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#### WEEKEND

Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am
	1:00pm 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	8:00am

Reconciliation	Saturday	2:45-3:30 pm
		5:00-5:30pm

### MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

#### WEEKEND

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

#### DAILY

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

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The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

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# STEWARDSHIP

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### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

St. James teaches that those who are perceived to be poor in the eyes of society are the ones who have been chosen to inherit the Kingdom of God. Indeed, we are saved because of our poverty and redeemed out of our need, not because of our material wealth or achievements that the world finds praiseworthy. St. James also suggests that we are stewards of others, especially the poor and it is how we respond to the poor and needy that will define our relationship with the Lord. Can you identify the poverty, whether spiritual or material, that is in your own life? How can that “poverty” be redeemed? As stewards of others, how do we respond to the poverty that exists right in our own parish?

### STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

**Paula Batsel & Linda Caldwell**

Blessed Trinity School would like to thank Paula & Linda for spending so much of their time and talent to help coach our girl’s volleyball team!

**Thank you for being faithful stewards!**

### New Parishioners:

Pedro, Zaibeth, Sthefany, Clarisse & Juan Cuevara Castro

Michael & Bridget Earl

Charles, Andrea & Juliana Brown

Joe, Marci, Avery, Emersen and Chloe Campise

Donnie, Jaime, Emily, Isabella, Odette & Ulijah Hebert

### Baptisms:

Karen Elba Orozco Sullivan

Charlotte Lorraine Conner

Jack Christopher Martin

Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, “Be opened!” Immediately he was healed.

This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.



## WORSHIP

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During the weekend of **September 21/22**, baby bottles will be available after each Mass. All donations will benefit **Alpha Center for Women**, an Ocala pregnancy resource center that offers life-affirming alternatives to abortion, material support during and after pregnancy, post-abortion recovery and a mentoring program for parents in need. From 2006 to present, the generous parishioners of Blessed Trinity have contributed over **\$128,300!** Last year we ministered to **162 new clients** providing pregnancy tests and meeting material needs through our Bridges program. Over **1,500 client visits** took place and we assisted our moms and dads **with nearly 22,500 closet items** (diapers, wipes, clothing, food, and furniture, as well as utility assistance, gas and grocery gift cards). In addition, your support has allowed us to continue our sponsorship of two Uganda students and the Uganda Orphanage.

Thank you for your partnership with Alpha Center for Women. It is truly a ministry serving the poor in our community and helping them find a way to say “**YES**” to life.

### 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, 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!

### Father Pat’s 1st Sacrament Meeting

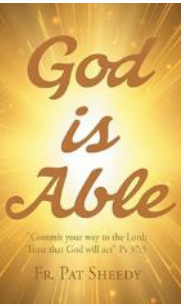
Fr. Pat’s 1st Sacrament meeting will be **THIS** Sunday, September 8th at 9:55am in the gym.

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this first meeting but if you can’t, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, September 14th at 9am in the chapel.

### Audiobook now available!

Fr. Pat’s book went into print last fall and has been a huge success! The audiobook has finally been completed and is now available at the following sites:



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**Next weekend, Sept. 14/15, the paperback copies of “God is Able” will be available out in the portico after all the Masses for \$15. Some of you have not received it and others may want to give one to a friend. A limited number are available and when they are gone we will, from then on, ask you to go through Amazon to get a copy.**



**Sunday, September 8th**—Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm, and Life Night to follow with our new study series on Mercy. Bring your bible and a friend!

**Sunday, September 15th**— We will continue our series on Mercy after the 5:00pm Mass. We'll have games, small groups, and worship to follow. Invite someone you haven't seen at Life Teen this year!

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY - METANOIA

We will resume our study on Wednesday September 11th, 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m, in the Knights of Columbus Building with a 5-week study METANOIA: A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST INTO CONVERSION by Father Dave Pivonka, president of Steubenville University, who led our WILD GOOSE study on the Holy Spirit last fall. Most of us can use a little recharge in our spiritual lives. The 30-minute videos (2 per session) look like they will provoke some good discussion. Father Dave's gentle, laid-back presentation and the beautiful cinematography in the Holy Land hopefully will stimulate the on-going conversion and growth we all need.

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#### Debunking myths (excuses) for not joining the music ministry

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**I Can't Read Music** – So what? Here's a little secret. Many of the choir members don't read music. Colleen does a wonderful job of teaching new music so that all can learn it. And before long, you will find that following the notes up and down on the staff becomes second nature.

**I Don't Have Time** – We'll work with you! Most of our current music ministers are busy people. The traditional choir attends rehearsals on Wednesday evenings (they're only a little over an hour long) and one or more masses for the weekend (most do only one). We're pretty flexible. If you have a commitment that causes you to skip a week (or a few) it's OK. We do hope you will be there to rehearse as we learn new music for Christmas and Easter.

**The Music Isn't My Style (or, I Don't Like the Songs)** – Fun fact: All the musicians say that from time to time about our music. We all have different tastes and, as we do different types of music, we find some that is our style. We also have two different groups. The Psalt group that sings at 6:00 pm on Saturday includes a few instruments, is led by piano accompaniment, and focuses on Catholic hymnody. Those of us that sing at the other masses do a mix of traditional and more contemporary music.

**Join the choir!**

### BAKE SALE

The Trinity Catholic girl's basketball program will be outside of Mass this weekend, September 7/8. The players will have baked goods available for a donation to raise money for new uniforms, equipment, and travel expenses. Prayers for a healthy and successful basketball season are much appreciated as well! Thank you!



