

**Religious Education
REMINDER**

All Religious Education classes K-12 will meet at 5:15 PM for Mass, Dinner and Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, Dec. 17th. Parents of children K-8 should plan to accompany their children to the Parish Reconciliation Service which begins at 6:30 PM.

**December 17th
6:30 PM**

The Parish Reconciliation Service is an opportunity for us to receive the Sacrament of Penance as proscribed by the Church. A precept of the Church is that we go to confession a minimum of one time per year, with more frequent attendance recommended. Please use this service to prepare yourself to welcome our Lord at Christmas.

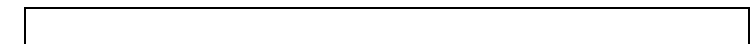
**“Welcome to Our World”
5th Annual Christmas Concert
Presented by the Niceville
Community Chorus
Friday, December 19th
7:00 PM
Christ Our Redeemer Church
Niceville
Adam & Lori Ubowski - Directors
For Tickets call 678-7813 or 897-
7797.**

Angel Tree
The Angel Tree is up in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. Please take a name to buy a gift for a needy child. Gifts need to be returned by **Monday, December 15th.** Mary Star of the Sea Room because Caring & Sharing will need them for delivery between Dec. 19-23. Thank you for your generosity!


**Christmas Mass Schedule
December 24th – 5:00 PM
Children’s Vigil Mass
December 25th – 12 Midnight &
10:00 AM @
St. Rita
8:30 AM @ Christ the King**


CTK NOTE
**Due to limited parking,
parishioners are asked to use the
grass area parking for the
Christmas morning Mass. Thank
you!**

**St. Rita Parish
Reconciliation Service
Wednesday**



Mass Intentions for Week of Dec. 14, 2008

Saturday, Dec. 13  **Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 5:30 PM Monique Murray by the MacManus Family

Sunday, Dec. 14  **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 AM +Frances Mongesku by Lillian Renc
 10:00 AM People of St. Rita
 12:00 PM (CTK) Jim Payne by Yvonne Payne

Monday, Dec. 15 **Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM +Tim Tate by Marilynn Pankratz

Tuesday, Dec. 16 **Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM +Mable Wesson by the Winjum Family

Wednesday, Dec. 17 **Late Advent Weekday**
 5:15 PM +Marjorie Galloway by John & Dona Kiesling

Thursday, Dec 18 **Late Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM +Pat Barnard by the Asteinza Family

Friday, Dec. 19 **Late Advent Weekday**
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Saturday, Dec. 20 **Vigil: 4th of Advent**
 5:30 PM +Morris Le Boeuf by the Asteinza Family

God's Word This Week
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

REJOICE
 Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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, Rosalie Sumrall, Jerry B. Johnston, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rita Moran, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Betty Miller, Ellen Best, Concetta Loduca, Michael McKeon, Hilda Martinez, Danika Darley, David Haliday, Darya Darley, Janine Becker, Ed Ellington, Wendy Kulanans, Tim Kelly, Danny Wilson, James Payne, Bob James, Arlene Roberts, Kathy Linder, Paul Belardino, Ellen Frye, Mary Kelly, Robert Rau, Vincent Caggiano, Helen Fogel, Sam Stokes, Linda Davis, Kris Ann Neihl, Mary Gianelloni, Rachael Grabski, Carson Doss, Gloria Clayton, Robert Constable, Isabelle O'Brian, Joan Farrell, Fritz Lammers, Jane Casey & Dick Casey, Joe DeCandia, Doris Ebersole, Barbara Hodge, Ed Lautzenheiser, Monique Murray, Lu Mahan, Carolyn Cox, Molly Elder, Charles Modica, Frank Smith and Baby Luke Daniel Dowd.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Drzyvga (Drisga) son of Christ the King Parishioner, Helen Flaws, who died this week.

If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 8,968.67	\$ 860.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 9,747.35	\$ 70.00

Thank you again to Sharron & George Newton and Matt and Susan Penhollow. The Christmas Party was fabulous!!
ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Dec. 14
 8:00 am 1 Room School House R.E. (Youth Portable)
 8:00 am Sunday Mass
 8:50 am Confirmation Class for Students (Youth Portable)
 9:15 am RCIA Meeting (MSS)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 11:00 am Children's Choir Practice
 12:00 pm Mass at Christ the King
 3:00 pm Scout Pack Meeting (MSS)

Monday, Dec. 15
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)
 4:00 pm Cub Scouts (Portable)
 5:00 pm Boy Scouts HONOR COURT (MSS)
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

Tuesday, Dec. 16
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary
 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #267 (Portable)

Wednesday, Dec. 17
 9:00 am Sewing Group (MSS)
 4:00 pm All R.E. Classes, K-5th begin with Mass @ 5:15 pm and Advent Penitential Service @ 6:30 pm
 5:15 pm Daily Mass
 5:45 pm Dinner (MSS)
 6:00 pm Hispanic Ministry (Admin. Center)
 6:30 pm All R.E. Classes 6-12th begin with Mass @ 5:15 pm and Advent Penitential Service @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 18
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)
 3:00 pm Cub Scouts (Middle Portable)
 7:00 pm CCW & Men's Club (MSS)
 All are welcome!!

Friday, Dec. 19
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service
 8:30 pm Holy Hour & Exposition

Saturday, Dec. 20
 9:00 am Centering Prayer (MSS & Church)
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
 6:30 pm CCW Baked Goodies & Casserole Sale after all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, Dec. 21
 8:00 am 1 Room School House R.E. (Youth Portable)
 8:00 am Sunday Mass
 9:00 am CCW Baked Goodies & Casserole Sale (MSS)
 8:50 am 1st Holy Communion Classes for Students (Middle Portable) & Parents (Youth Portable)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 11:00 am CCW Baked Goodies @ Casserole Sale (MSS)
 11:00 am Children's Choir Practice
 12:00 pm Sunday Mass at CTK
 1:00 pm CTK Altar Guild Meeting

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. 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 622-2120 despues de las 5 de la tarde. La Sociedad invita a toda el mundo a participar. Las reuniones son el 3er jueves del mes.

Caring & Sharing Christmas donations of cranberry sauce, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned vegetables, stuffing, gravy mix. Donations may be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

Altar Linen Schedule

Dec. 14 Joyce Haley
 Dec. 21 Ursula Mazzolini



The family of **Gloria Clayton** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. Gloria's surgery went very well. Anyone wishing to send her a note or get well wish may send it to:
 50 Rhodes Cove
 Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459