

Readings for the Coming Week

Monday, February 27

Sirach 17:20-24
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, February 28

Sirach 35:1-12
Psalm 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 1

Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6:16-18

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 3

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 4

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9: 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Crafting Chicks will meet on Tuesday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. This group is for anyone who quilts, scrapbooks, knits, crochets, and/or enjoys needle work. Basically if you like to craft you will enjoy this group. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Child Care

We have child care available for children 4 years and younger during the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday's in room 6 of the RE building.

MASSES INTENTIONS

While Father Steve is recovering from knee surgery there will **only** be communion services. **There will be no daily Masses.** If you have scheduled a daily Mass between February 6th and March 3rd please contact the office to reschedule the Mass intention. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m.: † Walter Perecko (Maureen Perrecko)
† Joseph Mistretta (Joan Mistretta)

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m.: † Ronnie DiPacido (Rose Ann Baayens)
† Barry Johnson (Malee & Ed Leech)
11:00 a.m.: ♥ For the People
5:00 p.m.: † Karie Hayden (Tuyet Nguyen)

Communion Service Schedule February 13 - March 3

Monday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.

To schedule a Mass Intention, please come by the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10.00.

75% OFF

The House of St. Joseph the Workman Catholic Book and Gift Store at 319 Racetrack Rd. NE FWB is going out of business. Beginning February 13, all merchandise is 75% off. No special orders. NO layaways. For additional information call 862-9039.

Diocesan Marriage Retreat ~ Abide with Me

If you and your spouse are looking for a weekend away to deepen your relationship with the Lord and one another, look no further than the 2017 Diocesan Marriage Retreat, "Abide with Me", which will be taking place April 21-23 at Topsail Hill State Park. Couples will have their own cabins with access to beaches and trails. Father Matt Worthen of Little Flower Parish will assist in leading the retreat filled with talks, sacraments, and quality time together. The cost is **\$250 per couple**. Space is limited to 20 couples due to limited amount of cabins available at the park. The Diocese is unable to provide childcare for the weekend for those with children. Register online at diocese.org/events/abide2017 or call 435-3553.

