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

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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.

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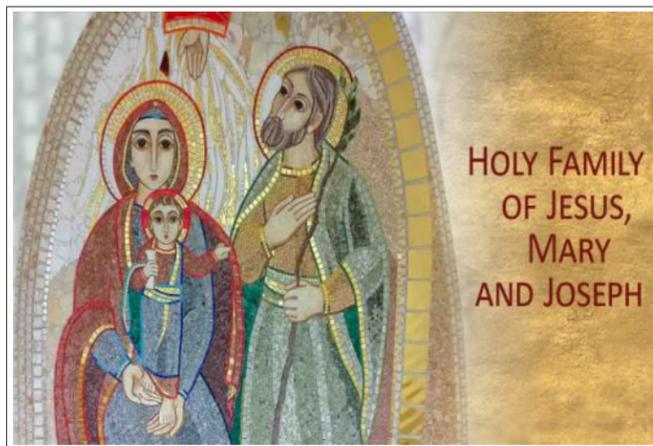
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"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

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STEWARDSHIP

POSTSCRIPT

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul’s Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Council of Catholic Women

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island ministry would like to thank the members of CCW for using their time and talent to keep Blessed Trinity looking beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Donna Meier

Luis, Johana & Mana Ochoa-Otalora

Baptisms:

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus’ parents: “Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom.” This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The “Holy Couple” carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let’s commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



An Army of Stewards for Christmas

Merry Christmas season to all.

We, Blessed Trinity, are indebted to so many for making our many Christmas celebrations come alive and up lift us.

We appreciate and thank Colleen Rabe and all the parish choirs and musicians under her direction.

We thank all our lectors, ministers of the eucharist, sacristans, ushers and church decorators.

We thank Mr. Scott Bolton, director of Angels in Arms, Mrs. Megan Losito, Principal at Blessed Trinity School, Mr. Lou Pereira, President of Trinity Catholic High School and all their staff, students and volunteers for all their Christmas spirit and great work.

We thank Brother’s Keeper, under Mr. Jason Halstead, and all the many, many volunteers who feed the hungry and homeless daily; who spread Christmas joy giving toys to many hundred poor children, meals to shut-ins, and donations to make all this possible.

We thank Ms. Lori Berndt, director of Elder Care and her staff for providing a safe and spirit filled daily life for up to 30 frail, elderly five days a week.

We thank our Life Teen community, under Mrs. Lydia Ross, for inspiring so many of our teens to grow in Christ’s love and spread it to their peers.

We thank Ms. Anna Vanegas and all her volunteer staff, Spanish and English, for their good work in passing on the Catholic faith to all our little ones.

We thank all our volunteers who keep the parish phone answered daily at the front desk and do so many other volunteer jobs.

We thank our parish building committee, under Mr. Chuck Pigeon and our parish maintenance staff under Mr. Tim Daly, for overseeing, repairing and beautifying all our parish buildings and grounds.

We thank all our parish ministries, too many to name, for supporting and building the Kingdom of God, for keeping us in permanent prayer and for challenging us to stay connected.

We thank our parish stewardship committee, under Mr. Matt Ivers, for inspiring us to be growing faithful stewards.

We thank all our ministers to the sick, under Sr. Juliet, for visiting and bringing communion to our sick, hundreds of them, every week.

We thank the 1000 or more involved in so many ways in the growth of our sister parish, Blessed Trinity, Nalweyo, Uganda—building village churches, village schools, catechist houses, dormitories for thousands of boarders, staff houses for teachers, providing fresh deep water wells, providing a home for 70+ orphans, building and supporting two medical clinics and sending hundreds of students all the way from kindergarten to university.

And lastly we thank our deacons and priests and parish staff for all the great work they do publicly and behind the scenes to keep our parish alive and well and Christ like.

Father Pat's 3rd Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat's 3rd Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, January 12th 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 meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, January 18th at 9am in the chapel.



Medjugorje Trip 2025

Planning has started for the Spring 2025 trip to Medjugorje.

The group will depart on Sunday, April 20, 2025 and return on Monday, April 28, 2025.

If you are interested in going, please contact Katherine Baker at 352.629.8092 or at kbaker@blessedtrinity.org

Sacristans Needed

Sacristans are needed to set up the altar for Mass. We especially need sacristans for the Life Teen Mass, Daily Mass at 7:10am and 5:30pm and for weddings.

Please prayerfully consider serving at any of these Masses.

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the New Year



Loving and merciful God,

You are the Lord of
new beginnings.
You sent us Your Son so that we
may begin anew
and enjoy new life in Your Spirit.

