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<u>MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY</u>		
<u>WEEKEND</u>		
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm	
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am 1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen	
<u>DAILY</u>		
Mon-Fri	7:10 am and 5:30 pm	
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)	
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)	
Saturday	8:00am	
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm

<u>MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES</u>	
<u>WEEKEND</u>	
Saturday	7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am at Christ the King 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)
<u>DAILY</u>	
Tuesday	7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)
Wednesday	4:00 pm at Christ the King 4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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PARISH LIFE

MARCH 10, 2024 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

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STEWARDSHIP

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

You will hear the Gospel story of Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to get out of our personal “comfort zone” and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Nancy LaSelva & Tana Casey

The parish would like to thank Nancy & Tana for using their time and talent to keep our Religious Gift Shop stocked, staffed and running smoothly!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Cynthia Berry

John, Natalie, Frank & Magnolia Chichetto

Guillermo, Valeria, Alan, Alexander & Alonzo Ramirez Perez

Michael, Alexandra, Rhys, Georgiana & Rhoda Forgione

Charles, Christine, Caleb, Gauge, Gavin & Charlotte Walker

Eileen Dicton

Baptisms:

Dorothea Jean Knorr

It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God’s unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God’s gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, “God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God’s gifts.” We need to recognize God’s gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.



WORSHIP

MARCH 10, 2024 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for March

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life.

Help me to be a good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits, and correct my faults. Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others.

Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart.

Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen

Our Catholic Appeal



We have received responses from **466 families or individuals**.

Did we hear from you yet? It is never too late. All Catholics need to make a response. Be open with God and ask Him. Together we are responsible for the great high mission the Lord gave to us, His church, on Ascension day.

We have \$239,303.80 received so far in donations or pledges. Thank you.

OCA materials are available in the vestibule or the stewardship room.

We will wait another week or so before we send out letters to all those we have not heard from. Make it easy for us. Respond as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Carlo Acutis Exhibition

Carlo Exhibition Blessed

On the of March

shall have a display of photographs from the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles in the King of Kings building.

Acutis coming to Trinity.

weekend 16/17, we



Fr. Mike’s Books

We have boxes of Fr. Mike’s books that we are sure he would love to share with everyone. We are going to put them out **this weekend**, March 9/10 on tables along the sidewalk by church. No set cost but you are welcome to drop a donation at church or in the collection.

Novena of Grace

From Monday March 4 through to Tuesday March 12, the Novena of Grace will be held in churches across the world in honor of Saint Francis Xavier, co-patron of the missions with St Therese of Lisieux. The novena began in 1633 so it is now close to 400 years old.

Prayer:

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favors with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all-important blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech you to obtain the favor I ask in this Novena (here mention the favor to be asked for): but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Uganda Mission Team Members

Will be having a Lily Sale on **Saturday, March 16th** and **Sunday, March 17th** After all the masses

The cost will be **\$15.00** for a 6" pot with 5 to 7 blooms (last year there were only 3-4 blooms)

Please Support our ministry as the members Prepare to help the communities in Nalweyo, Uganda

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Please call the week before if you plan on purchasing 5 or more 352-261-1388

BLESSED TRINITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

SAINTLY QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST

"If you ate only one meal a week, would you survive? It is the same for your soul. Nourish it with the Blessed Sacrament." -St. Andre Bessette

Thank you, Concert for Good!

Brother's Keeper would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters of the Concert for Good. We recently received a check for \$13,501 to support our mission to help the poor in Ocala and Marion County. We would like to especially thank Adam, Lisa, Caleb, and Luke Lombardo and their team for time, talents, and generosity to make the Concert for Good such a resounding success!



Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, April 27 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am-5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple. Register on the Blessed Trinity website, <https://btchurch.blessedtrinity.org/ministries/pre-cana/> Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will not be until October 5, 2024.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33



Brother's Keeper Lenten Soup Dinners

Get those taste buds ready! Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Wednesday night Lent Soup & Bread Dinner continuing on Wednesdays in Lent, come have the best tasting soup in town in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 & 8:45 am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, March 10.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, French Toast, biscuits and gravy, coffee and three different juices.

