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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 1, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	5:30 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

DECEMBER 1, 2024 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	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

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.

Weekly Offering

November 24, 2024

\$1,481.10

LEGION OF MARY

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

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, at Blessed Trinity church, with 10-15 priests present for confessions will be on:

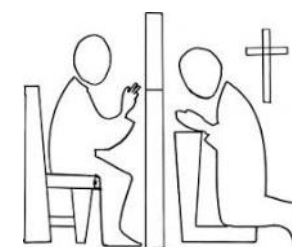
Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm

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



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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Dec 4 Maguire & Lavan Family L/D

Sunday, Dec 8 Dean Mitchell †

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



Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9:
5:00pm

**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.

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.

“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.



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

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AT OUR SOUP KITCHEN !!!!!

December Menu

- 12/3 Turkey Vegetable Soup
- 12/10 Spaghetti
- 12/17 Ham Dinner
- 12/24 Closed
- 12/31 Closed

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks

Meals are Free Every Tuesday

From 12pm-2pm

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



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

Tickets are \$8.00 and are available for purchase at the Blessed Trinity 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, lrross@blessedtrinity.org



2024 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all children who would like to participate in the 3pm Christmas Eve Mass at Blessed Trinity!

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
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

We are our

Brother's Keeper

"What ever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me." -

Mt 25:40

Please consider donating to our food pantry.

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Tuna Helper
- Hamburger Helper
- Pork & Beans
- Beef Stew (canned)
- Soups (canned)
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Deodorant (men and women)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Tea-Coffee-Gatorade
- Powered or canned milk
- Broth (beef, chicken,veg)
- Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap



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Frank & Angela DeLuca | June Burks

December 28, 2024 is a day "for good". Start the day with a walk, jog or run at the inaugural 5K for good. End your day with the 4th Annual Concert for Good!

5K at 7:30 AM Baseline Trailhead
Concert at 7:30 PM Ocala Civic Theatre

Scan to register by 12/14 Price goes up after 12/10

Join us for three days of authentic community, prayer, and service! Grow in your faith, while serving the faces of our community.

Scan to watch a video recap of last year's PandA

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



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 at Blessed Trinity. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.