

**Rediscovering Jesus:
The Miracle of Lent
Young Adult Lenten Retreat
February 23 (7:00 pm) –
24 (4:00 pm)
Surfside Christian Retreat
Panama City Beach
Cost - \$45 per person**

Includes one night lodging, two meals and all retreat activities. For more information or to register call: Christy Allen 850/435-3522, Diocesan Young Adult Ministry.

Religious Education News

The second session for First Eucharist candidates and their parents will be at **6:00 pm, February 1st** in the Church. The prayer celebration, *We Show We Care*, introduces the children to our call to pray for those in need.

As parents share this evening with their children, know that they represent you, the faith community, in accepting the responsibility for the faith growth of others. May the names of the children on the Name Banner in church remind us of their need for our continued prayers and support.

**Scout Sunday
February 4th
10:00 AM
Pack 562 Cub Scouts
Troop 562 Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts**

Reflections on the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

What is Catholic Sharing Appeal?

CSA in its origin was a program to fill the need for funds at the diocesan level for expenses that extend past the parish or regional responsibilities. To a great extent these are the programs, services and functions that are coordinated from the Pastoral Center and are extensions of the Office of Bishop. Many of these very programs, such as those coordinated by the Office of Christian Formation, and staff are in support of vital ministry in the parish.

By giving funds through CSA, the People of God assist their Bishop and Pastor in carrying out the threefold mission of the Church: teaching, serving and worshiping. Since accomplishment for the Church's Mission is of foremost importance, there are ongoing efforts to balance income and expense in the Church of Pensacola-Tallahassee (parish and diocese).

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us to set our hearts on the greater gifts, the greatest being love. Placing this gift deep in our hearts will help us to become models of being God Bearers bringing Christ into the world which enables us to build up the body of Christ for one another. Through this love we can use our time, talents and resources to strengthen's Church. May we be generous in opening our hearts in love. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Bosnia Relief
Jeanne McCue, founder of **Bosnian Relief**, will be at St. Rita. On Sunday, Jeanne will give a presentation on the project and how beneficial the "Goat" gifts are after 8 & 10 am Masses in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. Please don't miss this event!!!

St. Rita Pre-School

Saint Rita Parish Members: If you are a parent of a pre-schooler and interested in applying for your child to attend St. Rita Pre-School 2007-2008 school year, please call Michelle at 830-5679 and leave the following information on a message:

Child's Name

Child's Birthdate

Phone # where you can be reached.

If there is an open spot for your child, determined by the age & sex of your child, we will be in contact with you. Please call this number by February 9th. Thank you!!!

Lenten Reflections with Father Tom

Thursdays during Lent
from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Look for more information in the
Bulletin.

**The Hispanic Ministry
will be sponsoring a
Valentine's Dance on
Saturday, February 10
after the Spanish Mass
in the Mary Star of the
Sea Room. Tickets will be
\$5.00 per person.**

**Blood Drive
Sacred Heart Hospital
Tuesday, January 30th
9 am – 6 pm
Suite 3 (Modular Unit)
There is a tremendous
shortage from the holiday
season. Please donate and
give the gift of life. All donors
will receive a meal ticket, t-
shirt, and can register to win
door prizes.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government's role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride's house, where the father would "give her hand" to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride's new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice thing to do, completely optional, but had a "photo-op" feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 28, 2007

Saturday, January 27 **Vigil:**
4th^d Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM +Patrick Grogan
 by Pat Grogan
Sunday, January 28 **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 AM +Yvonne Ryan
 by Jim & Dee Weber
 10:00 AM People of St. Rita
 12:00 PM People of Christ the King
Monday, January 29 **Weekday**
 8:00 AM +Keri Ann Haberstroh
 by Mary Kay & Tom Collins
Tuesday, January 30 **Weekday**
 8:00 AM +Elizabeth Livacche
 by Mary Kay & Tom Collins
Wednesday, January 31 **St. John Bosco**
 5:15 PM +Lilly Anderson
 by John & Barbara Attley
Thursday, February 1 **Weekend**
 8:00 AM +Rose Michalak
 by Tony & Dee Logue
Friday, February 2 **Presentation of the Lord**
 8:00 AM Ministers of St. Rita
Saturday, February 3 **Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 PM +Robert Powers
 by the Powers Family

