

**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.

**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.

**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).

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, December 8-9**

The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today, 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care. More than 19,000 religious (mostly sisters and nuns) have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for the projected costs of living and health care as they age. Please be generous for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**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.

- To identify and train 6 group leaders to implement 6 bible-based small faith-sharing groups during Lent and Advent.
- To develop the resources to fund a full-time youth minister..
- 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.
- Publish an annual report on the state of the parish.

This week Fr. Tom will ask for parishioners to fill out **The Welcome Back!** cards that are in the pews.

Also, Fr. will invite interested parishioners to join **Our Fiat Committee**. Our Fiat is the program for small faith sharing groups. Ushers will pass out the cards for new members to sign up. The Fiat table will be in the Mary Star of the Sea Room before and after Masses this weekend. The newly formed **Our Fiat Committee/Team** will meet in the Admin Bldg on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm.

**Angel Tree**

The annual Angel Tree is set up in the MSS. Please take one of the tags for deserving children. The gifts must be turned in by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you attach the tag to your gift. Thank you!!

**Bayou le Batre Update**

St. Rita has an ongoing relationship with Hurricane Katrina victims in Bayou le Batre, Alabama. On Thanksgiving Day St. Rita provided 40 families with complete Thanksgiving dinners. The town still has various needs in order to recover totally from the devastation of the hurricane. Fifty new units of government housing have been built to date. However, the families living in these units need furniture and household goods. For further information on how you can help, contact Zeké Bratkowski at 267-1226 or Paul Lebléu at 267-1073.

**We're Going  
Caroling**

Following the Youth Communal Adoration at 6:00 pm on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Group will be caroling parishioners wishing to bring in the wonderful Advent Season with song and praise. **For anyone wishing to participate either by caroling or being caroled to, please**

contact Lynn at [lynndre@yahoo.com](mailto:lynndre@yahoo.com). You will be called to inform you of the approximate time of arrival of carolers. The evening will conclude with hot chocolate and cookies in the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception  
December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mass times  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Vigil – 7:00 PM  
at CTK**

December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM at St. Rita

**Mass Intentions for Week of December 2, 2007**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 2** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM People of St. Rita  
 10:00 AM +Louis Riggio  
 by Tony & Micheline Riggio  
 12:00 PM People of Christ the King

**Monday, Dec. 3** *St. Francis Xavier*  
 8:00 AM +John Yingling  
 by Tom & Mary Kay Collins

**Tuesday, Dec. 4** *St. John of Damascus*  
 8:00 AM +Charles Ernest  
 by Ed & Char Carone

**Wednesday, Dec. 5** *Advent Weekday*  
 5:15 PM +Stella Snyder  
 by Mary Kay Collins

**Thursday, Dec. 6** *St. Nicholas*  
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

**Friday, Dec. 7** *St Ambrose*  
 8:00 AM Fran & Jack Donlan  
 by Tom & Mary Kay Collins

6:00 PM **Immaculate Conception Vigil**  
 Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, Dec. 8** *Immaculate Conception*  
 9:00 AM **Holy Day Mass**  
*Vigil: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
 5:30 PM +The Spacek Family  
 by Ed & Ursula Mazzolini



**God's Word This Week**

**Monday:** *Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11*  
**Tuesday:** *Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24*  
**Wednesday:** *Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37*  
**Thursday:** *Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27*  
**Friday:** *Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31*  
**Saturday:** *Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38*  
**Sunday:** *Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

**BE PREPARED**

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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, Ralph Barnard, 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.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
<i>Offertory</i>	\$ 6,525.80	\$ 408.00
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</i>	\$ 2,621.00	\$ .00
<i>Spanish Mass</i>	\$ 462.78	\$

**Parish Council Meeting Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm in the Mary Star of the Sea Room. We will be discerning the use of the west end of our property at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 2**

8:00 am **Mass**  
 8:45 am **R. E. Classes** (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 9:00 am **Pro-Life General Meeting** (MSS)  
 9:15 am **Family Class & Communal Adoration** (Church)  
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**  
 11:30 am **St. Rita Habitat for Humanity Meeting**  
 12:00 pm **Mass @ CTK**  
 1:00 am **Potluck Dinner at CTK**

**Monday, Dec. 3**

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** (Portable) Grades 5-11  
 6:30 pm **Pastoral Council Meeting** (MSS)  
 7:00 pm **Prayer Group**

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**

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, Dec. 5**

9:00 am **Sewing Group** (MSS)  
 5:15 pm **Daily Mass**  
 5:45 pm **Potluck Dinner** (MSS)  
 6:00 pm **Hispanic Ministry** (Church)  
 6:30 pm **Spirit Night** (MSS) Topic: The Liturgical Year  
 6:30 pm **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class for Parents, students in special class**

6:30 pm **R. E. Classes** Grades 5-12 (Portables)

**Thursday, Dec. 6**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**  
 8:30 am **Rosary**  
 3:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (Portable)  
 6:30 pm **IMF Class** (MSS)

**Friday, Dec. 7**

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)  
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**  
 8:30 am **Home School Communal Adoration**  
 9:00 am **12 hour Silent Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition**  
 6:00 pm **Communal Adoration** (Church)  
 6:00 pm **Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil**  
**Mass at Christ the King**

**Saturday, Dec. 8 HOLY DAY**

9:00 am **Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass at St. Rita**  
 10:00 am **RCIA Morning of Reflection**  
 4:30 pm **Confessions**  
 5:30 pm **Vigil Mass**  
 6:30 pm **Children's Christmas Pageant** (MSS)  
 7:00 pm **Misa en Espanol**

**Sunday, Dec. 9**

8:00 am **Mass**  
 8:45 am **R.E. Classes** (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**  
 12:00 pm **Mass at CTK**  
 3:00 pm **Ecumenical Christmas Concert Matinee** at Christ the King Episcopal Church  
 7:00 pm **Ecumenical Christmas Concert** at CTK Episcopal

**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**

December 2 Cathy Tullos  
 December 9 Brigid Iannuzzi

Saturday Vigil will continue to be at 5:30PM until January 5, 2008 when it will change to 4:00 PM.

**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. F. Alfonso  
 Mr. & Mrs. M. Allen  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Alvarez  
 Mr. & Mrs. V. Anderson  
 Mr. & Mrs. V. Caggiano