CHASTITY PROGRAM

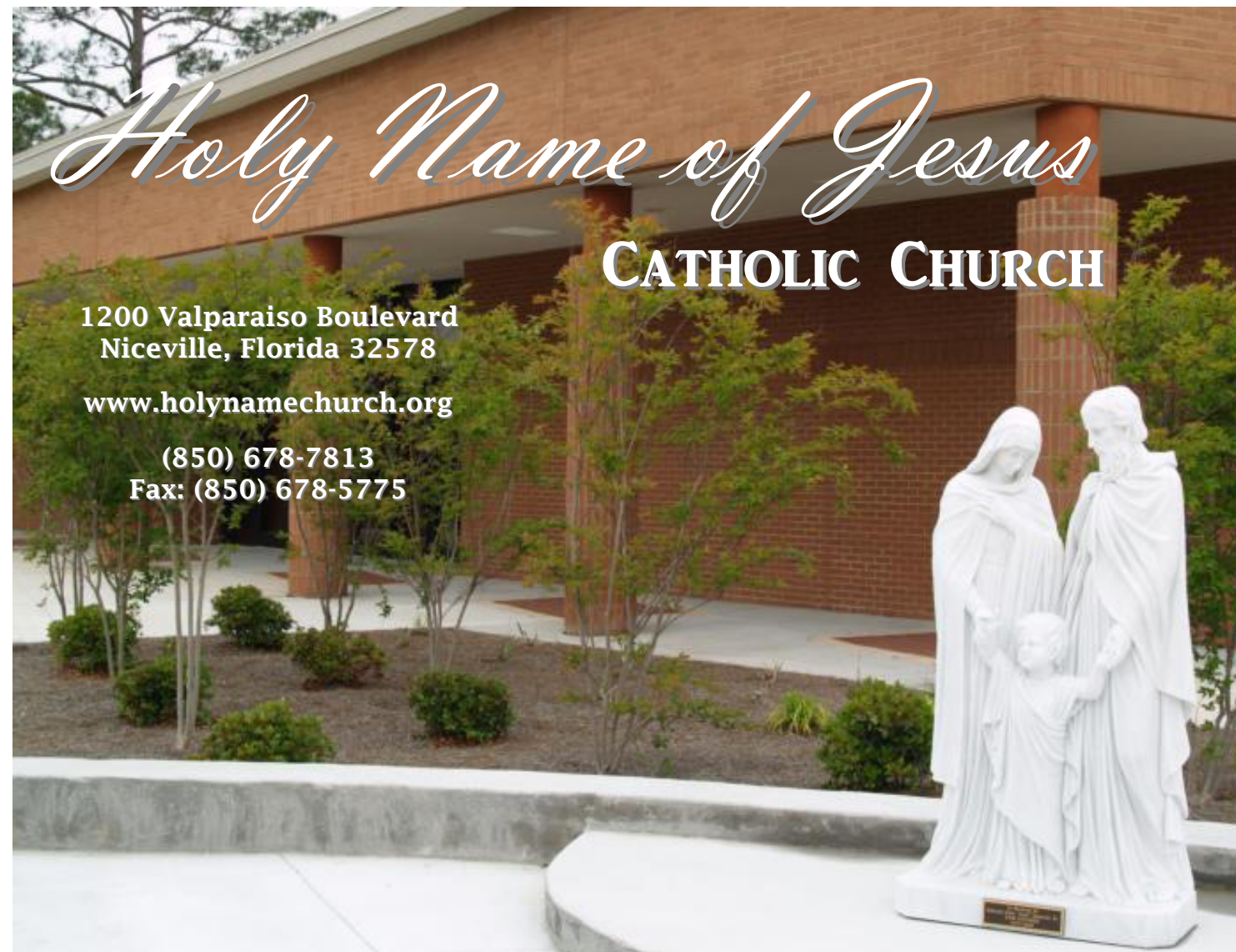
Parents together with their 7th & 8th grade child are invited to Family Honor's "Real Love & Real Life" Catholic chastity program presented at Sacred Heart Hospital on Saturday, April 1st, 9am -4pm. Spend time with each other & discuss God's gift of sexuality & the real meaning of love. **Topics discussed:** communication skills, how to grow in virtue, believing in your true self-worth, fertility appreciation, guidelines for future dating, Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, & how to set future goals that lead to a happy, healthy, & holy life. Professionally trained presenters make this is a fast-pace program with funny skits, parent-child focus time, audience participation, & more. Cost \$40/family. Presented locally for 14 yrs. For more information contact Debra Hitpas [850-384-5070](tel:850-384-5070) Register: FamilyHonor.org Please sign-up before March 24th.

Feeding the Homeless Program... A Thank you Note

"Come you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me..." "I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me. (Matt 25, 34-35,40)

Jesus is offering a high rate of return on the casseroles you've prepared, meatloaves, hams & chickens baked, salads mixed, vegetables cooked, fruit delivered and the support provided by those for whom shopping and cooking are not options. Each and every donation is a gift to those who pass thru the homeless shelter. These homeless are, "the least important of these followers of mine".

Opportunity Place is a shelter for homeless women, children and families in FWB. The shelter can house up to 34 residents; at least half are usually children. HNJ parishioners have been preparing meals twice a month since February 2010. Volunteers, for the past eight years you have been feeding God's homeless. You, the generous parishioners of Holy Name, may God bless you a hundredfold. Thank You.



Holy Name of Jesus CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 26, 2017 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & First Sat 8:00 a.m.
Wed & First Fri..... 6:00 p.m.

