

# This Week at St Rita and Christ the King

## Sunday, Feb. 5

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass
- 8:45 am R.E. – K-5th grades
- 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
- 11:00 am HS Youth Group
- 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King

## Monday, Feb. 6

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Daily Mass with Pre-School
- 9:00 am Rosary
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (MSS)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

## Tuesday, Feb. 7

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Holy Communion Service
- 9:00 am Rosary
- 9:15 am Bible Study – Psalms (MSS)

## Wednesday, Feb. 8

- 9:00 am Sewing Group
- 5:15 pm Daily Mass
- 5:45 pm Dinner
- 6:15 pm Spirit Nite: The Prophets
- 6:15 pm CROCS
- 6:30 pm R.E. Middle School
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

## Thursday, Feb. 9

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am Rosary
- 9:30 am St. Elizabeth Seton Study Group (Cry Room)  
Everyone is welcome!
- 6:00 pm CCW & Men's Club (MSS)
- 7:00 pm **Adult Lecture Series:**  
"War in the Gulf of Mexico: The German U-boat Invasion." Presented by Chick Huettel

## Friday, Feb. 10

- 8:10 am Morning Prayer
- 8:30 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am Adoration & Confessions
- 3:30 pm Centering Prayer

## Saturday, Feb. 11—K/C Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend

- 3:00 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
- 6:00 pm Misa en Espanol
- 7:00 pm Hispanic Celebration of Candlemas (MSS)

## Sunday, Feb. 12- K/C Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend

- 8:00 am Sunday Mass
- 8:15 am RCIA
- 8:45 am R.E.- K-5th grades
- 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
- 11:00 am HS Youth Group
- 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King

## Annual CSA

**CSA letters and pledge cards will be mailed out this week. We ask that you think seriously about your commitment.**

**In today's Gospel Jesus told his followers, "Let us go on to nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come." What could each of us do better to build God's kingdom here on earth? Are we putting our worldly desires ahead of the teachings of Jesus?**

**Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Our 2012 CSA goal for St. Rita is \$ 74,000.00. and our Christ the King goal is \$ 4,352.84. May our personal giving represent a disciple's way of doing things, with a gift from each and every parishioner.**

## Weekly Stewardship

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 10,365.53	\$ 628.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,705.36	\$
Spanish Mass	\$ 482.10	\$

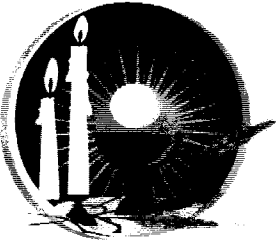
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Thanks to Michel Rice (See Job 1)

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YOU MUST BE JOB



# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, Feb. 4</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00 PM.....	+Bob Wish by The Maleszewski Family
<b>Sunday, Feb. 5</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 AM.....	People of St. Rita
10:00 AM.....	+Rita Lang by Harold Lang
12:00 PM (CTK).....	The Bobby Voizio Family by Rod & Cynthia Jones
<b>Monday, Feb. 6</b>	<b>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>
8:30 AM.....	+Bob Wish by The Maleszewski Family
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 AM.....	Holy Communion Service
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 8</b>	<b>Sts. Jerome Emiliani &amp; Josephine Bakhita</b>
5:15 PM.....	+Merna Place by Roger Place
<b>Thursday, Feb. 9</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 AM.....	+Dean McGhee by Phyllis McGhee
<b>Friday, Feb. 10</b>	<b>St. Scholastica</b>
8:30 AM.....	+Brian Francis Jourdan by George & Carolyn Jourdan
<b>Saturday, Feb. 11</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:00 PM.....	+Dave Dabria by Don & Judi Rutland
6:00 PM.....	Misa en Espanol

## God's Word This Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;  
 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

