



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2024

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Pastor	Father Patrick J. Sheedy	x 3209
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Sisters	Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix	867.9860
	Misioneras Catequistas	622.4500

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

MARCH 3, 2024 ~ THIRD 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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Lou Pereira	President	
Tammie Vassou	Principal	

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

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

Ministry of the Week

Parish Picnic

The Blessed Trinity Parish Picnic is an annual gathering of the entire BT community, consisting of an outdoor Mass followed by food, music, games and fellowship for the entire family.

Doris Feliciano 352.497.3486
babypirata@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP

POSTLUCE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The prophets Jeremiah, Zechariah and Malachi prophesied that when the Kingdom of God was at hand, the Temple would be cleansed of all activities unworthy of an encounter with God. Christians are often referred to as “Temples of the Lord.” As stewards of a “Holy Temple” God has entrusted to each one of us, what are we doing to be cleansed of activities unworthy of an encounter with the Lord? This week, reflect on one thing you can do to cleanse the Temple God has given you so that it becomes a more inviting home for Christ Jesus.

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Judy Paris

Ministry to the Sick would like to thank Judy for spending so much of her time taking communion to the residents at Hawthorne Village.

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Chesley & Linnea Ellis

Daniel Janis

Jacqueline Neal

Juan & Grisell Flores

David Nieves, Cecily Flores & Giovanni Nieves

Stephanie & Julia Rozansky

Baptisms:

Lucy Rose Fitzpatrick

Addison Nancy Decker

Jose Manuel Sifre

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God’s mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.



Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Saint Jude Relic Thank You

We thank Father Carlos Martins for bringing the Saint Jude Relic to Blessed Trinity: In 2015 he brought Maria Goretti’s relic to the parish, so he has been very generous to our community. We thank the many volunteers who gave their time on Friday to ensure that the whole operation went as smoothly as possible.

Signatures to get on the ballot sheet

If you are qualified to vote in Marion County, you can help anyone running for public office by signing their list out in the portico.

Candidates running for office have to pay \$12,000 or get 2,700 signatures to be on the ballot sheet. You are not voting for that person.

We allow all candidates running for public office to collect signatures outside the church— regardless of what office or position they are running for.

We are not in anyway recommending the person. We are just helping them run for public office. You have to do your own research to decide who you are voting for.

We allow only one candidate outside church on any one weekend.

Our Catholic Appeal



We now have **\$191,113.00** donated or pledged. So far **413** families have made their response.

Thank you for responding to our annual OCA appeal. It is very necessary and the right thing to do for each family. The parish and the diocese needs you to be a vital part of the overall mission of the Catholic faith. Please do not underestimate the importance and the value of each response. God blesses us, we bless God in our responses.

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

In the next week or two we will be sending out letters to all parishioners who have not made a response.

Thanks for your help.

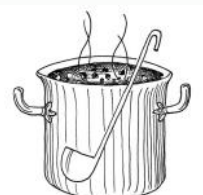
St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, March 7, at the 5:30pm Mass.

Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.

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.



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.

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Mission Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing that I do your holy will.

Amen

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Margaret Watts

Carlo Acutis Exhibition

Carlo Acutis Exhibition coming to Blessed Trinity.

On the weekend of March 16/17, we shall have a display of photographs from the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles in the King of Kings building.

BLESSED TRINITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITAL



Lyndy Garret, Legislative Commission Chair for the BT CCW, pictured with Bishop Noonan at Catholic Days at the Capital. She went to the Red Mass, where all the Bishops of Florida preside, Governor DeSantis and the First Lady attended. She spoke with Bishop Noonan and our State Representative from District 9, Keith Perry about pending legislation and Pro-Life issues.

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

Thank you!



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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21



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 next 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.

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 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 2 / 3:

March 9 / 10: NO FLOWERS—LENT

March 16 / 17:

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



Sunday, March 3rd— Mass, dinner, Lenten series #2, Stations of the Cross practice

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

Follow us on Instagram—@bt_lifeteen and on Facebook—@btlifeteen

Covenant Mission Team Annual Fish Fry Dinner

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
3:30-7:30pm
March 8, 15, 22 and 29
In the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
5 SE 17th Street, Bldg. B

MENU

Fried or Baked Fish \$9.
Fish Tacos \$9.
Baked Ziti \$9.
Fried Clams/Shrimp \$10.
Combo \$10.

