

### Schedule for Lenten Fridays

5:15 PM  Mass

5:45 PM  Soup & Salad Dinner

6:30 PM  Stations of the Cross

Several groups have volunteered to coordinate the Soup & Salad Dinners. This Friday the Habitat for Humanity will sponsor the Soup & Salad Dinner.

### Substitute

#### Guardians of the Hour

Are needed for Eucharistic Adoration. Please call Judi Rutland at 231-4760 or Lyn Colello at 267-0932 if you are interested in this Ministry.

#### Created & Redeemed Seminar Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Sign In - 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Seminar - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

St. Dominic Catholic Church  
Panama City

For Information call Deacon Sal Cirabisi at 850/785-4574 or  
[scirabisi@comcast.net](mailto:scirabisi@comcast.net)

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual DCCW Convention "Catholic Social Teaching: Renewing the Face of the Earth"

April 20 - 23

#### Ramada Plaza Beach Resort

Fort Walton Beach

Schedule includes a balance of prayer, fellowship, and information sessions.

Deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Parish



**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Please bring gloves, rakes, blowers. We are planning on planting new trees to replace our oaks that have died. We need all the help that we can get to prepare St. Rita for the Easter season.

#### Parish Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 11 6:30 PM

The Church requires that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least one time a year with more frequent receptions of the sacrament encouraged. Several priests will be available for confession during this service. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior at Easter.

#### Corporeal Work of Mercy

Female member of our parish who is physically disabled needs someone who will assist her once a week with personal hygiene. If you can help, please call Terry at 267-2558.

## From Our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ:

In the story of the Last Judgment, Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, in prison, or strangers, we turn away from Christ. When we act with compassion, generosity, and commitment to justice for the "least among us," we act as his true disciples.

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection** is an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity. The Collection is scheduled for March 1-2 in our diocese. The Collection theme, *Jesus in disguise*, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The Collection helps build the Church's international social ministry by funding the work of six agencies:

**Catholic Relief Services**, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States, assists people in 98 countries on the basis of need—not race, creed, or nationality. Catholic Relief Services creates opportunities for Catholics in the United States to live their faith in solidarity with poor people overseas by providing financial support and addressing the root causes of poverty.

**Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.**, provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants. It also advocates for comprehensive immigration reform. Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest.

**Migration and Refugee Services**, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, annually resettles one quarter of the refugees admitted to the United States, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides advocacy for and pastoral care to many newcomers and persons on the move.

**Justice, Peace, and Human Development** (formerly Social Development and World Peace), of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice. It works to build the capacity of the Church to respond to global concerns such as religious freedom, poverty, and hunger.

**The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church** (SCDC), of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has as part of its mission the evangelization and pastoral care of immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. The SCDC supports a network of national pastoral centers, pastoral consultants, and diocesan personnel who minister to various ethnic groups and migrant communities.

**The Holy Father's Relief Fund** assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

By giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you are responding to *Jesus in disguise*. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection) for more information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend John H. Ricard, SSJ  
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee

#### FILL US

*Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.*

—Christina Rossetti

## Pro Arte Chorale Of Northwest Florida "Light And Life"

Featuring the exquisite "Faure Requiem"

Also, Beethoven's "Hallelujah", Haydn's "Sing to the Lord with Joy and Gladness", and other selections.

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3:00 PM at Santa Rosa  
Beach**

**Community Church  
Suggested donation \$10**

For more information call 267-3714 or visit [www.proartechorale.com](http://www.proartechorale.com).

Intercessor of the  
Lamb Prayer Group  
Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM  
Christ Our Redeemer, Niceville  
If your heart longs to intercede in prayer for others, and you have an attraction to both charismatic and contemplative prayer, please come and join us. For more information call Mary Schwartz at 729-2194.

Life Line Screening  
Good News United  
Methodist Church  
Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Pre-Registration Required: call 800-324-1851.