### Prayer Requests

Dick Armstrong	Thomas Jahanian	Marge Quast
Betty Anderson	Mary Kelly	Ken Redetzke
Shannon Anderson	Teresa Leo	Melissa Savoie
Flamarion & Juanita Ayuso	Tom LeTourneau	Ken & Audrey Schommer
Mary Barber	Concetta Loduca	Charles Schromer
Bob Borella	John LeBleu	Tonya Sisson
Don Carroll	Joseph LeBleu	Hal Smith
Julia Carroll	Julie Lowe	Anne Stay
Michelle Clancy	Tommy King	Sam Stokes
Gloria Clayton	Lawrence Korchinski	Lorelei Stroble
Mae Conatser	Grace Letourneau	Gary Taylor
Noel Daigle	Ross Maple	Jo Ann Vance
Darya Darley	Hilda Martinez	Drew Vital
Danika Darley	Mary Mathier	Cliff Wesson
Silvia Delgadillo	Robert Mazzolini	Jack Weidman
Emily Donovan	Tim McGhee	Brenda Wharton
Ed Ellington	Mary McIndoe	Edward Williams
Rebecca Everett	Carol Meyer	Charlotte York
Bryant Horsley	Helen Miller	
	Elizabeth Montgomery	
	Berenice Newell	
	Isabelle O'Brian	

#### 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](http://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](http://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.

<b>Altar Linen Schedule:</b>	Feb. 5	Cathy Tullos
	Feb. 12	Paula Michalak



# WAR IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

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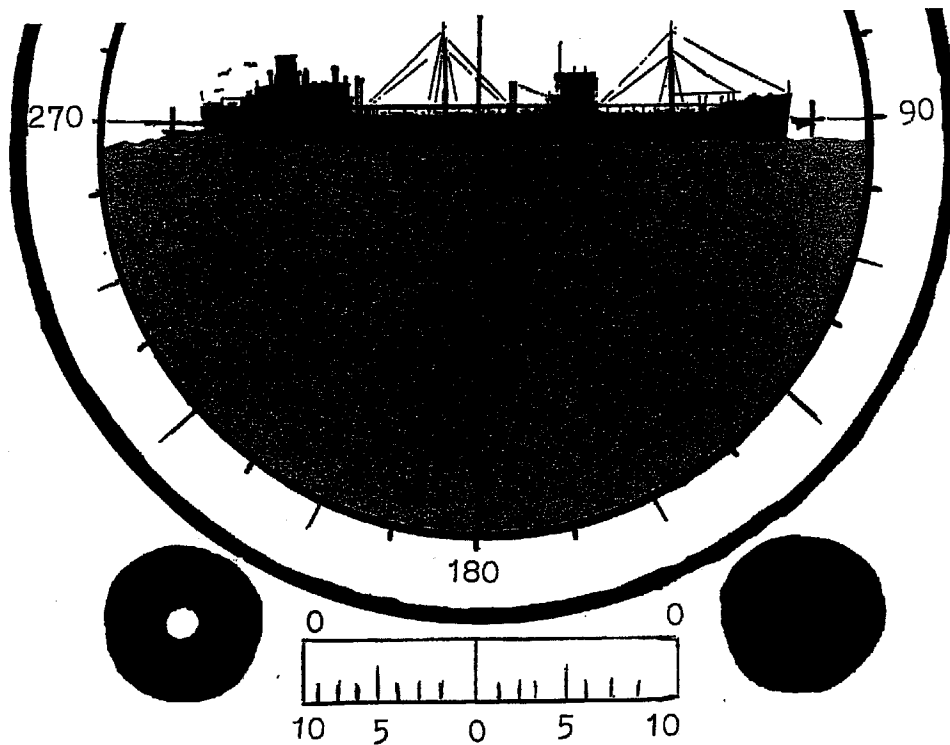
ST. RITA CCW & MEN'S CLUB ADULT SLIDE AND LECTURE SERIES. (Given by Chick Huettel / Coastal Heritage Society)

Free, Thursday, February 9, 2012, Mary Star Community Room

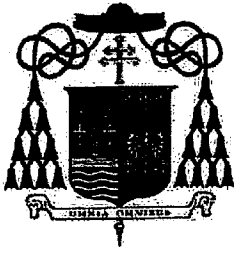
CCW & Men's meeting (All are welcome!).....6:00PM