We ask you to bless this new year,
to guide and direct our plans,
and to show us how to find the
resources necessary
to carry out these plans.

Give us the wisdom to take
advantage of opportunities
we may have to help and
serve others,
to bring peace to the hearts of
those who are troubled,
and hope to those who suffer.

Help us approach this new year
as good stewards of your
abundant gifts,
with an awareness of your
daily presence,
and the obedient spirit we need to
be your faithful servants.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

5th Annual Mass for Life

Friday, January 17th, 2025 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe.

Bilingual Rosary at 11:15am followed by Mass at noon. Bishop John Noonan will be the main celebrant.

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, January 2nd, at the 5:30pm Mass.

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

USED CARS NEEDED

Blessed Trinity church is looking for used car donations to help needy families. If you are looking to get rid of a used car in good working order, please call Katherine at the church office, 352.629.8092.

Remember any donation to the church is a tax deductible charitable donation.



Children's Offerings

It is time to encourage parents to encourage their children to bring a gift for God each and every week and bring it up to the altar while adults are being passed the collection basket. It does not have to be money. It really should be their gift. At present it is mostly preschoolers who come. But the plan was for all youth—grade school up to and including 12th grade—to come to the altar. Encourage them. It is a real life learning experience.



Sunday, December 29th—No Life Night due to Christmas break. Come to the 5pm Mass with your families and celebrate God's gift of the eucharist!

Sunday, January 5th— Life Teen Spring Kickoff! Start the new year right with friends, games, food, and more! Life Teen is kicking off the new year together and we want you to join us. Tonight is a great opportunity to bring a friend!

Retrouvaille

Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It's also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again.

Our next program begins in Winter Park January 31-February 2, 2025. Not counseling or group therapy. For more information and registration, call 352.274.4614.

All calls and names held in strictest confidence. We invite you to visit our website at Retrouvaille.org





Monday, Dec 30	7:10am	George & Elizette DiRusso (L)
	5:30pm	Maria & Adolph D'Ambrosio †
Tuesday, Dec 31	4:00pm	Fr. Michael Sheedy †
	6:00pm	Fr. Michael O'Keefe †
Wed, Jan 1	7:10am	Harland Mueckler †
	8:45am	Michael Mazza †
	11:00am	Karen Dietrich †
	5:00pm	Richard Nappi †
Thursday, Jan 2	7:10am	Semudo Family L/D
	5:30pm	Phyllis Weaver †
Friday, Jan 3	7:10am	Bob Valentine †
	5:30pm	Homer Rothfus †
Saturday, Jan 4	8:00am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	4:00pm	John Marren †
	6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Jan 5	7:10am	Mike Hammel †
	8:45am	Marilyn Bimonte †
	11:00am	Vincent & Catherine Cadigan †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Jenny Helmett †

Please pray for Anthony Kernan who has recently passed away.

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Thursdays: 3:00am - 4:00am

Also in need of substitutes, especially between Midnight and 5:00am

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.

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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 January 4, 2025 following the 8am Mass.

Come Let Us Adore Him

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany stirs our need to worship, adore and praise Jesus our Lord and King.

Blessed Trinity's charismatic prayer group, *Fountains of Living Water*, invites you to join us in lifting up and exalting the Name Above All Names.

Every week we gather for songs of joy and praise ...which leads to a time of quiet listening ...which leads to a time of reflecting on the Word of God ...which leads to a time of sharing faith ... which leads to a closing time for prayer and intercession.

Come, add your heart to our offering of praise. We meet Every Thur., 7-8:30pm, in the Adult Day Care. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?

Saturday, February 15 is the date for the next

Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana

Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 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, <https://btchurch.blessedtrinity.org/ministries/pre-cana/>

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will not be until April 26, 2025.



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

First Friday

Communion of Reparation Prayer Vigil

January 3, 2025

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Fr. Edward Murphy

Celebrant

7:00pm Holy Rosary

Ongoing Confession during this time

8pm Holy Mass

(in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM OUR SISTER PARISH



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



Dec 28 / 29:

Jan 4 / 5:

Jan 11 / 12: In memory of Richard Anthony Sindone, Sr. By Lori Bates

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The cherub and white rose decoration in the church represents This 15th Century German Christmas Poem (Author unknown), later arranged as the hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

A rose has sprung from a tender root
From Jesus, as those of old have sung,
And it bore a flower,
In the middle of the cold winter.

When half spent was the night
Isaiah foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
Is Mary the pure, the little flower has brought us.
From God's eternal wisdom, she bore a child,
And remained pure.

The Flower so small, whose sweet
Fragrance fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the
Darkness everywhere;
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