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Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday 8:00am

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

**DAILY**  
Tuesday 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)  
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King  
4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation



# PARISH LIFE

APRIL 21, 2024 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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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**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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To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

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## Ministry of the Week

### Spanish Prayer Group

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# STEWARDSHIP

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## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?

## STEWARD OF THE WEEK

**Becky Olbrich**

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island ministry would like to thank Becky for using so much of her time and talent helping to keep Blessed Trinity beautiful!

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

## New Parishioners:

Henry Medendorp

Yoisi Meneses & Yeison Figuera

Silvia Enriquez

Eder, Lya Iker & Gianna Matus-Rodriguez

Mark & Deborah Fiscaletti

## Baptisms:

Josiah Micah Mendoza

Hazel Zelda Vegerano

Giovanni Link Vegerano

Ander Negrete Mendoza

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.

We are Christ's — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.



Dear Father Patrick,

God is Great. and we, the parishioners of St François Xavier, Haiti, praise him. We are delighted to announce that we are starting off on a grand scale with the continuity of construction. We say thank you dear Father Patrick! thank you to the donors. The amount needed to do the project is \$75,000 and we are at \$64,000—\$11,000 to go. May God bless you more.



## Parish Mission Pentecost

### Breakfast



*Last October we began the 100 days prayer that anticipated the coming of the Dominican Parish Mission; right now we are offering 100 days prayer of thanks for the mission which will conclude on Pentecost weekend, May 18-19th.*

To both celebrate the many graces the mission brought to Blessed Trinity and to look ahead, **all** parishioners are invited to a breakfast gathering in the King of Kings building after the 8.00 a.m. morning mass on May 18. Following breakfast we will form discussion groups. The gathering will end by 11.00 a.m. If you are interested in attending this event, please RSVP to [bmeehan@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:bmeehan@blessedtrinity.org).

## Our Catholic Appeal



Thanks to all of you who have made a response to Our Catholic Appeal—650 families.

To date we have pledges or donations in the amount of \$313,814.80.

Your response enables the Catholic church to successfully go about fulfilling its mission in the Diocese of Orlando which includes Blessed Trinity parish.

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#### SAINTLY QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST

*"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible.*

*Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."*

*-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 9:26-31

Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



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April 20 / 21: In memory of Kathryn Namiotka from Jan & Joe

April 27 / 28:

May 4 / 5:

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



**Sunday, April 14th**— High school students are most welcome to join us at the 5:00pm Mass followed by dinner in the King of Kings building at 6:00pm. The evening's talk and discussion will focus on the Resurrection of Jesus. The meeting ends at 7:30pm.

**Sunday, April 21st**— Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm.

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### Coffee & Donuts

Life Teen will have coffee and donuts available in the parish hall every 4th Sunday of the month.

It will be donation driven and runs from 7:30am-12:30pm. We want all of you, your family, and your friends to sit and enjoy each other's company!



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Once again, we are asking for volunteers to help with activities each day. Registration begins in May.

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Monday, April 22	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Michelle Ivers †
Tuesday, April 23	7:10am 5:30pm	Thanksgiving Gerald Adams †
Wed, April 24	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Robert Durocher † Joseph Mazzurco Sr. † Priscilla Limlingan †
Thursday, April 25	7:10am 5:30pm	R.J. Sumner † Janette Simpson †
Friday, April 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Alice Swiderski † Bud & Mark Immel †
Saturday, April 27	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Pat Moul † Luke Reckamp † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, April 28	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Martinez Family † Joe Lafaele † Brilante Emma DiPietro † Spanish Community Philip Kuhn †

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

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~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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We will have a short parent/student meeting on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15pm in the church, immediately following the first training session. To reserve your spot, please email [btaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:btaltarservers@gmail.com) to register. Space is limited to 12 students and attendance is required at **each** of the four sessions. The next training sessions may be offered in October. Also, we request a parent or two to stay with us during the trainings, even if you can only stay for one of the sessions offered (must be fingerprinted, please email us if you can help!). [If you want to be an Altar Server, but just cannot make these dates/times, please email us today.](#)

### Faith Formation notes . . . .

This weekend we enter the last 28 days of the 100 days of prayer in thanksgiving for the Dominican mission which will end on Saturday, May 18, the Vigil of the Great Feast of Pentecost.

#### Mission 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*

### First Communion 2024

Second grade students from the parish and school will receive First Communion on Saturday, May 11 at 9.00, 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. (Spanish).



