



# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1, 2024

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**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, 5:00 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 8:00 am

**Reconciliation** Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)  
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)  
5:00—5:30pm (English)  
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

**MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES**

**WEEKEND**

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

**DAILY**

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana  
(Spanish)  
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King  
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

# PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 1, 2024 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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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Tammie Vassou	Principal	

**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME** to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or online at [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org), click on join us.

**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.

**PARISH APP:** Download at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myParish

## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

### LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

#### Ministry to the Sick

Blessed Trinity Ministers to the Sick are committed to making pastoral visits to the homebound as well as the sick in hospitals and nursing homes to pray with and bring them Holy Communion.

Sr. Juliet 352.867.9860 or 352.629.8092  
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# STEWARDSHIP

## REPORT-GH-T

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In the Gospel on this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples about the end-time. He urges them to be vigilant, spiritually awake, to pray, and to avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle that embraces both earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on what it means to devote every waking moment in our lives to the Lord.

### STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

#### The Council of Catholic Women

Thank you to the CCW for cleaning the offices at Brother's Keeper! It was in need of a good cleaning and now smells better than it ever has! Thank you and may God bless all who helped!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

### New Parishioners:

Rodrigo & Marcela Martinez Salgado

Ismael & Virginia Villafane

Marian Calcurian, Jose, Antonella & Victoria Sabeh

### Baptisms:

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.



### Book For Advent

Our book for Advent this year is from Dynamic Catholic, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory.

33 Days of Eucharistic Glory is the first-ever Eucharistic Consecration. Are you ready to see what God can do in 33 days?

On sale this weekend, November 30/December 1 for \$2.00 each.

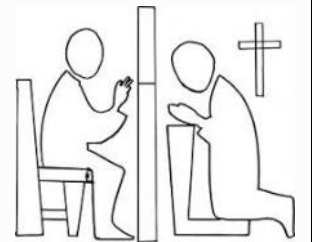


### Immaculate Conception

#### Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9:  
7:10am, 8:15am, 10:00am,  
12:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm  
(Spanish)

### Parish Communal Penance



Prepare now for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a normal part of our Advent journey to Christmas joy.

Our Advent Communal Penance, with 10-15 priests present for confessions will be on:  
Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm

Other opportunities for confession are:  
Saturday, December 21st: 8:30am, 11:00am, 2:45pm, 5:00pm  
Monday, December 23rd: 8:00am, 11:00am, 4:00pm  
Tuesday, December 24th: 8:00am, 11:00am

**RE: Monday, December 9, 2024 - Immaculate Conception Holy day of Obligation**

December 8, 2024, is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024. Previously, when the date was transferred the obligation was abrogated. However, this is no longer true.

From the USCCB:

"Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."

In light of this new directive, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.**

## “Prepare Now”

December is such a busy time of year, and a month that tempts us to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The best way to stay focused on the coming of Jesus Christ is to be good stewards of his presence in our daily lives. Here are simple ways to exercise good stewardship of this sacred time of year.

- 1) Give God a very special gift this year: Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily. Perhaps there is a habit you know you should give up. Why wait for a New Year’s resolution? Start now.
- 2) Celebrate the season of Advent: Light the Advent wreath candles each night before dinner. If you have children, let them offer their own prayers to the Christ child for whom we are waiting.
- 3) Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20: consider reading this account with your family or friends and discussing it together.
- 4) Put a creche up in your home at the beginning of Advent: consider having one set that is “kid-proof” which your children are allowed to handle. Kids love to make the Nativity story their own, and they especially love the angels!
- 5) Plan a project to help someone this Christmas: identify someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas.
- 6) Enjoy an eco-friendly Christmas: Christmas is a time when a large number of people enjoy excess and extravaganza, but the environmental cost can be quite dramatic. Arguably, a million miles of unrecyclable wrapping paper is thrown in the trash every year. Where possible, use recyclable gift wrap.
- 7) Attend Christmas Mass together with family or friends: December 25 falls on Wednesday this year so make sure you are present at the Table of the Lord. If you are alone this Christmas, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 14th for this annual event, held in the Parish Hall, at 9:00am.