Communion Schedule

Tues and Wed 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays..... 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Fridays..... Adoration begins right after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues through the night, through Saturday, until 4:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays and **3:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:
Mon – Thurs
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Niceville Catholic Outreach Office
(850-678-7861)
Mon – Thurs
9:00 a.m. – Noon

Pastoral Staff

Pastor :	Father Stephen Voyt
Parish Administrator:	Deacon Gary M. McBride
Deacons:	Deacon James B. Cox Deacon Thomas J. Fraités Deacon Louis A. Marini Deacon John Shin

Parish Staff

Finance Manager:	Randy O'Connor
Office Manager:	Monica Peppler
Administration:	Carolyn Cox
Faith Formation Director:	Pia Elsesser
Director of Children's Ministry:	Lisa Sherwin
Youth Minister:	Aaron Slayback
Music & Audio-Visual:	Christa Cloutier
Maintenance:	Fran Huttle
PLC Manager:	Monica Atkinson



Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Christian mission of peace, service, outreach, and fellowship through love, prayer, evangelization, and ministries so both the human and spiritual needs of our growing parish family and community are always met.

Stewardship

Weekend of February 18 & 19, 2017

Offertory.....\$15,400.34

To date 8 parishioners have pledged \$8,050.00.

May God Bless You For Your Generosity!

ENCOUNTER LENT CRS RICE BOWL'S COMING SOON

Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of ENCOUNTER with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the **Admin Lobby or the Vestibule beginning March 1st**. Don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app, crsricebowl.org/about.app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

The Little Black Books

There are a few Lent meditation books (Little Black Books) left. You will find them in the reading rack in the vestibule and on a table in the admin lobby. They are free (one per family) and are filled with great Lenten devotions.

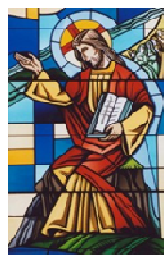


From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the American Family Planning Abortion Facility at 6115 Village Oaks Drive in Pensacola and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: the Emerald Coast Coalition for Life by e-mail at 40daysforlifepensacola@eccfl.org or by calling 850-889-1035.

The parish is invited to a graveside service for Art and Dolly Muehlenfeld on Friday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Gardens. A memorial luncheon will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Boathouse restaurant.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Vukasovic, a long time parishioner who passed away on February 16, 2017.

May her soul rest in peace.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is continued in today's Gospel reading from Matthew, is the Lord's longest sermon recorded in all of Holy Scripture. It is included in two of the four Gospels — Matthew and Luke. Interestingly, Matthew states that Jesus spoke on the mountain ("He went up the mountain." Matthew 5:1). Luke, on the other hand, maintains that Jesus gave the sermon after he came down from the mountain ("...coming down with them, he took his stand on a level stretch." Luke 6:17). Thus, Luke's version is often called the Sermon on the Plain.

Regardless, the important aspects of the sermon are that the Lord lays out for us what we must do to be His disciples. Jesus has high expectations of us, such hopes for us, as a matter of fact, that we cannot possibly fulfill them. The point is not that we can achieve perfection in the Lord's eyes, but that we diligently work to do so. Following stewardship as a way of life is that kind of an effort.

Today's Gospel includes one of the most quoted statements of the entire Sermon. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Sometimes we struggle with exactly where to start. Jesus' point is that we start with God, place our trust in Him, and the rest will follow. "Tomorrow will take care of itself."

Please don't forget to return your CSA commitment card. The parish and the diocese rely upon the support of every one of us to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Disciples. Each of us can make a positive difference.

Ladies Sodality News

Put on the gardening gloves! It's almost time for clearing and planting! If you have a gardening problem or a gardening question, now is the time to ask a master gardener. Donna Elliott and Ann Foley will both be on hand at our next meeting, Friday, March 3rd to answer your questions. We begin after Mass on First Friday with breakfast, a short meeting followed by the program. Eileen Underwood will host a drawing for a gardening cart full of nifty items for your yard. Tickets are available from Eileen and the money goes to charity.

At our February meeting Elizabeth Conrad enlightened us with her wealth of knowledge on the Heifer International Program and how the gift of one animal can support a family, send children to school and begin to build a better community. With our donation of \$250 we bought a goat and gave to their program of empowering women.

