

Our Fiat Program

Designed to help people develop a closer relationship with God and say yes to His plan through scriptural mediation and listening to the Holy Spirit. The program will begin in Lent. There will be a Retreat/Mission on Saturday, February 9th 12:30 - 3:00 PM in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. For more information call or email Dave Dabria at 267-1138 or email at ddabria@embarqmail.com.

Heart Ball

St. Rita CCW will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Heart Ball on Saturday, February 16th, 6:00 - 10:00 PM in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, punch and soft drinks will be served. Live music will be provided by the Ed Stevenson Band from Dothan. Tickets are \$20 each. We will have a professional photographer available to take a picture of you and your special sweetheart for a nominal fee. Tickets will be sold after all Masses in the Mary Star of the Sea Room for the next several weeks. Hurry and get your ticket... we are limited to 140 tickets. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

ASH WEDNESDAY**MASS SCHEDULE**

8:00 am St. Rita
12:00 pm - St. Rita
5:15 pm - St. Rita
7:00 pm Christ the King

Bishop John H. Ricard will honor couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th plus and 60th plus wedding anniversaries with a Mass of Jubilee on Sunday March 9th at 1:30 pm in Pensacola at the Cathedral or Sunday, February 17th at 11:45 am at the Co-Cathedral in Tallahassee. For questions or additional information, contact the Marriage & Family Life Office at 850/435-3532 or pnsfamlife@ptdiocese.org.

Sacred Heart Hospital

Weekly tours of the hospital will be conducted each Friday, beginning January 11. Call 278-3071 or stop by the main desk to reserve a spot.

Also, the new Family Birth Place will be conducting tours on Monday nights. To reserve a spot call Regina Humphrey at 278-3995.

Friends of the Coastal Library**Used Book Sale****Saturday, February 2nd****9:00 AM - 1:00 PM****Hardbacks - \$1.00****Paperbacks - \$.50**

If you have any books to donate, please bring them by the library before Friday, February 1st. For more information, call 231-3284 or 267-2809.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 1st

9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
All are welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all the parishioners who made the Fish Fry a huge success. The food was great and everyone had a good time. More important your participation will help the needy in the area. We hope to see you all at our Pasta Dinner on February 2nd.

HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan

First Communion Class

Will meet on Wednesday,

February 13**CSA (Catholic Sharing Appeal)**

Began last weekend. This appeal is for the support of the many Diocesan ministries in Northwest Florida. The remaining Pledge cards will be mailed to parishioners. You may mail them back to the office, drop them in the Offertory basket, or bring them to the Parish office. Please return your Pledge card as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Healing Mass

Monday, February 4
7:00 PM

Holy Name of Jesus Church
Niceville
Father Eugene Pathe will be the celebrant.

Morning of Reflection

Saturday, February 16th

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Resurrection Catholic Church
Fr. Eugene Pathe will give two talks plus a homily.

Mass Intentions for Week of January 27, 2008

Saturday, Jan. 26

4:00 PM



Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

+ Betty Carone
by Eddie Carone

Sunday, Jan. 27

8:00 AM
10:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

People of St. Rita

+Mary Calandea
by Jamie & Tom Christ
+Edna Cote

Monday, Jan. 28

8:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas

+Carolyn Wood
by Butch & Sara McNutt

Tuesday, Jan. 29

8:00 AM

Weekday

+Fred Nixson
by Dave & Terry Casey

Wednesday, Jan. 30

5:15 PM

Weekday

+Victor Gallo

by The Gallo Family

Thursday, Jan. 31

8:00 AM

St. John Bosco

Carolyn Sittenaner
by Joe & Lyn Collelo

Friday, Feb. 1

8:00 AM

Weekday

Holy Communion Service

Saturday, Feb. 2

4:00 PM

Vigil: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

+ Charles Germano
by Dave & Terry Casey

God's Word This Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you may have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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 Marie Johnston, John LeBleu, Thomas Delahoussaye, Rosalie Sumrall, Jerry Brennan Johnston, Isabelle O'Brian, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rich Renner, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sam Stokes, Kathy Pinyan, Sophie Lawrence, Betty Miller, Jackie Enderle, John Alan McGuire, Nelvin Luke, Jerry Luke, Lawrence Ferran, Michael Trombley, Berenice Newell, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey, Jack Byrd, Marsha Wozinak, Michael McKeon, Kermit Driscoll, Rex Akridge, & Chuck Warman. If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paola Boni, grandmother of Christine Sumpter, and for the consolation of her family and friends.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 10,066.71	\$ 370.15
2 nd Collection	\$ 2,474.40	\$

KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Jan. 27

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:45 am R. E. Classes (K-4th grade)
- 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
- 11:30 am Altar Linen Committee Mtg. (Admin. C.)
- 12:00 pm Mass @ CTK
- 1:00 pm Pinewood Derby (MSS)

Monday, Jan. 28

- 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 5-11 (MSS)
- 6:30 pm R. E. Teacher's Meeting (Admin. C.)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

Tuesday, Jan. 29

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Bible Study: Exodus (MSS)
- 6:30 pm IMF Class (MSS)

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- 9:00 am Sewing Group (MSS) Everyone is welcome to help. Skills not necessary.
- 5:15 pm Daily Mass
- 5:45 pm Potluck Dinner (MSS)
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry (Church)
- 6:30 pm Spirit Nite (MSS) Topic: Sacrament of Holy Orders
- 6:30 pm R.E. Classes Grades 5-12 (Portables)

Thursday, Jan. 31

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 9:00 am Our Fiat Planning Mtg.
- 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (Portable)

Friday, Feb. 1

- 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
- 8:00 am Holy Communion Service
- 8:30 am Home School Communal Adoration & Exposition
- 9:00 am 1st Fri. - 12 hour Silent Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition Everyone welcome to visit our Lord at any time and for however long.
- 6:00 pm Parish Communal Adoration Everyone welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 2

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

Sunday, Feb. 3

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:45 am R. E. Classes (K-4th grades)
- 9:15 am R.E. Communal Adoration with parents
- 9:00 am Pro-Life General Meeting (MSS)
- 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
- 12:00 pm Mass at CTK
- 1:00 pm CTK Potluck Dinner

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.

Caring & Sharing needs volunteers to help them during the extended hours especially the hours between 12-3 pm. If you can help out please call Penny at 267-2866.

Altar Linen Schedule

January 27 Brigid Iannuzzi
February 3 Lucy Castillo

CSA (Catholic Sharing Appeal) began last weekend. Please return your CSA Pledge card as soon as possible.

Home Visitations

If your name is on the list below, please call the office at 267-2558 to schedule a time when Father Tom can come for a home visit. This is an opportunity to get to know parishioners on a one to one basis and to bless each parishioner's home. Meals are not necessary.

- Mr. & Mrs. D. Brewer
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Brocato
- Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brooke
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Bruni
- Mr. G. Eichberger