All dinners served w/roll & choice of 2 sides: Fries, Mac-n-Cheese, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Applesauce
Dine In or Carry Out

We accept cash, checks and credit cards
Proceeds fund our Mission Trip in June
We thank you for your support!

Frequent Fryer Cards on sale the weekend of February 10/11: Buy 6 meals and your 7th one is free!
For more information, please call
(352) 875-7456



Monday, March 4	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Bud & Mark Immel †
Tuesday, March 5	7:10am 5:30pm	Fr. Michael O’Keeffe † Mercedita Javelona †
Wed, March 6	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Deceased members of Ellacer Family Deceased members of Javelona Family Carla Huber †
Thursday, March 7	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D David Alexander Rodgers (L)
Friday, March 8	7:10am 5:30pm	Helen & Fred Wisneski † David Cyrulinski (L)
Saturday, March 9	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Phillip Weaver (L) Rosario Roy Roveto † Josephine Cuomo †
Sunday, March 10	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Patrick Weaver (L) Charron Collins † Lily & Enrique Zeisel † Spanish Community Priscilla Limlingan †

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving

Scan the QR code to donate online.



Thank you for your donation!

Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Mondays: Midnight - Tuesday 1:00am

Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Fridays: 7:00am - 8:00am

Saturdays: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Jim Spinelli

Knights of Columbus Insurance
352.873.9417

Lawrence J. Sutton, D.D.S., P.A.

Comprehensive Dentistry
352.620.0094

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

SCRIP is BACK

Sunday Mass Scrip

Scrip will be sold on Sundays after the 8:45 – 11:00 Masses

Ordering Scrip

1) 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. (Order forms outside of Scrip Office)

2) You can email orders to us at btscrip@btschool.org or order online through Raise Right Scrip. (See link below)

3) Filled orders can be picked up anytime Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm in the church office.

4) The scrip office does not have to be open for you to pick up or drop off orders.

Scrip Office Hours Monday and Friday 9:00 – 11:00

Create an online account to order directly through Raise Right Scrip.

You can pay online or pay when you pick up from Scrip Office.

The following link has the school enrollment code to link you to Blessed Trinity School.

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=1DE655625L28>

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 9:30am on 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 \$5 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	February 25, 2024	
Envelope Total:	446	\$ 23,162.24
Electronic Offering Total:	432	\$ 39,929.95
Total Children’s Offering:		\$ 113.00
Non Sunday:	61	\$ 8,776.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 71,981.19
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 97,634.00
Difference		(\$25,652.81)

“Thank you for your donations.”

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the “memo” line of your check.

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.*

Thrift Store Volunteers: We receive many donations each week and need assistance unpacking, pricing, and displaying the items in the thrift store. We also need help in the store helping customers.

Times Needed: *Saturdays*

Marketing: Brother's Keeper will be expanding our marketing efforts for our various programs and are looking for experienced volunteers or businesses with marketing strategy and/or production expertise to help and advise us.

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



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.



PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

There's still time to do something different for Lent this year. Give up store bought coffee, tea, cocoa, & olive oil and instead drink **Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, & olive oil.** We sell these products here at Blessed Trinity the 2nd weekend every month, after Mass. You'll be helping small family farmers in Asia, Latin America, Africa, India, & Palestine make a fair wage and provide a decent living.

Through **Fair Trade**, farmers support their families and their employees, stay on the land, and care for the environment by growing their crops organically. We'll be selling all these products **next weekend** after Mass. Thank you



The Trinity Catholic High School Jazz Band has made school history! This distinguished group of student musicians earned the first-ever Straight Superior rating at the Florida Bandmasters Association District Music Performance Assessment held in February at Mount Dora High School. We are so proud of their discipleship through music! Great things are happening at Trinity Catholic High School!



Call us at (352) 622-9025 for a tour, and follow us on social media. Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year are open. www.trinitycatholic.org

Join us as we Jog for Jesus!



Blessed Trinity Catholic School will host a 5K on Saturday, April 6 to raise funds for the school. You can walk, run, or jog for Jesus.

Register to participate online with the link below or scan the QR code.

Sponsorship opportunities available, call 352-598-7050.



8 AM | Saturday, April 6
Citizens Circle | SE Osceola Avenue
jogforjesus5k.itsyourrace.com