All you can eat for only \$6.00 and \$3.00 for children under 10.

Please come join us for breakfast!



March 9 / 10:
March 16 / 17: NO FLOWERS—LENT
March 23 / 24:

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



Sunday, March 10th— Mass, dinner, possible XLT from 7-8:30pm (all parishioners and community members welcome—bring a friend)

Sunday, March 17th— Mass, No Life Night (we will be helping with the International Picnic most of the day)

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Wed, March 13	7:10am 5:30pm	Stan Swiderski Sr. † Mary V. Kelly †
Thursday, March 14	7:10am 5:30pm	Gwen Higgins † Beth Baxley (L)
Friday, March 15	7:10am 5:30pm	Doris & Charles Goodwin † Mary Lydon (L)
Saturday, March 16	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Semudo Family L/D Brid O'Rourke † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, March 17	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Joseph DeMartino † Julie Cyrulinski (L) Jennifer Workman † Spanish Community Speranza Ritieni †

Please pray for John Hatch, Frank Lupo and Julia Imbessi who have recently passed away.

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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.

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

Please see the list of hours, which is in the vestibule, on the counter near the staircase, that need one more adorer.

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



ADS OF THE WEEK

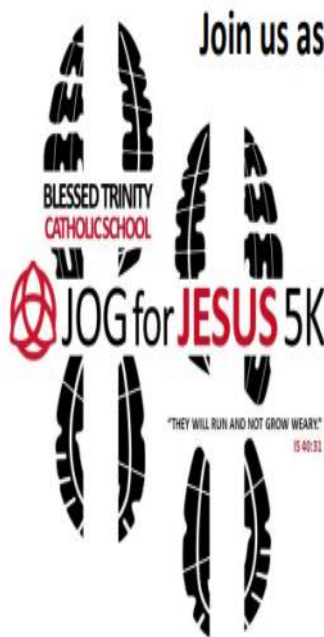
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Brunch with the Bunny

Lent has already begun, and this means the resurrection of Jesus is coming!

... AND ... the story of the Easter Bunny!!



Life Teen would like for all families to bring their little (and not so little) ones to have 'Brunch with the Bunny.' Join us at 9:30amon Saturday, March 30 for the blessing of the baskets and food, the egg hunt, and then brunch. This event is first come, first served the day of. Tickets can be pre-ordered starting now. If you have NOT bought your ticket before March 26th, then tickets will still be for sale the morning of the event for \$6 per person. To guarantee a full plate of food, please reserve your spot before March 26th.

You can start purchasing your ticket (s) today for \$6 per person and \$25 for a family of 5. To reserve/get your ticket, please stop by the church office with cash, check, or money order.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

March 3, 2024

Envelope Total:	490	\$ 29,435.75
Electronic Offering Total:	435	\$ 41,286.30
Total Children's Offering:		\$ 182.61
Non Sunday:	52	\$ 9,114.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 80,018.66

Amount needed for Operating Expenses:\$ 97,634.00

Difference (\$17,615.35)

"Thank you for your donations."

