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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.



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# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 10, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<u>WEEKLY</u>	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
<u>WEEKEND</u>	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
<u>DAILY</u>	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
<u>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</u>	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

MARCH 10, 2024 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ’s teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God’s unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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	Gift Shop	
Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
	Brothers Keeper	817.7447
Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
Spanish Community		622.4500
Travelers’ Information		410.676.6000
Immigration Help		800.411.0714

**NEW PARISHIONERS** and **WINTER VISITORS** are requested to register soon after arrival. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. Completed registration forms should be placed in the collection basket.

**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 at Blessed Trinity and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at La Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married 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 Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 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 506.0282 and key in your number or contact Blessed Trinity office at 629.8092. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

**HALL RENTALS:** Having a Baby Shower, Birthday Party or Anniversary Party? The hall is available for rental. Please call 352.484.5619 for more information.

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.”

Weekly Offering  
March 3, 2024  
\$2,538.00

**LEGION OF MARY**  
The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.

Our Catholic Appeal



We have received responses from **42 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 \$5,719.42 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.

Steward of the Week

The parish would like to thank Bill Wallace for using so much of his time cutting down all the undergrowth around the power pole and dragging all the debris to the burn pile.

Thanks for being a faithful steward!

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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 13 Maguire & Lavan Family L/D  
Sunday, March 17 David, Tom & Jim Pinder †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email [nhajal@aol.com](mailto:nhajal@aol.com) to request a Mass for a loved one.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member’s family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

**Recently deceased**– Jim Pinder—Funeral is Tuesday, March 19th at 10am

CTK ONGOING EVENTS

**Legion of Mary** meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977  
**Rosary** is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am  
**Online Rosary** - Visit [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org)  
**Religious Articles Shop** is open Sundays after Mass.  
**Coffee/Donuts** served after Sunday Mass in the hall.  
**Soup Kitchen** is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.  
**Altar Flowers** contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.  
**Bulletin Advertising** contact Katherine Baker at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.  
**Parish App:** [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or the app store  
**Hall Rental:** Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619



### Carlo Acutis Exhibition

Carlo  
Exhibi-  
coming  
Blessed

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

**POSTPONED**  
NEW DATE COMING SOON

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Trinity.

weekend  
16/17,

### 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 at Blessed Trinity Church. 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 26<sup>th</sup>,  
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 26<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### 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.

### 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!



### 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

### 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***

### IT'S BACK!!

#### Christ the King Catholic Church Fish Fry

Fridays from 4pm-7pm

Fish Frys will be held on the following dates in the  
church hall:

Friday, February 23—Friday, March 22

Dinner will consist of:

Your choice of fried or baked fish

French Fries

Cole Slaw

Cheese Grits

Drinks

Adults: \$12

Kids under 10: \$5

Take out available



### 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?





## Free Soup Kitchen

Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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WE FEED YOUR HUNGRY HEART AND SOUL  
AT OUR SOUP KITCHEN !!!!!

## March Menu

3/5 Vegan Chili

3/12 Corn Chowder

3/19 CLOSED

3/26 Egg and Cheese Casserole

Assorted desserts, coffee  
and various soft drinks

Meals are Free Every Tuesday  
From 12pm-2pm

### Perpetual Adoration at Blessed Trinity

The following hours need to be filled:

**Tuesdays: 1:00am - 2:00am**

**Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

**Thursdays: 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

Our stewardship way of life 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.

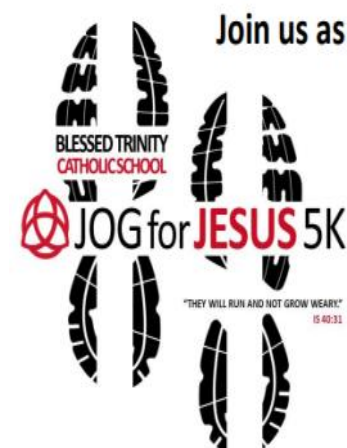
**The Lord looks forward to your visit!**

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament, call or email Carol Blackstock, Adoration Coordinator at 352.622.7348 or 352.425.8638, [carolblackstock@gmail.com](mailto:carolblackstock@gmail.com).



"People as 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



**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](http://jogforjesus5k.itsyourrace.com)



### 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.

