

St. Rita Home Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to help with one of our Parish Goals to fully sponsor a Habitat for Humanity home, please attend the next meeting on **Monday, January 7 at 6:30 pm** in the Portable Classroom. Also on the schedule is a parish fundraiser for Habitat on Saturday, January 26, 2008. We will have a **Pancake Breakfast** combined with a **"Nearly New Sale"**. Volunteers and "nearly new" items are needed. Please call Marshall Wright at 278-6657 or Dave Casey at 830-6905 for additional information.

Christmas Schedule

December 24th 5:00 pm -
Children's Vigil Mass at St.
Rita

December 25th 12:00 am - St.
Rita

8:30 am - CTK

10:00 am - St. Rita

New Year's Mass

Schedule

Monday, December 31st, 7:00 PM
- CTK

Tuesday, January 1
9:00 AM - St. Rita

Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas at 9:00 AM on December 24th.

**Sewing Group will
resume January 9, 2008**

Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming 2008

Snowbird Events

Monday, January 14th

Snowbird Breakfast

Friday, January 18th 3-7 pm Fish Fry

Saturday, February 2nd 3-7 pm

Pasta Dinner

Friday, February 15th 3-7 pm

Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th 3-7 pm Fish Fry

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. For more information call or email Dave Dabria at 267-1138 -

ddabria@embarqmail.com.

Christ the King

Come help your fellow parishioner plan the future for the parish on Monday, December 31 at 10:00 AM. We will be brainstorming, praying and sharing fellowship the way that only we can do here at Christ the King. Hopefully, by now you have received your date cards.

Mass Intentions for Week of December 23, 2007

Saturday, Dec. 22 *Vigil: 4th Sunday Of Advent*
 5:30 PM +Reiko Martens
 by Don & Judi Rutland

Sunday, Dec. 2 *4th Sunday Of Advent*
 8:00 AM The Logue Family
 The Tony & Dee Logue
 People of St. Rita
 People of Christ the King

Monday, Dec *Christmas Vigil*
 5:00 PM +Father Dan Butler
 by Joe & Lyn Colello

Tuesday, Dec *Nativity of Our Lord*
 12:00 AM Mi The People of St. Rita
 10:00 AM The People of St. Rita
 8:30 AM People of Christ the King
 at Christ the King Mission

Wednesday, Dec. 26 *St. Stephen*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Thursday, Dec. 27 *St. John the Apostle*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Friday, Dec. 28 *The Holy Innocents*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service

Saturday, Dec. 29 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
 5:30 PM +Carol Cloos
 by Edward Cloos



God's Word This Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: *Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]*
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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 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, Michael Trombley, Bill Hodge, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey, Jack Byrd & Chuck Warman. 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	\$ 7,681.00	\$ 489.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 2,179.31	\$ 10.00

This week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Dec. 23
 8:00 am Mass
 8:45 am NO R. E. Classes (K-4th grade)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 12:00 pm Mass @ CTK

Monday, Dec. 24
 5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
 All Children & their families are particularly welcome.
 6:30 pm Santa's Visit (MSS)

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Office Closed
 12:00 am Midnight Mass at St. Rita
 8:30 am Christmas Day Mass at Christ the King
 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass at St. Rita

Wednesday, Dec. 26 – Office Closed
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service

Thursday, Dec. 27
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Holy Communion Service
 8:30 am Rosary

Friday, Dec. 28
 7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)
 8:00 am Daily Mass
 8:30 am Holy Hour & Exposition

Saturday, Dec. 29
 9:00 am Centering Prayer (MSS)
 4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 30
 8:00 am Mass
 8:45 am NO R. E. Classes (K-4th grades)
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
 12:00 pm Mass at CTK

From Father Tom
 & the St. Rita Staff
 A Blessed Christmas
 &
 Happy New Year!!



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 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 23 Dee Logue
 December 30 Paula Michalak

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

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NAUGHTY IS UP 10% THIS YEAR ... NOT THAT IT MATTERS, THEY'RE ALL GETTING LOVE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER ALL

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. R. Barnard
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Barnhart
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Barrett
- Mr. & Mrs. R. Bartleson
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Cortsen