



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 21, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

DAILY

Mon—Fri 7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday 8:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)
5:00—5:30pm (English)
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MISSION STATEMENT: *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.*

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or stop by the Parish Hall the first Sunday of each month following the 8:45am and 11:00am Masses.

BAPTISM: We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church."

ADS OF THE WEEK

Raymond James

Michael C. Garlisi, Assoc. Vice Pres, Investments

352.291.6707

Gooden Electrical Contracting, Inc.

David Gooden, President

352.369.0555

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

Ministry of the Week

Red & White Banquet

Blessed Trinity Red & White night is a formal dinner-auction fundraiser for Blessed Trinity school. The silent auction is made up of fabulous items donated by area business', national chains and school families. This is followed by an elegant seated dinner and live auction.

Megan Losito Mlosito@btschool.org

STEWARDSHIP

POSTLUCE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Carrie & Derricka Townsend

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Mary Liz Ranieri

Brother's Keeper would like to sincerely thank Mary Liz for sharing her time and talents in our ministry.

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

BAPTISMS:

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.



Our Catholic Appeal

We have had 50 responses so far (not counting all the ones sent into the Diocese).

So far we have \$16,074.21 in donations or pledges.

Our assessment is \$323,230.00.

If you did not get your OCA envelope / pledge sheet, you can get it today in the vestibule or in the stewardship room.

Each one of us has the privilege of supporting our Catholic faith through our Bishop, John Noonan, and the Diocese of Orlando.

Blessed Trinity is happy and proud to be a vital part of the mission of the Diocese and to accept our fare share of the total cost of running the Diocese.

Make your prayerful response as soon as possible.

You can spread your pledge out over 3, 6 or 10 months or make a one time donation.

You can use your credit card.

Please God with your response.

We thank you for your pledge / donation to OCA.

WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb 22	7:10am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	5:30pm	Arline Wixon †
Tuesday, Feb 23	7:10am	Allan Goodwin †
	5:30pm	Vivian Calise †
Wednesday, Feb 24	7:10am	Elizabeth Hurley †
	8:15am	John Della Penna †
	5:30pm	June Sydenham †
Thursday, Feb 25	7:10am	Grace Weiting & Rose Phillips †
	5:30pm	Jacob Kuhn †
Friday, Feb 26	7:10am	Arline Wixon †
	5:30pm	Matthew Fortin †
Saturday, Feb 27	8:00am	Semuddo Family L/D
	4:00pm	Fran Lopez †
	6:00pm	Fran Harwas †
Sunday, Feb 28	7:10am	Elizabeth Hurley †
	8:45am	Larry Fagan †
	11:00am	Alexander Frederick †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Augusto Castro †

Please pray for all those who have recently died.

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



Feb 20/21: No Flowers / Lent

Feb 27/28: No Flowers / Lent

Mar 6/7: No Flowers / Lent

Mar 13/14: No Flowers / Lent



LIFE TEEN NEWS

Sunday, February 21st— Join us for Mass, dinner, and a parish wide Lenten XLT! The XLT will be from 7-8:30pm in the church. We will have a short talk, Adoration, and Praise and Worship! This is a great way to kick off the Lenten season and we hope you are able to join us!

Sunday, February 28th— Join us for Mass, dinner, and Life Night! We will be playing a live game of "Among Us"! It is going to be a great night! Bring your friends and we hope to see you there!

SCRIP HOURS

Wednesday 10am - 12pm (after 1st School Mass)

Thursday 9am - 12pm

(Scrip office open only on school days)

Sunday Mass Schedule

Feb 21

Mar 7

Following the 8:45 mass & before the 11:00 am mass
(excluding holiday weekends)

Orders can be dropped off at the church office anytime during the week and we will fill them on the next scrip office day that we are open. **The scrip office does not have to be open for you to pickup or drop off orders.**

You can also email orders to us at btscrip@btschool.org, we will respond when the order is ready to be picked up.

Does Grief have you hanging by a thread?

Jesus understands grief. Death can cause great pain and confusion for the living, even those of strong faith. Whether your loss was recent or remote, someone young or old, sudden or expected...the grief process can be challenging. Pandemic stress makes things worse. We can help. For 20 years the **Grief Support and Recovery Program** has offered assistance to those struggling with loss. Our next information session begins on **Saturday, March 13th, 2021**, with subsequent sessions on Monday evenings. Attending the Saturday information session does not obligate you to join the program. Want to know more? Please call Casey Ball at 352.687.1081 or 352.216.3278.

The program is free, but registration is required. Group size is limited due to our need for health related precautions. Call now, don't delay.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted

Psalm 34:18



LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA



Matt Fradd is a highly sought-after Catholic speaker and apologist. In this inspiring talk, Matt explains that there is nothing shameful in seeking to live a porn free life. Listen as Matt lays out a seven-step battle plan on how to uproot the vice of pornography in your life once and for all. He is also the founder of ThePornEffect.com, a site offering help to people recover from pornography.

PLEASE NOTE: The CD/Book Kiosk has been relocated to the Stewardship Room. The cost of the CD's and Books is \$5.00. They are not free. To keep this ministry available please deposit \$5.00 per CD/Book. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL

IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR ADORERS

Mondays: 2:00 am - 3:00 am
Tuesdays: 3:00 am - 4:00 am



Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the Adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry's needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

For your special hour of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament email Carol Blackstock, Adoration Coordinator, carolblackstock@gmail.com or call 352.622.7348 or 352.425.8638.

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now. ~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Father Frank Smith

Father Frank Smith was a Priest here at Blessed Trinity many years ago and he is turning 90 on March 22nd.

If you remember Father Smith (even if you don't) it would be so nice if we could flood his mailbox with cards/notes of well wishes from Blessed Trinity!