Tickets are \$8.00 and are available for purchase at the Church Office, the BTS Friday Flyer (you can send in payment/order form to your teacher), or through your teacher at Angels in Arms.

The last day to buy tickets is Tuesday, December 10th. Tickets are not sold at the door. For questions or to get involved contact Lydia Ross, [lross@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:lross@blessedtrinity.org)



**PRAYER & ACTION**  
**DECEMBER 29-31**  
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church | Ocala | 8th - 12th graders



## Advent Wreath Sign-Up

Want a great way to involve your family in the liturgy? Sign up in the vestibule to light the newest candle on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of the Masses during Advent.



## Poinsettias are coming December 7th & 8th !

**Support the covenant Mission Team & bring beauty to the holidays for yourself or for a friend with a 6.5” plant, pots covered with florist foil, ONLY \$9**

**Cash, check or credit before and after all weekend masses. Special Note: We will have a small supply of “pure white” plants \$10.**



## St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, December 5, at the 5:30pm Mass. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.

## First Saturday Devotion

All members of the parish are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The next devotion will be on December 7, following the 8:00am Mass.



**Sunday, December 1st**—No Life Night due to Thanksgiving break. Come to the 5:00pm Mass with your families and celebrate God’s gift of the Eucharist!

**Sunday, December 8th**— At Life Night we will be wrapping up our final series of the semester, Friendship with Saints. Come enjoy games, small groups, and worship after the 5:00pm Mass.

## Catholic Giving Tuesday 2024

Catholic Giving Tuesday is almost here! As we thank God for His abundant blessings, we remember our call to not only enjoy the riches God entrusts us with, but also to be rich in good works. Your gift on December 3rd, Catholic Giving Tuesday, will allow us to share our blessings as a community and continue the spiritual mission of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. You can make your gift by visiting our website at [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org)

## LOOKING FOR NEW DECORATIONS!

Please help us purchase new Christmas decorations for the church! Our current supply is old and in need of replacement!

Monetary donations can be given in the wrapped collection box in the vestibule.

Thank you!





Monday, Dec 2	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Robert Vokes †
Tuesday, Dec 3	7:10am 5:30pm	Deceased members of the Bianculli & Steiner Families Pete Mayfield †
Wed, Dec 4	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Anthony Palatucci (L) Richard Anthony Sindone, Sr. † Diane Frechette †
Thursday, Dec 5	7:10am 5:30pm	Paul & Rose Phillips † Richard Anthony Sindone, Sr. †
Friday, Dec 6	7:10am 5:30pm	Allan Goodwin † Homer Rothfusz †
Saturday, Dec 7	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Fred Harney † Gabor Urban †
Sunday, Dec 8	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Marylou Piekarski † Richard Anthony Sindone, Sr. † Homer Rothfusz † Spanish Community Larry D. Chester, Jr. †

Please pray for Nilda Frances & Jessica Denison who have recently passed away.

**Mobile Device Giving**

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Thank you for your donation!



**Perpetual Adoration**

The following hours need to be filled:

- Sundays: 3:00am - 4:00am**
- Tuesdays: 1:00am - 2:00am**
- Thursdays: 3:00am - 4:00am**
- Thursdays: 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Our stewardship way of life here 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, here at Blessed Trinity.

**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.

"The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: Come to Me, all of you"

- Diary of St. Faustina, 1485



**ADS OF THE WEEK**

**Skin Cancer Center of Central Florida**

Mary F. Barber, M.D.  
352.259.6553

**Southeast Trust Company**

southeasttrust.com  
352.291.5999

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.



"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith." -St. Nicholas of Myra

Since 1970, Brother's Keeper has helped thousands of needy families in our community by providing gifts for children and a Christmas dinner for selected families. We also serve a special Christmas meal at our Soup Kitchen.

Last year, we provided holiday assistance to over 360 families, including 580 children.

You can help by,

**PROVIDING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN via our ANGEL TREE**

We are partnering with Toys for Tots again this year to ensure we have enough gifts for all the families we serve. Please select a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the church vestibule. Return an unwrapped toy, along with the tag, to the church vestibule after all Masses through Dec., 8. Children ages 1 to 12 will receive gifts.

