REV. JACK SMITH

HOUMA, La. — The Rev. Jack W. Smith, 41, a native of Meridian, died in Houma, La.

An 11 a.m. Mass will be celebrated today at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Meridian, followed by burial in the Catholic Cemetery in Meridian.

Father Smith was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 27, 1970, for the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson. After his ordination he ministered as associate pastor in Greenville, Jackson, Ocean Springs, Starkville, Bay St. Louis, Vicksburg and Pascagoula.

Father Smith had been absent on leave from the Diocese of Biloxi since June 1982.

Survivors include his father, Robert Wesley Smith of Meridian; his mother, Mrs. Gill A. Smith; two brothers, Robert C. Smith and Jon L. Smith, all of Johnson City, Tenn.; and his grandmother, Mrs. Helen Smith of Meridian.

Webb Funeral Home in Meridian is in charge of arrangements.