Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

Mass Intentions

SAT.  JAN 13—VIGIL MASS
3:30 † George Leo by Wife, Marlene
5:00 † Andy Christian, by Family
SUN.  JAN 14
7:30 ♥† People of the Parish
9:00 † Mary Maiorano by Dino and Rosanne Mandala
10:30 † Julia and Sal Azzara by Barbara and Frank Marchitelli
1:15 Latin Mass
MON.  JAN 15
8:00 † Olympia Coppola by Son, Paul
TUE.  JAN 16
8:00 † Winifred Quaid by Sue and Jerry Quaid
WED.  JAN 17
8:00 ♥† Living & Deceased Members of the Women’s Guild
THU.  JAN 18
8:00 † David Bosworth by Charles and Susan Kelly
FRI.  JAN 19
8:00 † Daniel Eckhoff by Kathaleen Barina and Family
SAT.  JAN 20
8:00 † Margaret Smith by Tom and Barbara Carroll
SAT.  JAN 20—VIGIL MASS
3:30 † Mary Funk by Bob and Carol Scher
5:00 † Norma Devero by Carson Family
SUN.  JAN 21
7:30 † Louise Mandala by Dino and Rosanne Mandala
9:00 ♥† People of the Parish
10:30 † Patricia George by Carroll Hunt
1:15 Latin Mass
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 15 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

Letter from Bishop Dewane

NEXT WEEK:
Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Faithful of the Church in Latin America face many challenges in living out the Faith; yet the light always shines through and hope arises. For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has helped 25 countries in Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, confront challenges and facilitate new programs in the sharing of the Faith.

The needs in this region of the world are great and can seem insurmountable. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads makes attending Mass regularly difficult. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials problematic to produce. The absence of church buildings, priests, and lay catechists, hampers spreading the message of the Gospel. Your support will allow for pastoral agents to receive training so that they may bring the good news of the Gospel to all our Brothers and Sisters in this part of the world.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of January 20 and 21, 2018.

Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference! Thank you!!

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my prayers for you and your family, and in-turn, ask for your prayers. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of Diocese of Venice in Florida
**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
- **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**

**December 31, 2017:** $21,877.08
- Latin Mass: $609.00
- SVDP: $548.00
- Christmas: $11,610.00
- Christmas Education: $4,240.00
- Solemnity of Mary: $3,719.00
- Solemnity of Mary Latin Mass: $310.00

**January 7, 2018:** $22,657.00
- Vocations: $5,379.00
- Education: $3,799.00
- Latin Mass: $610.00
- SVDP: $634.00
- Christmas: $11,570.00
- Christmas Education: $1,925.00

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**Thank you!**

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**This week’s Sanctuary Candle:**

For Mom and Dad Puccia

*By Larry and Val*

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**PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS**

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

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**GIFT SHOP HOURS:**

Thurs. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  Sun: 8:10 - 11:45 a.m.
Open between Sunday morning Masses.
**CLOSED DURING MASSES**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

in the Gift Shop for all shifts.
Please call 239-481-7171 to leave a message for Gaye for more details.

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**Coffee & Donuts**

Please join us in the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass for coffee, donuts, & fellowship.

*All are welcome!*
What will separate us ...from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

“What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Have you considered becoming Catholic? We are here to listen to your questions...

Inquiry Classes on Sundays Following 9:00am Mass

LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

Can I make a gift to the Church and receive high-rate payments that never decline for the rest of my life? Yes, you can.

With a Charitable Gift Annuity, your gift to the Church guarantees you fixed quarterly payments for the rest of your life at a rate that is higher than CDs or money markets. In addition, you receive favorable tax benefits and can designate the parish, school or diocesan ministry you want your gift to support.

To learn more, attend our complementary Life Planning Seminar being held in the

Resurrection Parish Hall

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM,
doors open at 8:30 AM.
Please RSVP at https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/012218 or by phone at 941-486-4722.
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

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 NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Michael and Nancy Enos, Mary Jo McRoberts, Rosalia Sepan, John and Ami Neiner, Joseph and Patricia Soares, Paul and Terry Meyers

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Week:

In Loving Memory of:

Mom and Dad Puccia
By Larry and Val

In Loving Memory of:

Leroy Stabile
By Pauline Stabile

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

To the Ladies of the Parish:

Come and welcome in the New Year with us on Wednesday, January 17th, at the Parish Center, following the 8am mass. Coffee and refreshments will be ready.

Dues of $10 are still being collected for Guild membership. We will be acknowledging our newest members and hope we will have a good turnout by our members to help welcome these ladies.

Look forward to seeing you!

PLEASE DON’T FORGET THE POOR BOXES; THEY ARE THE BREAD BOXES OF THE POOR!
Looking for an Education You Can Believe In?

Join us for an enrollment information event at Church of the Resurrection on
Sunday, January 21 at 11:30 am
immediately following 10:30 mass in the parish hall
8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers

A Catholic education starts your child on a path toward
more than just an exceptional education, it's a journey that
develops students to become responsible, compassionate
adults well-prepared for college and beyond.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
(PreK3 through 8th grade)
- Fort Myers’ first Catholic School established in 1938
- Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- 1:1 iPad school for 5th through 8th grade
- 21st Century Learning Commons
- Reputation for academic excellence
- Engaging VPK Program
- Middle School Band, Theatre and Art Program
- Competitive Sports & Current Division 1 Champions

St. Andrew Catholic School
(PreK3 through 8th grade)
- Challenging and innovative curriculum since 1989
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate School
- STREAM inquiry lab and interactive technology equipped classrooms
- Composite test scores consistently higher vs. other Florida students
- Active extracurricular programs - Athletics, Arts & Music, Robotics, Environmental, and more

Bishop Verot Catholic High School
(9th through 12th grade)
- 99% of graduates matriculate to college
- In 2017, $12.4 million in college scholarships were awarded to the 165 graduates and 74% of this class qualified for a scholarship
- More than 20,000 service hours completed by graduates
- Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
www.StFrancisFortMyers.org
Saint Andrew Catholic School
www.StAndrewCS.org/
Bishop Verot Catholic High School
www.BVHS.org
CALLING ALL MEN!