**PROVIDING FOOD**

Pick up a grocery bag after Masses on November 23/24 or November 30/December 1 and return them December 7/8 with the items on the list attached to the bag.

AND/OR

Look for us outside of Mass on November 23, 24, 30 and December 1, 7, 8 donate \$20 for groceries.

THANK YOU for your help. May God bless you!



**SEND TRINITY TO NATIONALS!**

Congratulations to the girls of the Trinity Catholic Girls Swim Team, who, along with their coach, Deacon Steve, will be travelling to Loyola University in Baltimore to compete in the 88<sup>th</sup> National Catholic Swimming and Diving Championship. Any donation to help reduce the cost of attending this competition is greatly appreciated. The swimmers will be grateful for any offering. You can also scan the UPC code to donate. Please pray for a safe trip and successful meet.



**ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL**

First Friday

Communion of Reparation Prayer Vigil

December 6, 2024

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

5 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala FL 34471

Fr. Edward Murphy

Celebrant

7:00pm Holy Rosary

Ongoing Confession during this time

8pm Holy Mass

**NEWS FROM OUR SISTER PARISH,  
NALWEYO, UGANDA**

By now, everyone will have received the Uganda edition of the Triangle, with articles from most of the Mission team members. Our plan is to publish a monthly update on the on-going needs/issues in Nalweyo and some of the sub-parishes. We sincerely want to thank all our sponsors who have contributed funds for books, and general school supplies for the schools in the sub-parishes - your generous donations are very much appreciated.

Currently there are 23 students who still do not have sponsors. Along with the Nalweyo students, there are 8 Seminarians who are in need of sponsors, and three high school seminarians.

The Mission has on-going needs that, as always, need the financial support of our very generous sponsors. As a brief update, there are three sub-parishes in need of new wells.

We need to evaluate the need for new dormitories and staff houses in some of the sub-parishes.

The Church at Nalweyo has become too small to accommodate the parishioners and students. Plans have been drawn up and the approximate cost is \$250,000.

In December of this year, six of the Senior Students from Trinity Catholic in Nalweyo will be traveling to Johannesburg to take part in a national debating competition. This team came in second in their Regional competition and we wish them luck when they compete on a national level.

Please feel free to contact Sr. Juliet if you have any questions about the Blessed Trinity Nalweyo mission, especially if you would like to sponsor a child, or one of the Seminarians.

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 & 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be December 8th.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, three different juices, french toast, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6



**Brother's Keeper Pantry  
List—December 7/8**



The number of clients served continues to climb, the nonfood items are all at zero. Please help where you can. Thank you and God bless.

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| Canned Vegetables | Cereal        |
| Shampoo           | Deodorant     |
| Razors            | Shaving Cream |
| Toothpaste        | Soap          |
| Laundry Detergent |               |

**Bereavement Thanks**

A huge "Thank You" to all of those who baked in response to our latest request.

The bereavement freezer is now full of a nice variety of goodies.

Your generosity continues to amaze us!

Nov 30 / Dec 1:

Dec 7 / 8: Advent—No Flowers

Dec 14 / 15:

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



**FINAL NOTICE OF PARISH LIBRARY  
CLOSING!**

Free religious books!

The parish library will be closing in the next week and what doesn't go will sadly be thrown away.

Please come take as many books as you want. Pass them out as evangelization, or share with the homebound.



Thank you!



**2024 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT**

*Calling all children who would like to participate*

*in the 3pm Christmas Eve Mass!*

*We need singers, readers, and actors!*

*If your children are choir members at BT school we want them to sing!*

Sign-up via email: [crabe@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:crabe@blessedtrinity.org)

Or phone: (352)629-8092 ext.3202

*Child's name, age, parent's email & phone # requested*

*Child should attend all 3 Saturday rehearsals:*

*12/7 & 12/21 @ 10-11am      12/14 @ 1:30-2:30pm*

David & Jayne Ellspermann | Robert & Jane Adams  
Frank & Angela DeLuca | June Burks