

This Week at St Rita and Christ the King

Sunday, Dec. 18

8:00 am Sunday Mass
 8:45 am NO R.E. – K-5th grades
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 11:00 am NO HS Youth Group
 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King
 1:00 pm CTK Altar Guild Mtg.

Monday, Dec. 19

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am Rosary
 10:00 am Friends in Support
 Organization Mtg. (Portables)
 6:00 pm Angel Award to CROCS
 Destin City Council Annex
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (MSS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am Rosary

Wednesday, Dec. 21

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am NO Sewing Group
 6:15 pm NO CROCS
 NO Spirit Nite
 6:30 pm NO R.E. Middle School
 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Thursday, Dec. 22

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Daily Mass
 9:00 am Rosary
 9:30 am St. Elizabeth Seton Study
 Group (Cry Room)
 10:00 am Children's
 Dramatization
 Practice for Christmas
 Vigil Mass (Church)

Friday, Dec. 23

8:10 am Morning Prayer
 8:30 am Holy Communion Service
 9:00 am Adoration
 3:30 pm Centering Prayer

Saturday, Dec. 24

3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Children's Christmas
 Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day

12:00 am Midnight Mass
 8:00 am Christmas Day Mass
 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
 12:00 pm Christmas Day Mass
 at Christ the King

Dec. 26 and Dec. 27

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Mass Schedule

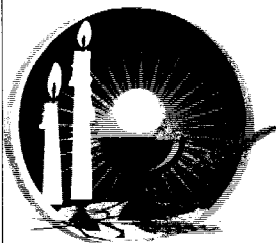
Christmas Vigil, December 24th
@ 4:00 pm
(Children's Mass)
Midnight Mass @ 12 am
Christmas Day, December 25th
8:00 am @ St. Rita
10:00 am @ St. Rita
12:00 pm @ Christ the King

Weekly Stewardship

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 12,334.84	\$ 2,936.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,079.00	\$.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,175.16	\$ 169.00
Rel. Retirement	\$ 1,648.13	\$ 180.00



"I don't know if they had Infrared Imaging equipment. I just know they were watching their flocks by night."



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 17	4th Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM.....	Special Intention by Request
Sunday, Dec. 18	4th Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM.....	+Al Hiersche by Alice Hiersche
10:00 AM.....	People of St. Rita
12:00 PM (CTK).....	+Helen Hitterdal by Rodney & Cynthia Jones
Monday, Dec. 19	Late Advent Weekday
8:30 AM.....	Anthony Lages by the Conley Family
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Late Advent Weekday
8:30 AM.....	+The Logue Family by Tony & Dee Logue
Wednesday, Dec. 21	St. Peter Canisius
8:30 AM.....	Helen Russel by Brian & Monique Murray
Thursday, Dec. 22	Late Advent Weekday
8:30 AM.....	Fr. Scott Braathan by Irene Haliday
Friday, Dec. 23	St. John of Kanty
8:30 AM.....	Holy Communion Service
Saturday, Dec. 24	Christmas Vigil
4:00 PM.....	All Children in Need by Request

God's Word This Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

Prayer Requests

Betty Anderson	Mary Kelly	Ken & Audrey
Flamarion &	Teresa Leo	Schommer
Juanita Ayuso	Tom LeTourneau	Charles Schromer
Mary Barber	Concetta Loduca	Tonya Sisson
Bob Borella	John LeBleu	Hal Smith
Britt Bergman	Joseph LeBleu	Anne Stay
Don Carroll	Julie Lowe	Sam Stokes
Julia Carroll	Ross Maple	Lorelei Stroble
Michelle Clancy	Hilda Martinez	Jo Ann Vance
Mae Conatser	Mary Mathier	Drew Vital
Noel Daigle	Robert Mazzolini	Peggy Warner
Darya Darley	Tim McGhee	Cliff Wesson
Danika Darley	Mary McIndoe	Jack Weidman
Silvia Delgadillo	Helen Miller	Edward Williams
Emily Donovan	Elizabeth Montgomery	
Ed Ellington	Berenice Newell	
Rebecca Everett	Isabelle O'Brian	
Frankie Frank	Lauren Savoy Olinde	
Bryant Horsley	Marge Quast	
Thomas Jahanian	Melissa Savoie	

Need Help?

If you need assistance or know of anyone in need, call **St. Vincent de Paul at 888-229-6582**. Contributions may be mailed to St. Rita, 137 Moll Dr. Santa Rosa Bch, or saintrita-parish.org via Pay Pal.

Si necesita ayuda o conoce a alguien que la necesite, llame usted a la Sociedad de San Vincente de Paul, y pregunte por Felita al 278-6166 despues de las 5 de la tarde.

Do you want to help?

Caring & Sharing is in need of seasonal items for the Holidays. There is a website:

caringsharingofwalton-county.org

Baby items are always needed especially diapers all sizes. Donations may be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Altar Linen Schedule:	Dec. 18	Lorraine Maioriello
	Dec. 25	Brigid Iannuzzi

Children's Dramatization Practice For the Christmas Vigil Mass

Traditionally the Christmas Gospel has been dramatized by the children of St. Rita. Participation is open to any child 4 years to 7 years old. If you have any children interest in being a part of the enactment bring them to

Practice on Thursday, December 22, 2010
10:00 am in the church.