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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Total Children's Offering:		\$ 54.00	Year to date deficit: <b>(\$719,036.34)</b>
Non Sunday:	60	\$ 8,133.00	
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 62,379.80</b>	
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## Suggestions for Stopping Plastic Pollution

A springtime walk on a lovely April day brings you into contact with the ubiquitous presence of plastic in our lives. From the crushed soda bottle lying at the side of the road to the plastic bags floating through the air like kites, plastic pollution is everywhere. It is not possible to be plastic free. But there are steps we can take to reduce consumption of plastic.

Here are a few suggestions you can incorporate into your life immediately:

- Keep reusable canvas bags in your car for shopping trips and commit to refusing plastic shopping and grocery bags.
- Many stores have containers to recycle plastic bags, even newspaper wraps. Utilize them.
- Carry a small set of simple utensils and a reusable straw so that you never have to use throwaway plastic utensils.
- Encourage your school or college to look into utensils made with biodegradable components. Many Catholic schools have gone this route.
- Many cities are considering levying a fee for using plastic bags at stores. Urge your local government to consider this proposal to encourage reusable bags. Ireland reduced its plastic bag use by 95% almost overnight by placing a tax on plastic bags!
- Visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for more ideas and inspiration!

## Stewardship Saint for April—Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church

Saint Catherine of Siena, whose feast day is April 29, was the first layperson, and alongside Saint Teresa of Avila, one of the first two women named a Doctor of the Church. She was born Caterina di Giacomo di Benincasa in Siena in 1347, the 24th of 25 children. She decided early on not to be married, and after several years of prayer and fasting, began an active life of service. She started by nursing the sick at a local hospital. Notable during that time was her aid to victims of the 1374 pandemic.

As a young woman, Catherine believed she had a call to preach the Gospel. She organized a group of people to accompany her on mission trips where she urged her audiences to seek a deeper conversion to Christ in their lives through prayer and repentance. She became so extraordinarily successful that she had to recruit priests to serve as confessors to these large gatherings.

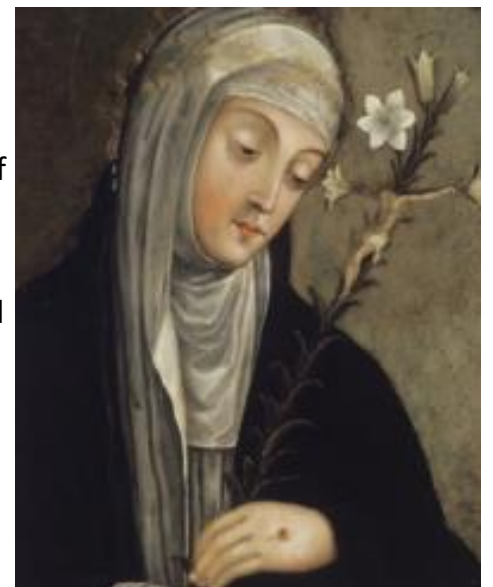
A devoted advocate of the Church, Catherine publicly promoted the offices of papacy, bishop and the clergy as Christ's ambassadors, but she was also a severe critic of the abuses she saw among many members of the clergy and church hierarchy. She believed they should embrace poverty and assume a more humble spirit instead of "living in worldly luxury and ambitiousness and pretentious vanity." "In fact," she maintained, "many laypersons put them to shame by their good and holy lives."

Catherine, though, knew that there could be no lasting reform of the Church without strong papal leadership. In 1376 she met with Pope Gregory XI in Avignon, France, where the papacy had been banished since 1309, and urged him to return to Rome. In one letter, she insisted that he must be "courageous" and not a "coward." Catherine's letter strengthened the pope's resolve and he returned to Rome in 1377.

After Gregory's death the following year and the election of Pope Urban VI, the Great Schism ensued. For the next 39 years, there would be at least two and sometimes three claimants to the papacy. Catherine sent frequent letters to Urban in the hope of moderating his severity towards his opponents. She also wrote to various other church authorities, encouraging them to recognize Urban as the legitimate successor to the Chair of Saint Peter.

Although a prodigious producer of letters, Catherine dictated her thoughts to others because she did not learn to write until near the end of her life. During the years 1377 to 1378, Catherine dictated *The Dialogue*, her reflections on the spiritual life. Many spiritual writers insist that this major work of mystical theology stands beside other great spiritual classics such as those of two other Doctors of the Church, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross.

Pope Urban invited Catherine to Rome in 1380 to help lend support to his papacy, but on the way she suffered a stroke. She died on April 29, 1380. She was 33 years old.





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