**Sacred Heart Hospital Chapel  
Masses on Tuesday & Thursdays  
at 11:30 AM.**

**Mass Intentions for Week of February 24, 2008**

**Saturday, Mar. 1** *Vigil: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 4:00 PM +Dolores Brashear  
 by Don & Judi Rutland  
**Sunday, Mar. 2** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00 AM Carolyn Sittenauer  
 by Joe & Lyn Colello  
 10:00 AM People of St. Rita  
 12:00 PM +Basil Barry  
**Monday, Mar. 3** *Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM +Victor Gallo  
 by The Gallo Family  
**Tuesday, Mar. 4** *Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM +Fredrick Holmes  
 by John & Barbara Attley  
**Wednesday, Mar. 5** *Lenten Weekday*  
 5:15 PM +Joyce Despotos  
 by Jerry & Caryl Hartman  
**Thursday, Mar. 6** *Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM Holy Communion Service  
**Friday, Mar. 7** *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*  
 5:15 PM +Ron Miller  
 by Vern Weber  
**Saturday, Mar. 8** *Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 4:00 PM Ken McKenna  
 7:00 PM 'hil & Penny Spizale  
 Misa en Espanol

**SECOND COLLECTION  
 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

**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 diapers, 1-5, and toothpaste. Donations can be dropped off at the Mary Star of the Sea Room.

**Altar Linen Schedule**

March 2 Anna Fowler  
 March 9 Paula Michalak

**CSA** (Catholic Sharing Appeal) Please return your CSA Pledge card as soon as possible.

**God's Word This Week**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT**

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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 B. Johnston, Isabelle O'Brian, Donna Boe, Curt Clauson, Rich Renner, Rita Moran, Donna Prijatelj, Laurene Sugar, Jack Weidman, Sam Stokes, Sophie Lawrence, Betty Miller, Jackie Enderle, John A. McGuire, Berenice Newell, Ellen Best, Birdle Causey, Michael McKeon, Kermit Driscoll, Rex Akridge, Rita & Harold Lang, Dick & Barbara Howell, Kim Bakane, Fr. Richardson, Pat Barnard, William Horne, Danika Darley, Barb Bukaty, David Haliday, Cullen Riley Hill, & Chuck Warman.** If there is someone who needs special prayers at Mass, please call the office so we can include them.

Please pray for the soul of **Ellen Barton**, and the soul of **Mable Wesson**, mother of Cliff Wesson, who died this past week. Pray for the consolation of their family & friends.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

	St. Rita	Christ the King
Offertory	\$ 10,544.11	\$ 659.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 4,427.48	\$
Spanish Mass	\$ 282.00	

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

**Sunday, Mar. 2**

8:00 am Mass – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrunity  
 8:45 am Family R. E. Classes (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 9:15 am R.E. Communal Adoration with parents  
 9:00 am CCW Bake Sale after Mass (MSS)  
 9:00 am Pro-Life General Meeting (MSS)  
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy  
 12:00 pm Mass @ CTK  
 1:00 pm CTK Potluck Dinner

**Monday, Mar. 3**

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Daily Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary (Church)  
 3:30 pm Brownie Troop #303 (Portable)  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Grades 5-11 (MSS)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Church)

**Tuesday, Mar. 4**

7:40 am Morning Prayer (Church)  
 8:00 am Daily Mass  
 8:30 am Rosary  
 9:00 am Bible Study: Exodus (MSS)  
 1:00 pm CTK Goal Workshop  
 6:30 pm IMF Class (Admin. Center)

**Wednesday, Mar. 5**

9:00 am Sewing Group (MSS) Everyone is welcome to help. Skills not necessary.  
 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 Nite (MSS) Topic: "Confirmation" by St. Rita Youth Group  
 6:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Class for Parents & Students (All in Office Bldg.)  
 6:30 pm R.E. Classes Grades 5-12 (Portables)

**Thursday, Mar. 6**

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

**Friday, Mar. 7**

8:30 am Home School Communal Adoration  
 9:00 am Silent Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition (1<sup>st</sup> Friday 12-hour Adoration)  
 3:00 pm Fish Fry (MSS)  
 5:15 pm Lenten Daily Mass  
 5:45 pm Fish Fry Dinner  
 6:00 pm Communal Adoration for all.  
 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, Mar. 8**

8:00 am PARISH WORKDAY  
 9:00 am Centering Prayer (Church)  
 3:00 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass  
 7:00 pm Misa en Espanol

**Sunday, Mar. 9 Daylight Savings**

8:00 am Mass  
 8:45 am R.E. Classes (K-4<sup>th</sup> grades)  
 10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrunity at 10 am Mass  
 12:00 pm Mass at CTK  
 1:00 pm CTK Goal Workshop

**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. Mary Jo Capra  
 Ms. Kathy Capral  
 Mr. & Mrs. B. Carollo  
 Mr. & Mrs. E. Carone  
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Guss