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass will be at
4:00 pm December 24.

St. Rita Kids Capture "Angel Award" in Christmas Parade!

Members of CROCS & the Middle School Youth Group won top honors in the Religious Category (sponsored by the Destin Fishing Rodeo) at the Destin Christmas parade this past weekend.

Dressed as a living Nativity they walked the parade route singing "Oh, Holy Night", distributing candy, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & urging people to:

"Keep Christ in Christmas."

Singing for judges, the kids knelt very, very slowly at the words, "Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the Angel voices!" Ever so gently, silence fell over both crowd and judges alike. "Happy Holidays" was softly swept away and replaced with true honor and glory offered to God's Son.

The Parade Awards ceremony is this Monday Night, December 19th at 6 o'clock in the Destin City Annex, 4100 Indian Bayou Trail.

**All kids & their families are urged to attend!
Join Us!**

Come join us as we study God's Word!

While the historical books of the Bible recount God's creative and redemptive acts, the Psalms reveal Israel's response to God's covenant and serve a model for our response to Him. Join us as we study with Jeff Cavins and learn how the Psalms can inform and transform our prayer.

**10 sessions beginning January 10
Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.**

Mary Star of the Sea Room

Cost: \$20.00

**Please call Kitty Boe at the parish office,
267-2558 to reserve your materials.**

**Session 1 lesson will need to be completed
by the January 10 meeting.**

Christ the King

Catechists are needed to get our Religious Education Program started. Our class meeting will be Sunday before Mass @11am. Catechists would be asked to help teach one time per month. Training and background checks are provided by the church. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Margaret Aresco @ 835-2610.

Friends in Support

If you wish an opportunity to help fellow parishioners in need of prayers, meals, transportation, etc. due to death in the family, surgery, illness or, happily, the birth of a child, please call the parish office for contact information. 267-2558

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Annual Report

The twenty members of our Saint Vincent DePaul Conference accomplished much during our past annual year October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. We drove 6,447 miles, volunteered 654 hours, made 210 home visits, and helped 506 people.

Our beginning bank balance at October 1st, 2010 was \$11,848. During our annual year we had donations from: Our Members \$3,469, Church/Poor Box \$3,264, Door Collections after Mass \$35,561, Resurrection Church \$18,655, and Other Donations \$3,042 (Men's Club and Greyhound Refund) which totaled \$63,791.

Our continued three-year partnerships with Resurrection parishioners in Miramar Beach have contributed significant funds and volunteers to assist us in serving the needy in South Walton County.

During our annual year we had disbursements: Clients We Helped \$62,152, this represents 97% of all donations. We helped these families and individuals with late rent payments, groceries, utility bills, medicines, medical bills, gas, and etc. Our overhead represents 3% of all donations: Dues to Councils \$1,180, Contributions to Upper Councils \$1,400 (Disaster Relief and Solidarity Fund), Operational Expenses \$272 (Spiritual Inspiration Books & DVD, Checks), and Other Expenses \$20 (Mass Father Tom) which totaled \$2,872. Our total disbursements for our annual year totaled \$65,024.

Our ending balance as of September 30th, 2011 was \$10,615. This balance has already been put to good use in the first few weeks of this month.

We had several In Kind Goods and Services Given also: We had people moving and donated their pantry, refrigerator, and freezer items to a needed family. We had over 15 bags of groceries we distributed. We helped clients who needed to move. We helped clients apply for and receive \$3,684 of free prescriptions.

Your continued generosity is necessary to meet the needs of the poor in our area. Please consider joining us in our St. Vincent DePaul work at St. Rita's. We meet the third Thursday of every month at 9:15am – 10:30am in the left modular trailer. Please support our work by making a donation to meet the needs of the poor in our area and beyond. Please detach the envelope from this insert and mail it or place in a future collection. Thank you and may God bless you.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Christmas Collection

Our volunteer members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint Rita Parish extend our warm and sincere wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all parishioners and visitors. Plus, we want to thank those who have generously contributed to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul work to help the needy in Walton County during the past year.

As people continue to struggle financially through out the year, now they have added home heating costs which results in choices they need to make. Some of their choices are: do they pay their rent, buy food, gas to go to work, or pay the high electric bills to stay warm? The winter months for the poor in our area have in the past been in tremendous need of our assistance.

Our beginning bank balance at November 1st, 2011 was \$8,047. We received during the month through donations \$9,130. Our expenses were \$6,520. Our balance for the end of November was \$10,657. Volunteer members traveled 1,604 unreimbursed miles and spent 135 hours to help a total of 106 needy people. We did have to make some very hard decisions in the beginning of November due to the donations were not coming in as fast as the expenses were going out.

We have started our four-year partnership with Resurrection parishioners in Miramar Beach, who have contributed significant funds and volunteers to assist us in serving the needy in Walton County.

Would you consider joining us in our St. Vincent de Paul work at St. Rita's? We meet the third Thursday of every month at 9:15am – 10:30am in the left modular trailer.

Your contributions to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul during this time of need will help us help these families in need. Please support our work by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Society as the year comes to a close. Please detach the envelope from this insert, mail it, or place it in a future collection. Your continued generosity is necessary to meet the needs of the poor in our area.

Thank You and May God bless you.