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4c-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



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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](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) and click "Sacraments".



Sep 7 / 8: For the deceased members of the Hartmann Family  
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Sept 21 / 22:

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### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER For September

Loving and Gracious God,  
We ask You to open our hearts  
to your Son's life and ministry  
and to answer the call  
to be his disciples.

May our response  
be rooted  
in the Gospel;

may we be  
ever mindful  
of the needs  
of our communities;

and may our stewardship flow from a  
profound sense of gratitude  
for Your many blessings.

By the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
empower and inspire us  
to respond in a way  
that brings hope to others  
and reveals the love  
that comes to us  
through Jesus Christ.

We ask this in His Name,  
who is Lord  
forever and ever.

Amen





Monday, Sept 9	7:10am	Juanita & Samuel Mascaro †
	5:30pm	Maria Mercedes Frias †
Tuesday, Sept 10	7:10am	Roger Lovely †
	5:30pm	Sharon Mallico †
Wed, Sept 11	7:10am	Souls in Purgatory
	8:15am	Evelyn Mary Cregan †
	5:30pm	Shirley Ellacer (L)
Thursday, Sept 12	7:10am	Sarita Cunningham (L)
	5:30pm	Jim Sullivan †
Friday, Sept 13	7:10am	Dominador Ellacer †
	5:30pm	Leopoldo Javelona †
Saturday, Sept 14	8:00am	Semudo Family L/D
	4:00pm	Catherine Valente †
	6:00pm	Roger Helmig †
Sunday, Sept 15	7:10am	Tyna Marinak †
	8:45am	Mercedith Javelona †
	11:00am	Raymond Verzosa †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Tina Fagan †

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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.

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Over the years, Blessed Trinity has supported many Uganda college students from charity donations. Unfortunately, this source of support will not have the financial means to continue their support of these students, at least for the coming year. There are many students who are in their last year or last semester who will have to drop out of college unless they can find alternative funding. The semester has already begun in Uganda; however, if funding can be obtained, they will still be able to attend this year.

There are 29 college students and 11 seminarians who need assistance in order to continue their education. The average amount needed per student is \$600. (this is half the total amount; students are required to fund the other half).

If you are able to assist, payment can be made by check to Blessed Trinity (university support) or on-line. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Juliet at (352) 629-8092.

Thank you once again for your generous support of this worthy endeavor.

Stitching Sisters

Stitching Sisters continue to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our next meeting will be on September 15th. We meet in the community center from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

Please consider joining a wonderful group of supportive, creative and fun ladies.

We look forward to stitching and sharing with you!



Volunteer

Join our team on dental clinic

Please help us bring oral health to underserved communities in Marion County.

Become a Volunteer

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Please get in touch with La Guadalupana Clinic for more information on the requirements at:

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Fountains of Living Water Prayer Community



### Volunteer Bus Driver Help Needed

Looking for someone (or two!) that can help once or twice a month picking up parishioner's from various nursing homes to come to Mass.



Saturday's for the 4:00Mass, times would be 2:30pm-6:00pm.

Sunday's for the 11:00Mass, times would be 9:30am-1:00pm.

No CDL needed.

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The meal consists of scrambles eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, biscuits and gravy, coffee and three different juices.

All you can eat for only \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Join us!

### VOTER REGISTRATION

There will be voter registration help on September 8th after the 8:45 and 11am Masses.

Or you can go online:

[www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.Gov](http://www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.Gov).

Vote early 10/21-11/2/24 or Day of November 5

### Be a Good Steward of Your Faith this Autumn

There's something wonderfully renewing about autumn, especially as it begins a new school year. It's all about new beginnings. Maybe it has something to do with new classrooms, new teachers, the great smell of brand new shoes and the smooth touch of that new backpack.

We remember those feelings of starting again even if it's been years since we walked through the school house door, and even if we don't have our own children heading off to the classroom this fall. We still get that heady felling of new possibilities in the crisp autumn air. This is the perfect time to bring a sense of spiritual renewal to your life and to your family—the domestic church.

Autumn can truly bring out a new resolve to improve our lives as summer's freedom gives way to the structure of fall. For adults, faith formation classes and prayer groups are just forming in parishes. Check out the opportunities. With summer ending, many organizations are gearing up for new volunteers. Contact your local Catholic Charities or Habitat for Humanity to see how you might help out.

Think of the autumn season as a way to discover a new rhythm for your prayer life. If new activities can be scheduled into your daily life, start scheduling in more quality time for prayer. Fall is the perfect time to begin a 34-week Ignatian retreat, because if you start in September, the retreat-in-real-life schedule will conform to the liturgical year.

For the children in your house, early to bed and early to rise means there may be more opportunities to be together for short prayer. Say a blessing at breakfast, or a brief morning offering as kids head out for the bus. Try to bring a more regular prayer schedule to your home. Pray with your children as you tuck them in, making the prayer personal and about the day's events. Make a resolve this fall to bring Christ more prominently into your family's daily routine. Make the stewardship of your faith and family a commitment as autumn brings a sense of renewal.

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### BIBLE STUDY

“Eucharist” - from the Greek meaning “thanksgiving.” The body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. The most important and predominant belief of our Catholic faith. This will be the subject of our bible study to begin on September 9th at 6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. This will be a 10 week course with acclaimed author and teacher, Dr. Brant Pitre, digging down into the biblical roots of the eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teachings.

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