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Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life. As he presents them with this choice, he boldly states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or twelve, now is the time to decide, 'will we serve the Lord?'

We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal to us where to go next.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods... Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 25, 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

AUGUST 25, 2024 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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

In today’s first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God’s faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, “We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.” May we, too, be mindful of God’s gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Weekly Offering
August 18, 2024
\$1,923.00

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

Dear CTK Parishioners,



Our Catholic Appeal assessment for CTK this year is \$15,132.39. We already have received pledges or donations in the amount of \$11,227.39. Thanks to all of you who have replied so far. We are doing reasonably well.

We still need \$3,905 to meet our obligations. Last year we fulfilled our commitment. We can do it again.

OCA pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule at the entrance. Any and all donations are welcome. Each donation shows a commitment to our Catholic faith. We, hopefully will not have to take money from CTK savings to meet our goal.

Thanks to all of you, Fr. Pat.

Steward of the Week

Kathie Bellamy

Kathie took over the Reader’s Ministry. She schedules the two readers for all Sunday Masses. Kathie has also taken over the leadership position for the bible study held after Mass each week.

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus’ followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just “along for the ride?” Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Aug 28 Nick, Ann & David Votino †
Sunday, Sept 1 Elizabeth Agnes Xavier †

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
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 Melinda Gunn 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



Annual Christ the King Picnic

We will have our annual picnic on September 1, 2024 after Mass in Oschman Hall.

We need donations of hot dogs and hamburgers and buns. We are asking everyone to bring either a side dish or dessert to share. The Knights will be doing the grilling. Please help us make this another successful event.

Contact Maggie McDonald at 352.812.4640 so she can keep tally of what donations are being made.



Orphan Sponsorship

One of the Sister Parish sub-parishes, St. Francis Xavier, Bukiriro has 23 orphans being housed with other families. The cost to sponsor one of them is \$250.00 that includes their food for the year and their school tuition.

If you are in a position to sponsor an orphan, please make a check payable to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and in the memo line write "St. Francis Xavier orphan."

Thank you for your support of our Uganda Sister Parish.

Charismatic ???

The Charismatic Renewal gets its name from the "charisms" or "Gifts" of the Holy Spirit which are being poured anew upon our Church today. This outpouring of Grace is merely the unfolding of Pentecost into the lives of everyday Believers.

The "Fountains of Living Water" prayer group, is part of this Charismatic Renewal. Mother Mary is our role model. Her "yes" to the Holy Spirit, not only changed her life, but redefined humanity. We invoke her to lead us ever deeper into a life surrendered into the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Join us as we seek to avail our lives to God's plan for us, and to the charisms He is offering us to accomplish His work.

We meet every Thur., 7-8:30pm in the Elder Care center. Call Richard for info, 352-342-2982.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Joyful Again, Orlando!

Retreat for widows and widowers (6 months or more after loss of spouse)

September 7-8, 2024

Please contact Sharon at 386-717-4452 to register.

"UNSTOPPABLE"

EDGE Middle School Youth

2024 Annual Retreat

Sept 28th-29th

(Register on 8/26 at 7am!)

We have a fun filled, event packed, overnight Middle School Retreat at the wonderful Lake in the Forest Black Bear Campground planned for our 6-8th graders. We will be providing transportation from the BT parking lot Saturday morning, Sept. 28th, and will return in time to **participate in the 11am Mass** on Sunday, Sept. 29th, as an EDGE group and **with our families**. Campers will be sleeping in cabins, and we have jam packed the 28 hours of the retreat with food, fun, singing, swimming, and seeing how God is working in our lives.

"This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining towards what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13b-14) "Unstoppable" inspires middle school youth to persist to our ultimate destination of heaven. We are not intended to make this journey alone, nor guess the path, because the Holy Spirit will lead us.

General Registration Opens Monday, August 26th at 7:00am

Space is extremely limited. To register: Email ocalaedge@gmail.com on Monday, August 26th starting at 7:00am. The cost is \$60.

Once we are full, we will form a waiting list, so *be sure to email to request a spot.*



Free Soup Kitchen
Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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August Menu

8/6 Soup Day
8/13 Breakfast
8/20 Shepard Pie
8/27 Fish Tacos

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks

Meals are Free Every Tuesday

From 12pm-2pm

COME & SEE...CURSILLO

Ever heard of Cursillo and have questions? Are you interested in becoming a better version of your Catholic self and diving further into your faith? Are you looking for the next step after CRHP? Cursillo may be THE answer for you! Please...come & see all are welcome!

- When: September 12th @ 6:45pm
- Where: St. Theresa Catholic Church Hall
- Potluck supper will be provided
- Questions: contact Kathy or Rich LaCorte at 352.629.2207 or lacorte.family@cox.net

BIBLE STUDY

Please consider joining us as we continue to study The Acts of the Apostles.



We continue our study in the Acts of the Apostles. Here is our schedule for August:

August 25, 2024 Acts 17: Converts and Conflicts—Turning the World Upside Down

We meet shortly after Sunday Mass in the Oshman Hall classroom. Always room, come join us!

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Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?



Saturday, October 12 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, www.blessedtrinity.org and click “Sacraments”.

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

This year’s inquiry class begins September 4th at 7:00pm in the church. No need to pre-register.

All adult Catholics looking for a full refresher course are welcome. All interested in looking into the Catholic faith are welcome. All those who have already decided to join the Catholic faith are welcome.

Babysitting (free) will be provided from the 2nd class on if the need is expressed the first night.

Morning of Reflection

Our annual Morning of Reflection for all board members, ministry heads, and school and parish staff is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st.

We will begin at 8:00am with Mass in the church at Blessed Trinity, followed by a light breakfast in the King of Kings building.

After breakfast, Fr. Tony Anderson from Belize will be joining us to offer a reflection and to lead us in Adoration and Benediction.

We hope to see you all there for this very special morning!

Guidelines For The Reception Of Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the body and blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe they are actually receiving Jesus and that the celebration of the eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law. Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these churches.

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to holy communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving holy communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another. You are all welcome to the altar for a blessing. All you have to do is cross your hands in front of your chest and you will receive a blessing.

Leaving Early

Except for an emergency, please do not leave before you receive the blessing to go forth.