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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 21, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
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
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

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, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
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
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

APRIL 21, 2024 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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	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

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."

Weekly Offering

April 14, 2024

\$1,597.00

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



Thanks to all of you who have made a response to Our Catholic Appeal— 35 families.

To date we have pledges or donations in the amount of \$11,227.00.

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

Two thirds of what we receive, over and above our assessment (\$15,132.39) stays in our parish to help us with our ministries.

If you have not yet responded, consult with the Lord for His advice. He will give you a good clear answer and it will be for the good of your own spiritual journey.

OCA pledge envelopes are available in the lobby.

Vacation Bible School at Blessed Trinity

This year VBS will be held during the week

of **JUNE 10-14th from 8.30 a.m. – noon** in the

King of Kings building for students **K-3**. This year for the first time, VBS will also be offered in Spanish at La Guadalupana and Christ the King, also in the month of June.

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

For more information, please contact Dr. Meehan

at

bmeehan@blessedtrinity.org

or at 325 629 8092 ext. 3207.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Acts 9:26-31

Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 24 The Holy Souls

Sunday, April 28 Bill Bullock †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email 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—

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

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 or the app store

Hall Rental: Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619

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.



Become a Volunteer!

Find your Volunteer Opportunity!

The legacy of La Guadalupana Clinic is based on a solid base of volunteers. We actively match the interests and experiences of our volunteers with the needs of the clinic. If you want to help, we have something you can do.

The clinic needs doctors, nurse practitioners, bilingual nurses, Spanish/English Translators, and dental hygienist. Some volunteers provide services once a week, while others come once a month.

For clinical roles we ask volunteers to commit to a regular weekly or monthly schedule. The commitment must be for at least 6 months.

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

Blessings...



Joyful Again, Orlando!

Retreat for Widows and Widowers

Being widowed is a special loss. This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope and joy again.

May 25-26, 2024

San Pedro Retreat Center
95 Bishop Grady Lane
Winter Park, Fl. 32792

Space is limited—register early. Call Sharon at 386.717.4452 for more information and to register.

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 for more ideas and inspiration!

MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST

13TH ANNUAL MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

May 10-12, 2024

Ave Maria University



With speakers including Raymond Arroyo, Johnnette Williams, Fr. Robert Sirico, and many more!

Special breakout sessions will be offered in Spanish.

\$190 Registration Fee
INCLUDES LODGING AND MEALS



For more information, visit our website or contact us
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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 !!!!!

April Menu

- 4/2 Egg and cheese casserole
- 4/9 Baked Fish
- 4/16 Chicken Pot Pie
- 4/23 Bean Soup
- 4/30 Sloppy Joes

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:

Sundays: 6:00am - 7:00am

Tuesdays: 1:00am - 2:00am

Fridays: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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.



"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

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?

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.

