

**Nursery Help**

We need volunteers for the nursery during the 10:00 am Mass. Currently we have volunteers to allow a 6 week rotation. We would like a 12 week rotation schedule. If you can volunteer, please call bob seton at 598-0285.

**Mark your calendar for the Annual St. Rita Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> at FINZ in Sandestin. Cocktails are at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:15 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and will be on sale at the Parish Office. Tickets are limited, so get yours early.**

**Christmas with the Ecumenical Choir of South Walton**

**“Unexpected Grace”**

December 9<sup>th</sup> Matinee at 3:00 pm  
 And Evening at 7:00 pm  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
 Christ the King Episcopal Church  
 480 N. Highway 393

All proceeds will benefit community outreach. You are also encouraged to bring a canned item to share with those in need.

**FORGIVENESS**

*The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.*—William Blake

**Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Enzo’s Italian Restaurant December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm Seating**

**begins**

**7:00 pm Dinner**

**Cost is \$75 per person including tax & gratuity.**

Experience a four course presentation of selected fine wines paired with our exquisite cuisine. Local entertainment donated by vocalist “REDD” and keyboard talent Geri Dragos. Call for details and reservations 267-3003. Help us at Enzo’s to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity and enable someone in need to have their own home.

**Centering prayer workshop with Fr. William Meninger, O.C.S.O.: “Resting in God’s Presence.”** Location: Resurrection Catholic Church, Miramar Beach. Dec. 8, 9:45 a.m-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.00, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is Dec. 1. Contact Barbara at 8654-1046 or e-mail [mbrezmer@cox.net](mailto:mbrezmer@cox.net)) or Mary Ellen at 496-1399 or e-mail [metct@aol.com](mailto:metct@aol.com)).

**Parish Mission led by Father William Meninger.** Location: Resurrection Catholic Community, Miramar Beach. Parish Mission led by Fr. William Meninger on “The Process of Forgiveness. Fr. Meninger will preach at the Sunday liturgies, Dec 9, followed by the parish Mission Dec 10-13, at 7 p.m. each evening. Call Barbara at 654-1046 or e-mail [mbrezmer@cox.net](mailto:mbrezmer@cox.net) or call Mary Ellen at 496-1399 or email [metct@aol.com](mailto:metct@aol.com).

**KEEP MOVING**

*The world is a bridge; pass over it, but don’t build on it.*  
 —Sign on a bridge in the Near East

**Parish Goals & Objectives**

In the Summer of 2006 our Parish discerned a number of goals and objectives for our Parish to accomplish. At the October 15<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting, the Council elected to work on the following four objectives over the next six months.

- o To identify and train 6 group leaders to implement 6 bible-based small faith-sharing groups during Lent and Advent.
- o To develop the resources to fund a full-time youth minister..
- o To reach out to those persons who come to St. Rita periodically but have not yet registered and also to those who no longer attend church.
- o Publish an annual report on the state of the parish.

**Fr. Tom asks your help for The Welcome Back Committee. The following card will be in the pews next weekend. Please think of someone who might benefit from this outreach.**

**The Welcome Back! Committee needs your help.** An outreach to those Catholics in S. Walton who for one reason or another no longer attend church is planned before Christmas. Would you please refer someone that you know who should be contacted? A member of the committee will contact you first before the outreach is made. Please return this card by Dec 10th.

Welcome Back! Committee, please contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Home # \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Also, Fr. Tom will be asking for volunteers to help with the Small Faith Sharing Groups. These groups will meet during the Lenten Season. So please consider volunteering for this ministry if you haven’t already volunteered.**

**27th Annual Catholic Charismatic**

**Conference.** Location: Panama City Beach,

Edgewater Beach Resort. Jan. 11-13, 2008. Theme: Come and See (John 1:39). Speakers: Deacon Bill Brennan, Sister Ann Shields, Father Eugene Pathe and Bishop John Ricard. Visit [www.pt-dccr.org](http://www.pt-dccr.org) , call 385-2125 or e-mail [j\\_kinneer@yahoo.com](mailto:j_kinneer@yahoo.com).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Among the Catholics seeking religious freedom in America were the Carrolls of Maryland, who arrived in 1649 from Ireland via England. Charles Carroll, born in Annapolis in 1737, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was the longest-surviving signer. As was the custom for English Catholics, he attended English schools in Belgium and later university in France. By the time he signed the Declaration, he was the richest man in America, and his decision to sign would hardly go unnoticed by the king.

Because Carroll was so wealthy and because he was a Catholic, he had more to lose than the others. Those who signed became traitors to the Crown and risked losing everything. It is said that someone grumbled that there were many men in the world named Charles Carroll, and he could dodge responsibility if he had to. For that reason, he added a flair to his signature, “of Carrollton,” making it clear that he put everything at risk. His cousin John, also an ardent supporter of the American revolution, was ordained a Jesuit priest and returned to Maryland at the outbreak of hostilities. Upheavals in Europe forced the Jesuit order to dissolve, leaving Carroll a secular priest. Ultimately, it was John Carroll who was asked to organize the Catholic Church in the new nation. No one was better positioned for this task, a cultured man from an esteemed family, a cherished friend of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and a man so thoroughly attuned to an undercurrent of anti-Catholicism in the colonies that he could charm powerful people to a new point of view.