What would cause a successful young Jewish Harvard Business School professor, son of German Jewish Holocaust refugees, to suddenly leave that promising career to become a “fanatic” Catholic evangelist? It would sure have to be something!

All men are invited to join us on Thursday, January 18th, 6pm, at Our Lady of Light to hear Roy Shoeman share the story of his amazing journey into the Catholic Church. The program begins at 6 PM with pizza and refreshments ($10 donation) and concludes at 8 PM. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.faithandale.com

January 25
9:30-11:30am

Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall
8121 Cypress Lake Drive
Fort Myers, Florida

Questions: Amanda Gavini 239-222-0452
www.swflcatholicmoms.com

Venetian Charity Ball

Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Estero

Enjoy an elegant and exciting evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment and auction.

Guest of Honor: Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Catholic Charities Frank Galeana, Sr. Humanitarian Award Recipient:
Resurrection’s own LOIS THOME of WINK News

Live Auction and Car Raffle
Every attendee will receive a Venetian Charity Ball Raffle Ticket for a chance to win a new KIA Optima!
All proceeds will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

For more information/tickets, call 239-337-4193
Or Email VenetianBall@ccslee.org or www.catholiccharities.dov.org
Resurrection Parishioners - You are invited to:
Tour of Epiphany Cathedral, Venice FL
Saturday, January 27 @ 10am
Opportunity to share lunch & window shopping in Venice
Group limited to 25 - RSVP 481-7172
Transportation on your own or car pool w/ others of your choice.
The Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop in the Diocese of Venice.

Discover what the beautiful stained glass windows of Epiphany Cathedral mean and represent!
See the Ornamental Artwork, the Main Altar Relics, The Chapel, the Memorial Garden, and the Narthex.
Have you wondered about the history of the Cathedral?
When did it become a Cathedral?

After our Tour: Consider browsing at the Miami Street Craft Festival.
Sharky’s Restaurant on the Gulf or the Crow’s Nest on the water are restaurant options.
Venice Main Street is also available for shopping and/or lunch.

Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.
Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action.
The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26.
Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

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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:
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!

BISHOP VEROT
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
will take place on
Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm.
Find out what a small school with big opportunities is all about.
Register at www.bvhs.org/admissions in advance.
Campus tours will be available.
We are still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year.
We accept the Step Up for Students Scholarship.
Please contact Jill Rhone at 239-274-6760 or jill.rhone@bvhs.org with any questions.

SIX WEEKS WITH THE BIBLE

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 21
PARISH CENTER
10am - 11:30am

Begin 2018 as a “living bridge”
To valuable insights into God’s purposes.

Through our readings of Scripture we can hear God speaking to us, challenging us to join Him in the fulfilling of His purposes!

Jan. 17 - HUMANS: A MARVELOUS GROUP
Jan. 24 - ISRAEL - GOD’S PILOT PROJECT
Jan. 31 - AHAB & JEZIBEL: POWER ABUSERS
Feb 7 - JESUS - CENTER OF GOD’S PLAN
Feb 14 - DISCIPLES - THOSE WHO SERVE
Feb 21 - THE CHURCH: YEAST IN THE DOUGH

ALL ARE WELCOME!
JOIN US ANY WEDNESDAY
BOOK GUIDES AVAILABLE $8.00
CALL TO RESERVE YOUR GUIDE
481-7172
AdultFaith@resurrectionch.org

PLEASE JOIN US EACH
1ST FRIDAY
FOR ADORATION
IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 8:00 MASS

A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.
Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.
Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.
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**January 30 to February 1, 2018**

Join fellow Catholics from around the state as they gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. Participants attend a legislative briefing on issues prior to scheduled meetings with their elected officials. A luncheon on day two is attended by the bishops of Florida, legislators, and Catholic Days participants. The day ends with the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit (Red Mass) celebrated by the bishops of Florida for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. The third day is for travel.

**The Capitol**
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Briefing 1/30**
& Luncheon 1/31
Donald L. Tucker Civic Center
505 W. Pensacola St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**Red Mass 1/31 at 6:00pm**
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More
900 W. Tennessee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32304

For more information, contact: Joanne Berdeaux
Phone: 941-441-1101 Email: berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org
Become an informed Catholic Register for the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network on our website: www.flccb.org

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**Couples Celebrating Marriage Anniversary Mass**

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 a.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.

Call the Parish Office to register: 239-481-7171

**Project Rachel** - Trust in the mercy of God's love.
Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help at 888-456-4673, 239-719-7210 or e-mail Fonda.rachel@gmail.com

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**Naples Prayer Walk for Life**

Mark your calendar to join Bishop Frank J. Dewane on Ash Wednesday, February 14, for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. William Church.

A shuttle will be available after Mass to the start of a peaceful Prayer Walk to Planned Parenthood with Bishop Dewane. This event marks the beginning of the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. Call 239-227-5192 for details.

Community Pregnancy Clinic's new Naples Midtown Clinic across the street from Planned Parenthood will have an open house with tours before and after the Prayer Walk.

**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**" on Friday, January 26 at 8:30 a.m. (new time) on 1660 AM in Naples and 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.