

PARISH WORK DAYS

St. Rita

Saturday, March 24th
8:00 am – 12 Noon

Christ the King

Saturday, March 31st
9:30 am

Need to complete many small projects. Please bring yard rakes, gloves. Contact Bob Santos at 835-0037 or Joe Guss at 8355286.

Fr. Tom will reduce penance for those who participate in Work Days!!

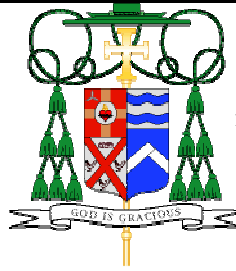
Iron Will Retreat

Ark of the Covenant

March 23, 5:00 pm thru

March 25 1:00 pm

KEPHA (the Aramaic word for rock) is a Catholic father/son organization. All fathers and sons, ages 8yrs and up are invited to join us for our Iron Will retreat. There will be Adoration, daily Mass, and games galore!! The cost is \$100 per person. The cost covers lodging for 2 nights and 6 meals. If some cannot afford the cost arrangements can be made to attend. Contact Corey Harned 850/259-2490 for reservations by March 20. For more information about KEPHA, visit www.kepharocks.org.



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the story of the Last Judgment, Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, strangers, or in prison, we turn away from Christ. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the “least among us,” we act as his true disciples.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity. The Collection is scheduled for March 17/18 in our diocese. The Collection theme, Jesus in disguise, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The Collection helps build the Church’s international social ministry by funding the work of five agencies:

Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States, assists people in 99 countries on the basis of need – not race, creed, or nationality. Catholic Relief Services creates opportunities for Catholics in the United States to live their faith in solidarity with poor people overseas by providing financial support and addressing the root causes of poverty.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants. Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest.

Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops annually resettles one quarter of the refugees admitted to the United States and provides advocacy for and pastoral care to many newcomers, migrant workers, and others on the move.

Social Development and World Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice. It works to build the capacity of the church to respond to global concerns such as religious freedom, poverty and hunger.

The Holy Father’s Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

By giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you are responding to *Jesus in disguise*. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection for more information.

With gratitude and every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend John H. Ricard, S.S.J.
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 18, 2007

Saturday, March 17

4:00 PM

Sunday, March 18

8:00 AM
10:00 AM

12:00 PM

Monday, March 19

8:00 AM

Tuesday, March 20

8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 21

5:15 PM

Thursday, March 22

8:00 AM

Friday, March 23

6:00 PM

Saturday, March 24

4:00 PM

Vigil:

4th Sunday of Lent

+Merna Place

by Roger Place

4th Sunday of Lent

People of St. Rita

+Grogan & Galvin Families

by Pat Grogan

+Marie Cain

by Mary Kay &

Tom Collins

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

+Edward John O’Brien

by Ron & Paula Michalak

Lenten Weekday

Holy Communion Service

Lenten Weekday

+Tracy Stevens

by Judy Stevens

Lenten Weekday

+Frank Robaina

by The Martinez

Family

St. Toribio

+Barry & Roxanne DeLong

by Knights/ Columbus 11890

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

Joseph & Catherine

Olinzock

by Sophie Lawrence

**SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

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 Penhollow Family will present the gifts. As Anna prepares for reception of First Eucharist, we ask you as a faith community to keep her in your prayers.

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

Frankie Francks is on the Altar Linen Schedule for March 18th. Lorraine Maioriello is on the Altar Linen Schedule for March 25th.

God’s Word This Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today’s Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father’s initial grief over his young son’s avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son’s grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son’s bewilderment over his father’s generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It’s time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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, Kay West, Thomas Delahoussaye, Kathleen Frambes, Rosalie Sumrall, Jeanne Biscione, Barbara Larney, Darolee Waddell, Sherwin Stacey, Catherine Sisson, Chase Marshall, Susan Killian, Marge Crawford, Jerry Holzhall, Rita Lang, Brennan Johnston, Joe Colello, Ed Colello, Isabelle O’Brian, Bill Schneider, Blaine Baker, Pat Barnard, & Dick Ryan**. If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 8,060.68	\$ 435.00
<i>Building on our Faith/2nd Collection</i>	\$ 2,583.23	\$
<i>Spanish Mass</i>	\$ 407.45	

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, March 18

- 8:00 am Mass (2nd Scrutiny)
 8:45 am Elementary R. E.
 9:00 am St. Joseph's Altar (MSS)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy

Monday, March 19

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)
 3:00 pm Brownie Troop #303 (Portable)
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Grades 5-12 (MSS)
 7:00 pm PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 20

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)
 9:00 am Bible Study (MSS)

Wednesday, March 21

- 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 (MSS) Bring a dish to share.
 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.
Topic: The Church is One & the Ecumenical Movement

Thursday, March 22

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30am Rosary (Church)
 9:00 am St. Elizabeth Seton Study Group (Portable)
 11:30 am Mass @ Sacred Heart Hospital
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (Classroom Portable)
 Contact: Mike Klein, 622-1121
 6:00 pm Music Practice (Church)
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Classroom Portable)
 7:00 pm Lenten Reflection at CTK

Friday, March 23

- 6:00 pm Lenten Daily Mass
 Followed by Soup & Salad Dinner
 7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

- 8:00 am St. Rita Parish Work Day
 3:00 pm Confessions
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
 7:00 pm Misa en Espanol

Sunday, March 25

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