**Mass Intentions for Week of November 25, 2007**

**Saturday, Nov. 24** 5:30 PM **Vigil: Christ the King**  
+Barney & Marge Wolff  
by Crook & Hearn Families

**Sunday, Nov. 25** 8:00 AM **Feast of Christ the King**  
+ Authur Sisson  
by Catherine Sisson  
People of St. Rita  
+Leonard O'Brien  
by Ellen Barton

**Monday, Nov. 26** 8:00 AM **Weekday**  
Holy Communion Service

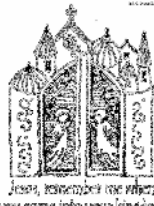
**Tuesday, Nov. 27** 8:00 AM **Weekday**  
Carolyn Sittenauer  
by Joe & Lyn Colello

**Wednesday, Nov. 28** 5:15 PM **Weekday**  
+Pat Stewart  
by Mary Kay Collins

**Thursday, Nov. 29** 8:00 AM **Weekday**  
+Todd Mink  
by Phill & Gail Carron

**Friday, Nov. 30** 8:00 AM **St Andrew**  
Holy Communion Service

**Saturday, Dec. 1** 5:30 PM **Vigil: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
+Lynn Lauderbach  
Phil & Penny Spizale



**God's Word This Week**

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**KINGSHIP**

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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, Ellen O'Connell, Jerry Holzhall, Brennan Johnston, Isabelle O'Brian, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rich Renner, Nibby Rutland, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sam Stokes, Kathy Pinyan, Fritz Lammers, Sophie Lawrence, Charles Germano, Betty Miller, Jackie Enderle, Elizabeth O'Brien, John Alan McGuire, Nelvin Luke, Jerry Luke, Lawrence Ferran, Elaine Guy, Fr. Daniel Butler, Michael Trombley, Bill Hodge, Pat Barnard, Ed Dougherty & Lynn Waddell. 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 Darolee Waddell, sister of Lynn Waddell, who died this past week. Also pray for the consolation of her family and friends.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 9,183.02	\$ 349.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	\$ 1,758.00	\$ .00
<b>Campaign for Human Development</b>	\$ 2,000.17	\$ 102.00

**PEACE**

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.  
—Thomas à Kempis

**This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission**

**Sunday, Nov. 25**

8:00 am **Mass**  
 8:45 am **NO R. E. Classes** (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**  
 12:00 pm **Mass @ CTK**

**Monday, Nov. 26**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**  
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)  
 6:00 pm **Boy Scouts** (MSS) Grades 5-11  
 7:00 pm **Prayer Group**

**Tuesday, Nov. 27**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**  
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)  
 8:30 am **Bible Study** (Revelations) - MSS  
 6:00 pm **Children's Christmas Pageant Practice** (MSS)

**Wednesday, Nov. 28**

9:00 am **Sewing Group** (MSS)  
 3:30 pm **Daisy Troop** (Portable)  
 5:15 pm **Daily Mass**  
 5:45 pm **Potluck Dinner** (MSS)  
 6:00 pm **Hispanic Ministry** (Church)  
 6:30 pm **Spirit Night** (MSS)  
 6:30 pm **R. E. Classes** Grades 5-12 (Portables)

**Thursday, Nov. 29**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**  
 8:30 am **Rosary**  
 9:00 am **St. Elizabeth Seton Study Group** (Cry Room)  
 All are welcome!  
 3:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (Portable)  
 6:30 pm **IMF Class** (MSS)

**Friday, Nov. 30**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**  
 8:30 am **Holy Hour - Exposition**

**Saturday, Dec. 1**

9:00 am **Centering Prayer** (MSS)  
 4:30 pm **Confessions**  
 5:30 pm **Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, Dec. 2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00 am **Mass**  
 8:45 am **R.E. Classes** (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 9:15 pm **RE Parents & Students Communal Adoration** (Church)  
 9:00 am **Pro-Life General Meeting** (MSS)  
 All are welcome!!  
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**  
 12:00 pm **Mass at CTK**  
 1:00 pm **Potluck Dinner 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Caring & Sharing** needs cereal and juice, also specific food for the Holidays, i.e. dressing, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, yams... Donations may be dropped off in the box in the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

**Altar Linen Schedule**

November 25 Teresa Leo  
 December 2 Cathy Tullos

Saturday Vigil will continue to be at 5:30PM until January 5, 2008 when it will change to

**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.

Ms. Marianne Abadie  
 Mr. & Mrs. Derryck Adams  
 Mr. & Mrs. T. Akridge  
 Mr. & Mrs. P. Alabata  
 Ms. Ellen Barton