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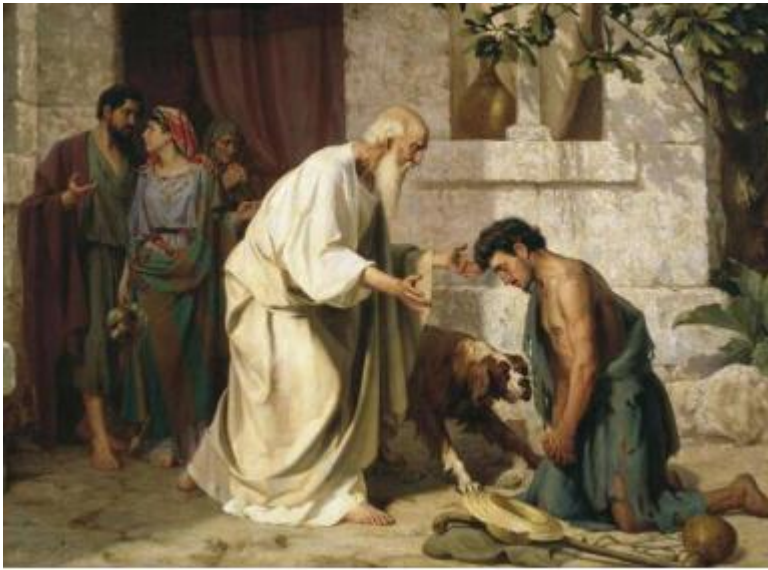
Year to date collection:	\$ 2,706,327.86
Year to date budget:	\$ 3,319,556.00
Year to date deficit:	(\$613,228.15)

A Lenten Stewardship Reflection: Compassion

A central theme in the Gospel of Luke and a very good one for Lenten meditation is the notion of compassion. More than any other Gospel, Luke reveals the compassionate nature of Jesus Christ. Jesus said it emphatically and without mincing his words: “Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.” (Luke 6:36, New Jerusalem Bible).

The word compassion is derived from the Latin words *pati* and *cum*, which taken together mean “to suffer with.” Compassion asks us to enter into another’s pain, to share in their suffering, to feel their brokenness, fear, confusion and anguish.

For Jesus, however, compassion was not just a feeling. It translated itself into action. Throughout Luke’s Gospel, Jesus heals and cares for the downtrodden, the poor and oppressed. Jesus showed his followers that compassion is inherent to discipleship. He did not reach down and lift the poor up from above either. He became poor. He suffered with the poor. He chooses pain, rejection, persecution, and death rather than the path of “upward mobility” toward power, authority, influence, and wealth. It is this “downward mobility” that led to his own passion, death and subsequent resurrection and redemption for all.



Jesus’ path of downward mobility differs from the common notion today that compassion means helping those less fortunate than we are. It is a particularly privileged notion to think that if we volunteer in a soup kitchen or donate money to help others, we have been compassionate. To be clear, these actions are important and valuable ways of serving others. But when we are able to maintain our distance or stay in a place “above” those we serve, such acts easily become acts of pity, rather than compassion. This is the problem with the idea of serving “those less fortunate.” We are somehow “more” and “they” are somehow “less.” We have all the power. “They” have none. Genuine compassion, as embodied by Jesus, runs counter to our culture’s concept. Christ’s compassion is a call to suffer “along with” those who are powerless.

Compassion is at the heart of the Christian stewards’ life. It is an expression of God’s love for us and our love for God and each other. Perhaps during this Lenten season we can place compassion front and center in our spiritual lives. What better time than the Lenten season to consider a radical reorientation toward others. And what better time than Lent to discover the compassion Jesus calls us to embrace.



Brother’s Keeper serves thousands of men, women, and children in need in Ocala/Marion County. We are looking for dedicated volunteers to help us in the following areas:

Gardeners: We are investigating the possibility of hydroponic gardening at our thrift store location to grow fruits and vegetables that can be given to food pantry clients. We need willing volunteers (*experienced and/or inexperienced*) to help.
Times Needed: *To be determined*

Wawa Donated Food Pickups: Brother’s Keeper receives donated food from two Wawa locations in the SE part of Ocala. We are looking for volunteers to pick-up 3-4 bags of food at these locations and bring them to the food pantry.
Times Needed: *Varies – estimated one hour daily - M/W/F.*

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Times Needed: *Saturdays*

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Please contact Jason at (352) 622-5544 or Jason@bkocala.org if you’re interested in learning more.



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If you are interested, you can request a volunteer application form at 352-509-6996 or by email at: bluquis@cflcc.org

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