Compassionate Friends Meets Thursday, March 2 @ 7:00 pm

Compassionate Friends is a non-sectarian national organization that welcomes bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and immediate family members to its meetings when they have suffered the death of a child. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in Room 2 of the RE building at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2nd. For more information, call Diane Kingsley at (850)398-6394 or visit their national website, www.compassionatefriends.org.

“Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return.”

Ash Wednesday Masses on March 1st will be at 8:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm. This is not a holy day of obligation but all are encouraged to attend. During the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing until Holy Thursday, the Church asks us to practice charitable giving for the sake of others. Recalling Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness, we believe that our consistent participation in these practices is a form of purification that deepens our spiritual center by stripping away all that is unnecessary and reminding us of our sole reliance on God.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent we will have stations of the cross in the church at 6:00 p.m. We will begin this Friday, March 3. Please join us as we journey with Christ on his passion and death.

There will be no First Friday evening Mass due to Stations of the Cross.

Join us for a Meatless Soup Meal After Stations of the Cross

All are invited to join us on Friday, March 3rd in the PLC for a meatless soup meal immediately following Stations of the Cross. There is **NO COST** but we will have a donation bucket out as part of our alms giving for Lent. We hope to see you after Stations!

RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING

Mark your calendars

Sunday April 23 - Saturday April 29

- Sun, Time TBD. Set up PLC. Strong men & women needed.
- Mon-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. Accept donations, sort & price.
- Wednesday, late night until 6:00 p.m.
- Fri & Sat: 7:00 a.m. till noon. Sell, sell, sell !!
- Volunteers welcome. Offering food, fun and camaraderie.

Contact Pat H. 678-6218, tbearladi@cox.net or Eileen 678-6222, eileen.boggy9@gmail.com.

Parish Life Center News

Open Gym/Basketball:

Sunday, February 26: **NO OPEN GYM** (pancake breakfast)
Thursday, March 2: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday, March 5: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Walking: Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Weight Training 101 is on Friday's at 5pm. This Class is for beginners and is designed to introduce individuals to strength and weight training setting them up to eventually work out on their own.

Yoga/Pilates is 9:30 a.m. on Thursday's. This class is for all levels of fitness and is designed to create strong, flexible, muscles. **The cost of all classes is \$3. Please bring a water bottle, towel and mat (pilates/voga).**

Old Geezer basketball is for those over the age of 45. Held every Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the PLC.

Lenten Penance Services

Christ Our Redeemer	March 6 - 6:30 p.m.
St. Rita	March 23 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary	March 27 - 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Victory	March 29 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter	March 30 - 7:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi	March 31 - 7:00 p.m.
Holy Name of Jesus	April 4 - 7:00 p.m.
Resurrection	TBA



KNIGHTS' KNOTES

The Knights of Columbus Council #7667 is again offering four \$1,500 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who will be continuing their education at a college or university. Seniors should speak to their high school guidance counselor or visit their high school website for a copy of the application. The application may also be found on the Knights of Columbus Council #7667 website at kofc7667.org under the Scholarship Application section.

The deadline for submission is 24 April.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: We will hold our monthly pasta dinner in the PLC on **March 4 at 6:00 pm**. The menu consists of spaghetti, meatballs and sauce, Italian sausage, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children under 16.

Youth News

NCYC17: Called - There will be a meeting for all those interested in NCYC17 on **February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the CYM zone. The National Catholic Youth Conference is a biennial event that brings together thousands of young people (23,000+) from around the USA for an amazing faith-filled weekend! This will be open to current 9th - 11th High School Youth. We will discuss travel, times and pricing information!! Contact Aaron for additional details at 678-6790 x121.

2017 Diocesan High School Campout - All high school youth (9th-12th grade) are invited to the 2017 Diocesan Campout on March 31st - April 2nd at Camp Timpooshee here in Niceville. The cost is \$50 and it covers camping fees, activities, meals while at campout and a T-Shirt! This is an outside camping trip with catholic youth from all over the Diocese! Registration forms and fees are due at Life Night on Sunday March 19th!! If you have any questions please email Aaron at aslayback@holynamechurch.org.