Father Frank Smith

Hibiscus Court

540 East Hibiscus Blvd. #219

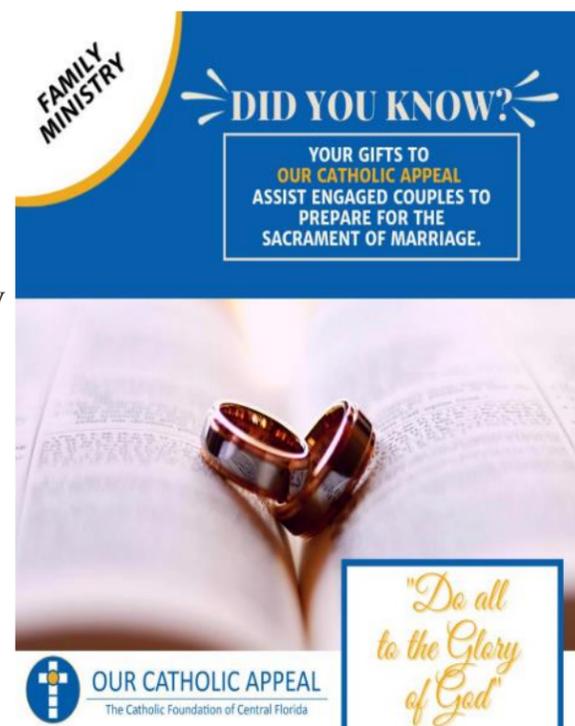
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Did you know? Your gifts to *Our Catholic Appeal* assist engaged couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Every year the Diocese of Orlando helps couples to discover the “beauty and grandeur of the vocation of love and the service of life.” (*Famililiaris Consortio*, 1981) Pre-Cana courses and weekend retreats offer couples a prayer-filled opportunity to address such issues as communication, Natural Family Planning, finance, and parenting- all within the context of Catholic teaching on God’s plan for marriage.

Pre-Cana is just one of the many programs and resources offered by the Secretariat for Laity, Family, and Life, which receives funding through your generous gifts to *Our Catholic Appeal* that it uses to provide support and assistance to parishes across several ministry areas.

For more information visit www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/marriage-preparation-welcome.



HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of His we did for Him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?



Lent 2021

Daily Mass: 7:10am and 5:30pm

Private Prayer: – In the Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day (If you do not know the combination, the church office will be glad to give it to you).

Stations and Benediction:

Every Tuesday at 2:15pm (Starting February 23rd, No stations March 16th)

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm after Soup Meal (Starting February 24th)

Living Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 31st at 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Fish Fry:

Every Friday from 3:30 – 8:00pm (Starting February 19th)

Good Friday: 11:00am – 7:00pm

Soup & Bread Meal:

Every Wednesday from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in the Parish Hall (Starting February 17th)

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and Good Friday, April 2, 2021 are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

REQUEST FOR TUITION

Dear Fr. Patrick and Our Sponsors,

We greet you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ and we thank the Almighty God for His unfailing love that has kept us all through this Pandemic. All Glory and Honor to Him.

It is with our hearts filled with gratitude that we write to you to thank you for the tremendous financial support you offer us towards our education. We would like to report to you that we are progressing successfully because of the contribution of each one of you.

We are the two Ugandan girls that were at Trinity Catholic High School Ocala 2016 to 2018. We are now chasing our dreams of becoming a human Doctor and a civil engineer at the university in Uganda.

FORTUNATE KYOSABA, offering a bachelor's degree in medicine and Surgery is now in the second year progressing to the second semester. This means she has only 3 year left to complete her 5 year course where as GORRET WOMUGISA, offering a bachelor of science in civil engineering is also in her second year progressing to her second semester, which means she will be left with 2 more years to compile her 4 year course.

It is on this note that we kindly ask you for your continued support as we are out of tuition for this coming semester beginning in March. All our hope are in you because our families cannot afford paying for our tuition. Whether small or big contribution can make a huge difference in our lives.

Our overall tuition for both of us for a full semester is \$5,420. We are so grateful to those that have promised to keep part of our journey as we pray that more people support us. We pray and hope to make a difference in many lives in Uganda using the skills we acquire. May the good Lord reward you as you respond to our cause.

Yours In Christ,

FORTUNATE KYOSABA and GORRET WOMUGISA



Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Soup & Bread dinner every Wednesday during Lent. Join us in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Use this meal as a Lenten fast—the food is good for the body and the fast is good for the soul.

Volunteers Needed: If you'd like to assist and serve the Lenten Soup Dinners, please contact Jason at 622-5544 or jason@bkocala.org.

Confirmation

We congratulate the 152 students and adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 20th with our Bishop, John Noonan.

We are very happy for all of you and your parents and sponsors.

You faithfully fulfilled all the instructions required for your preparation of the Sacrament.

You came up with a Saint name—a Saint whose life will influence your living out of the Catholic faith journey.

You chose a sponsor who is an active Catholic—one who has inspired your faith life over the years.

You received the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that you could more easily approach the Bishop with a clearer and purer conscience.

Now—go on with your Catholic faith life, inspired by the Holy Spirit and His gifts you received and be a front line Christian (soldier) making your good mark on the world.

Coming Soon!!

Blessed Trinity Summer Camp will be starting on June 7th. More information will be coming soon!

Blessed Trinity Summer Camp

Help Wanted: Like working with children? BT Summer camp is looking for energetic, faith-filled people who like working with children. Please contact Kathy Watts at 352.622.7458 or kwatts@btschool.org for more information.

Easter Candy Donations Needed

Life Teen will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Bunny on Saturday, April 3rd! Individually wrapped candy donations are needed for our Easter Egg Hunt! Please drop off all donations to the church office by Wednesday, March 31st! As always, thank you for your support!