Light appetizers & wine..... 6:30PM

Lecture.....7:00PM



**THE  
GERMAN U—BOAT  
INVASION**



## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

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January 26, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot—we will not—comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

And therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would also recommend visiting [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience), to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski  
Archbishop of Miami  
Apostolic Administrator of Pensacola-Tallahassee



***“Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever... He approached, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.” Mark 1: 29-30***

### **Dolan, USCCB President, Vows to fight**

Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, president of the USCCB, sharply criticized the decision by the Obama administration in which it "ordered almost every employer and insurer in the country to provide sterilization and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, in their health plans....Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights." "Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The cardinal-designate continued,

***"To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable.***

***It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty."***

The HHS rule requires that sterilization and contraception – including controversial abortifacients – be included among "preventive services" coverage in almost every healthcare plan available to Americans. "The government should not force Americans to act as if pregnancy is a disease to be prevented at all costs," added Cardinal-designate Dolan.

At issue, the U.S. bishops and other religious leaders insist, is the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally protected freedom that ensures respect for the conscience of Catholics and all other Americans. "This is nothing less than a direct attack on religion and First Amendment rights," said Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, chairperson of the board at Franciscan Alliance, Inc., a system of 13 Catholic hospitals. "I have hundreds of employees who will be upset and confused by this edict. I cannot understand it at all." **USCCB**

### **BISHOPS AGREE TO FIGHT HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MANDATE**



### **Texas Bishops Vann & Farrell say decision is outrageous**

"This decision is outrageous," said Bishops Kevin Vann of Fort Worth and Kevin Farrell of Dallas. It is an unprecedented and untenable abrogation of religious freedom in the United States."

"This is part of a pattern in the United States that has degenerated from the recognition of religion as good and salutary to our society to religion being subjected to punitive discrimination."

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***"From man in regard to his fellow man I will demand an accounting for human life" (Gen 9:5): human life is sacred and inviolable.***



***John Paul II, The Gospel of Life***

***"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." Matthew 1: 39***

# Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, Feb. 9th—  
Lecture Series

Friday, Feb. 17th—Fish Fry

Saturday, Feb. 25— Pasta Dinner

Friday, March 2nd— Fish Fry

Thursday, March 8th—Bingo

Friday, March 16th—  
Fish Fry

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

## Tax Statements 2011

If you would like a tax contribution statement for 2011, please email Ellen @

[elleno@mchsi.com](mailto:elleno@mchsi.com).

This is the most efficient and timely way of receiving your statement. However, if you do not have access to a computer, you may call the office at 267-2558 and request your statement.

## Men's Retreat

"Meeting With Jesus:  
Preparation for Lent"

February 17-19

Blesses Trinity Shrine Retreat  
Ft. Mitchell, AL

Presenter: Bishop David Foley

Fee: \$160

For more information email:

[btmsmst@aol.com](mailto:btmsmst@aol.com) or 334/855-4474.

## St. Rita CCW Lunch Bunch

Join us for a lunch date on Tuesday, Feb. 14th

To meet around 11:30 -11:45 am

At P.F. Chang's China Bistro

Grand Blvd—just past Sacred Heart Hospital.

RSVP to Lucille Mahan

Email: [mahoney2@centurylink.net](mailto:mahoney2@centurylink.net)

Phone: 835-3103

## Happily Married Couples

Ever wonder why the Church makes such a big deal about Marriage? Jesus performed His 1st miracle at Cana, even though it wasn't His time. Maybe the Church cares so much about marriage because Jesus does.

Come find out more about God's plan for Joy, Romance, and Love in YOUR marriage. You'll be glad you did! The next available weekend in this diocese is February 17-19th at the Springhill Suites on Pensacola Beach. For information call 850-994-9637

or go on-line at  
[www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org)

## HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman