

St. Rita Home Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to help with one or our Parish Goals to fully sponsor a Habitat for Humanity home, please attend the next meeting on Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm in the Portable Classroom. Please call Marshall Wright at 278-6657 or Dave Casey at 830-6905 for additional information.

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, call 385-2125 or e-mail j_kinneer@yahoo.com.

Angel Tree

Remember the gifts must be turned in by December 12th and please make sure you attach the tag to your gift. Thank you!!

Run out of Christmas Gift Giving Ideas?

How about a Goat for that person who has everything? Our St. Rita Goat Club can provide you with that "perfect" gift that can be named by you or by the recipient. Or, you may also choose bees or a sheep. The cost is \$100 for a goat, varying costs for bees, and \$200 for a sheep. For more information call Irene Haliday at 267-3302. Give a gift that will be remembered and help out Bosnia Relief as well.

Christmas Schedule
December 24th 5:00 pm -
Children's Vigil Mass
December 25th 12:00 am - St.
Rita
9:00 am - St. Rita
9:00 am - CTK

**Don't Forget
St. Rita
Christmas Party
December 14th
6:30 PM
At FINZ**

Tickets are still available \$35.00 per person. **The deadline is December** - so hurry and purchase your tickets!!!

**Tree of Remembrance
Wednesday, December
19th**

At the 5:15 PM Mass

We will remember our loved ones who have died by placing an ornament with their name on our tree. You may bring your own special ornament or we will have ornaments available (ornaments will be returned).

We suggest you come early if you need to have your ornament inscribed. A Potluck Dinner will follow, so bring a special dish to share.

**Parish
Reconciliation
Service
Tuesday, December
11th
7:00 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.

Mass Intentions for Week of December 9, 2007

Saturday, Dec. 8 *Vigil: 2nd Sunday Of Advent*
 5:30 PM +The Spacek Family
 Ed & Ursula Mazzolini
Sunday, Dec. 9 *2nd Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 AM +Frances Mongesku
 by Wallace & Lillian Renc
 10:00 AM People of St. Rita
 12:00 PM People of Christ the King
Monday, Dec. 10 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM +Fran Dougherty
 by the Banking Ministry
Tuesday, Dec. 11 *Advent Weekday*
 8:00 AM Joseph P. Horengta
 by Peter Heuzenga
Wednesday, Dec. 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 5:15 PM Special Intention
Thursday, Dec. 13 *St. Lucy*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 14 *St John of the Cross*
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service
Saturday, Dec. 15 *Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent*
 5:30 PM +Gordon Hough
 by the Asteinza Family

**Second Collection
 Religious Retirement Fund**

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 9 Brigid Iannuzzi
 December 16 Ursula Mazzolini

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

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*

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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, Michael Trombley, Bill Hodge, Pat Barnard, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey & Lynn Waddell. If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Dan Butler**, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville, who died this past week. Please pray for all those who love him and will miss him.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

	<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Christ the King</i>
Offertory	\$ 9,812.50	\$ 471.00
2nd Collection	\$ 2,557.00	\$ 75.00

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker

This Week at Saint Rita and Christ the King Mission

Sunday, Dec. 9

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

Monday, Dec. 10

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)
 6:00 pm **Boy Scouts** (Portable) Grades 5-11
 7:00 pm **Ecumenical Christmas Concert @ CTK** Episcopal
 7:00 pm **Prayer Group**

Tuesday, Dec. 11

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Daily Mass**
 8:30 am **Rosary** (Church)
 8:30 am **Bible Study** (Revelations) - MSS
 6:30 pm **Advent Parish Reconciliation & 1st Reconciliation**

Wednesday, Dec. 12

9:00 am **Sewing Group** (MSS)
 3:30 pm **Daisy Troop Meeting** (Portable)
 5:15 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe – **Rosary** followed by bless of our statue in the courtyard.
 6:00 pm **Bi-lingual Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe** followed by a feast
 6:30 pm **R. E. Classes** Grades 5-12 (Portables)

Thursday, Dec. 13

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**
 8:30 am **Rosary**
 9:00 am **St. Elizabeth Study Group** (Cry Room)
 3:00 pm **Cub Scouts** (Portable)
 6:30 pm **IMF Class** (MSS)

Friday, Dec. 14

7:40 am **Morning Prayer** (Church)
 8:00 am **Holy Communion Service**
 6:30 pm **St Rita Christmas Party**

Saturday, Dec. 15

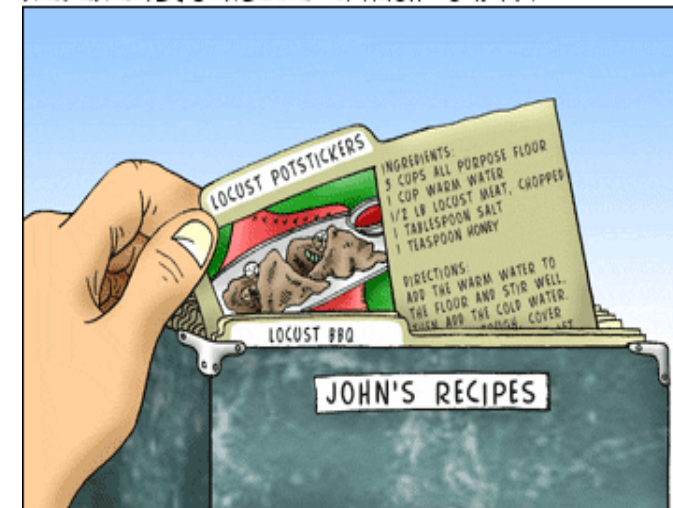
9:00 am **Centering Prayer** (MSS)
 2:30 pm **Our Fiat Committee Meeting** (Admin Center)
 4:30 pm **Confessions**
 5:30 pm **Vigil Mass**

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:00 am **Mass**
 8:45 am **R.E. Classes** (K-4th grades)
 10:00 am **Mass with Children's Liturgy**
 12:00 pm **Mass at CTK**
 1:00 pm **Christ the King Altar Guild Meeting**
 6:00 pm **Boy Scouts Court of Honor Ceremony & Potluck** (MSS)



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Thanks to Jan Schultz (See Matthew 3:1-17)

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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. L. Anthony
- Mr. & Mrs. K. Arnette
- Mr. & Mrs. G. Arnold
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Asteinza
- Ms. Diane Celestini