God's Word This Week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11

THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

In your prayers, please remember those whose names are in our prayer intention book in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Pray for those who are sick and recovering, especially **Stella Sullivan, Marie Johnston, John LeBleu, Ethel Needham, Chris McGhee, Dan Richardson, Andrew Long, Jonathan Utecht, Kay West, Kathryn Haynes, Thomas Delahoussaye, Kathleen Frambes, Rosalie Sumrall, Jeanne Biscone, Barbara Larney, Darolee Waddell, Sherwin Stacey, Chuck Warman, Catherine Sisson, Danny Linkey, Chase Marshall, Susan Killian, Denise Adams, Mario Martinez and Father Steve O'Connor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Crestview.** If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

Ursula Mazzolini is on the Altar Linen Schedule for January 28th. **Dee Logue** is on the Altar Linen Schedule for February 4th.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

| | <i>St. Rita</i> | <i>Christ the King</i> |
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| <i>Offertory</i> | \$ 8,691.50 | \$ 677.00 |
| <i>Building on our Faith/2nd Collection</i> | \$ 2,908.00 | \$.00 |

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.
 —Teresa of Avila

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, January 28

8:45 am **Elementary R. E. Family Class**
 10:00 am **Children's Liturgy** (Nursery provided)
 3:00 pm **Pinewood Derby** (MSS)

Monday, January 29

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)
 9:00 am **Mission Committee Meeting** (Portable)
 6:00 pm **Boy Scouts** Grades 5-12 (Portable)
 7:00 pm **Prayer Group** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
 All are welcome to the weekly prayer group.
 Contact: Dave Dabria, 267-1138

Tuesday, January 30

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)
 9:00 am **Bible Study** (MSS)
 1:00 pm **Pictures being taken for Pictorial Directory** (MSS)

Wednesday, January 31

9:00 am **Sewing Group** (MSS) Help is always needed. Sewing skills are not required.
 Contact: Pat Barnard, 267-1512
 11:30 am **Mass @ Sacred Heart Hospital**
 5:15 pm **Daily Mass**
 5:45 pm **Potluck Dinner** (Mary Star of the Sea)
 Bring a dish to share of make an offering to the St. Vincent de Paul Society
 6:00 pm **Hispanic Ministry** (Church)

6:15 pm **Middle & High School Classes**
 6:30 pm **Spirit Nite** (Mary Star of the Sea Room)
 Faith Enhancement series for all ages.
 Children's program provided.
Topic: "The Church is Holy"

Thursday, February 1

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30am **Rosary** (Church)
 11:30 am **Mass @ Sacred Heart Hospital**
 3:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (Classroom Portable)
 Contact: Mike Klein, 622-1121
 6:00 pm **1st Holy Communion Class** (MSS)
 6:30 pm **Cub Scouts** (Classroom Portable)
 Contact: Mike Klein, 622-1121

Friday, February 2

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **1st Friday - Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Adoration** (Church)

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am **Centering Prayer** (MSS/Church)
 3:00 pm **Confessions**
 4:00 pm **Vigil Mass**
 4:00 pm **Pasta Dinner** (MSS)

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am **Mass**
 8:45 am **Elementary R. E.**
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**
 Scout Sunday
 12:00 pm **Mass at CTK**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you need assistance or know of anyone in need, call St. Vincent de Paul at **888-229-6582**. The Society is open to everyone. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

During the 10:00 am Mass, the Hovenden Family will present the gifts. As Megan prepares for reception of First Eucharist, we ask you as a faith community to keep her in your prayers.

Caring & Sharing needs apple juice, spaghetti sauce, tuna and cereal. As always they have a need for diapers and baby wipes. Donations may be dropped off in the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Join us for
 "Spirit Nite"

Wednesday, Jan. 31th

Children's Program will be "Veggie Tales." Come for Mass at 5:15 pm followed by Potluck Dinner and programs at 6:15 pm. Everyone is welcome for whatever part of the evening they can attend.