00 COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI. DEC 1 -
8:00 †Mary & Albert Juergens by Family
SAT. DEC 2 -
8:00 †Donald Knize by Family
SAT. DEC 2 - VIGIL MASS
3:30 ♥† Living & Deceased Mbrs of Resurrection Men’s Club
SUN. DEC 3 -
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish
9:00 †Jeanine Hally by Family
10:30 †Teresa Grothe by daughter Jerrie
1:15 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 the faithful of the parish.

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
E-mail: parishoffice@resurrectionch.org

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Sunday, November 26, 2017

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew’s Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew’s report on Jesus’ life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones. Recall that last week’s parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. When we read today’s Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew’s Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

A THANKFUL HEART
A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS -
Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thurs. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.            Sun: 8:10 - 11:45 a.m.
and also open between morning Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASSES
WEEKLY OFFERING

November 19, 2017
Offertory figures unavailable at time of printing. See future bulletin.

Online Giving October 2017
Offertory: $9,692.00
Education: $275.00

SVDP Distributions October 2017
Diapers $69.86
Electric $1,914.00
Food Gift Card $233.99
Furniture $398.94
Gas Vouchers $125.00
Prescriptions $207.00
Rent $4,363.86
Water $940.22

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
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 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, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far Total: $350,698.29
We still need $15,301.71 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!

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!

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

November 26, 2017
This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for Don English
by wife Alice

Altar Flowers
This Week:

In Loving Memory of:
Mom & Dad Puccia
by Larry & Val Puccia

In Loving Memory of:
John & Marie Rotte

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.

Calling All Catholic Moms
SEPT. 2017 - MAY 2018
JOIN US FOR HOT COFFEE, BRUNCH, CHILDCARE & FELLOWSHIP

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS
9:30AM TO 11:30AM

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION PARISH HALL
8121 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

QUESTIONS: AMANDA GAVINI 239-222-0452
WWW.SWFLCATHOLICMOMS.COM

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.

BIBLE STUDY
Resurrection Parish Center
WEDNESDAY Mornings
10:00AM –11:30AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Connecting the Scriptures To Life Experiences
Inviting GOD into Your Life
Praying with Sacred Space Relating to others as JESUS Would…
On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas (“in the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related social ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

“The kingdom, already present and growing in our midst, engages us at every level of our being and reminds us of the principle of discernment which Pope Paul VI applied to true development: it must be directed to ‘all men and the whole man.’”

— Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium, 181

The Kingdom is Holistic
Secularism divides our public selves from our private selves. When governments limit the rights of religious ministries, secularists claim that religious freedom is not harmed because we still have freedom of worship — we are free in private but not in public. But the kingdom of God calls us to a whole life of worship and service in the public square. We cannot worship on Sunday and then deny Christ’s teaching in the way we run our ministries throughout the week.

Nationalism, on the other hand, divides our loyalties. It is good to love one’s country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Ideologies that ask us to put our nation above Christ and his Church are incompatible with service to the kingdom.

“Jesus is the center of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works.”

— Homily of Pope Francis
Solemnity of Christ the King
November 24, 2013

The Kingdom Demands Discipleship
We must work every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus. In our own increasingly “post-Christian” society, we cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bringing healing to a broken world.

The Kingdom is Humble
Jesus inaugurations a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service. Even as her freedom to carry out her ministries is threatened, the Church must patiently continue to serve the poor, educate the young, welcome the migrant, visit the prisoner, heal the sick, bury the dead, and love others.

“The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a ‘kingdom of justice, love and peace.’

For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross, and the strength of Jesus’ love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfillment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity.”

— Angelus Address of Pope Francis
Solemnity of Christ the King,
November 22, 2015

More resources from the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty available at www.usccb.org/freedom

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Annual Christmas Angels

Our annual Christmas Angels’ Project is underway to help families in need. Angels are available at all the entrances of the Church and the Parish Hall Lobby. 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 of 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
WE ARE CALLED
THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS:

“WE ALL HAVE A VOCATION. WE MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CALLED EACH OF US TO FULFILL A MISSION THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN ACCOMPLISH.”

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Rev. J. Christian Beretta, O.S.F.S., Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, was stationed at Bishop Verot High School from 1999-2010. He is currently serving as principal at Salesianum School in Delaware. Fr. Beretta holds master degrees in Divinity from the De Sales School of Theology, in Kinesiology-Sport Psychology from University of Maryland, and in Educational Administration from the University of Notre Dame. He is currently working on a doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania.

JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION DEC. 3–6 WITH PRESENTER FR. CHRIS BERETTA, O.S.F.S. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Morning Mission:
Dec. 4, 5, 6: 8:00-10:00 A.M.
Mass/Conference/Confession
Or
Evening Mission:
Dec. 3, 4, 5: 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Mass/Conference/Confession
(Childcare available during evening mission - ages three and up. Must RSVP 482-6883).

November 26, 2017
ALL ARE WELCOME...

JOIN US MONDAY NIGHTS

NOV. 27 - DEC. 11, 18

“Put on the mind of Christ”
7:00 pm - 8:30pm Resurrection Parish Center

PHILOPIANS

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 Mac Peek
Sign up for dessert to share!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

2ND FRIDAYS OF DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

Reserve your lunch for $10.00 - Call: 481-7172

December 8 @ NOON - Join us in Conference Room
Parish Center for Lunch & Conversation

December book: “A Fierce Radiance”

by Lauren Belfer

“Enthralling. A Fierce Radiance shines with fascinating detail... Belfer’s powerful portrayal of how people are changed in pursuit of a miracle makes this book an especially compelling read.”

Set during the uncertain early days of World War II, this suspenseful story from the New York Times bestselling author of City of Light follows the work of photojournalist Claire Shipley as she captures America’s race to develop life-saving antibiotics—an assignment that will involve blackmail, espionage, and murder.

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 dioceseofvenice.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.

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**Save the Date, 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: 11a.m. Saturday February 17, 2018 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice and 10 a.m. Saturday March 10, 2018 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Check with the parish office in January for more information.

**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.

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**“Prayer and Ignatian Contemplation”**

Presenter: Fr. Sean Morris OMV

Thursday, November 30th, 2017

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Our Lady of Light

Tickets are $10.00

All women are invited from all parishes to join us for a light dinner and a glass of wine. For more information and to register please visit: www.faithandwineleecounty.com

Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

Mail to: Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919

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**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 themselves a partnership of their whole life, and which is of its very nature ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1601

**St. Cecilia Catholic Community**

Fort Myers, FL

$25 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

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**Faith & Wine Lee County**

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