



# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 8, 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 8, 2024 ~ SECOND 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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**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

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

## 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.



# STEWARDSHIP

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Saint Paul prays with joy and confidence for his friends in the Christian community at Philippi. He is encouraged that the community has partnered with him to proclaim the Gospel. He sees Christ's active presence and plan of salvation at work in the community. God's overarching plan is unclear to us. But when we see evidence of God working through others, doesn't it give us reason to hope that Christ is alive among us? Does the witness of others help our own prayer lives? Does it inspire us to be partners with others in promoting the Gospel? Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

## STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

### The Hussain Family

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

**Thank you for being faithful stewards!**

### New Parishioners:

Jane DiPaolo

### Baptisms:

Oliver Paul Imel

Caleb Silas Stones

Emma Grace Thornhill

Harper Rose Thornhill

Cameron Christopher Thornhill

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

Let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ this Advent. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.



## Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

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

## 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.

## 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

## Poinsettias are coming this weekend, 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.



## Expansion of Blessed Trinity Sister Parish Church

Cost of the expansion: \$244,000.00

Early returns: \$12,300 pledged so far, \$3,100 paid so far.

No donation or pledge is too small.

Try to give at least part of your donation as a Christmas gift.

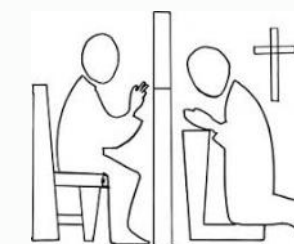
Your donation is worth far more than 10 times its value here in the U.S.

Together we can give our fast growing sister parish a church that can accommodate its families and all its students.

Thank you—Fr. Pat

## 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

## The Season of Advent, A Season of Hope

Advent is a time of waiting and expectation; a season of quiet anticipation and preparation. We are waiting for our Lord to come into the world as the baby Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. We are also preparing for His return, His second coming as the shepherd-king, to restore harmony and right relationship to all creation. Advent is a season yearning for God to come and set the world right with perfect justice, truth and peace. It is a season of hope.

Advent is a time to emphasize preparation through prayer. While Lent emphasizes a spirit of repentance through prayer and fasting, Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers for deliverance, prayers of gladness and joyful expectation, prayers that await the light of Christ coming into the world.

We do not shrink from those Advent scripture readings that reveal a strong prophetic tone of accountability and judgment. Christ's disciples expect the Lord to hold them accountable for what has been entrusted to them just as a spouse, parent, teacher or supervisor holds us accountable. And just as the steward was found faithful in small matters by the master, we too are confident that we will be found faithful and will enter the joy of the master. We have absolute trust in the Lord's countenance.

Assuredly, during Advent we anticipate the Lord's coming with hope. It is that hope, however faint at times, that keeps us from despair and the darkness of sin and its destructiveness. It is a hope that urges us to be kind, loving and compassionate toward one another. It is a hope that encourages our faith in a merciful God who continues to pour His grace upon us.

We don't know when Christ will come again to bring human history to its completion. But we celebrate with gladness the great promise of Advent and we rekindle that positive, joyful spirit within us because we know, as Zechariah prophesied, that the light of Christ will shine on all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and He will guide our feet into the way of peace.

## The Music of Christmas Eve

3:00pm Children's Pageant and School Choir Mass

5:00pm Blessed Trinity's Psalt Musicians Mass

6:30pm Chimes, Violin, Flute & Cantors

11:15pm Christmas Concert with the Choir & instrumentalists

12:00 Midnight Mass with the Blessed Trinity Choir & instrumentalists



## Facilities Calendars

It's that time of year again to submit your calendar request for meeting locations. All ministries and organizations need to submit a calendar for January-June 2024 indicating the name of the ministry, the facility requested, starting and ending times and name and phone number of the contact person making the request. Calendars will be available in the church office. Please return the completed calendars to the church office, attention Melinda Gunn.

**IMPORTANT**

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for December

Lord,

As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen



**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.

**Sunday, December 15th**— Join Life Teen as we continue our annual tradition of a progressive dinner for the holiday season. We will begin at the King of Kings building promptly after the 5pm Mass, and then will continue to two homes on the BT bus for dinner and dessert. Students must RSVP and turn in a waiver by Sunday, December 8 to participate. Contact Lydia Ross for more information.

## 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)



Monday, Dec 9	7:10am	John Marren †
	8:15am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
	10:00am	Dr. Arturo & Leticia Stable †
	12:10pm	Purificacion DeLa Cruz †
	5:30pm	James W. Wright †
Tuesday, Dec 10	7:10am	Tabina Baltodano †
	5:30pm	Janette Simpson †
Wed, Dec 11	7:10am	P.W. & Mae Raftis †
	5:30pm	P.W. & Mae Raftis †
Thursday, Dec 12	7:10am	R.J. Sumner †
	5:30pm	Robert Durocher †
Friday, Dec 13	7:10am	Juan DeLa Cruz †
	5:30pm	Maria & Abraham Almeyda †
Saturday, Dec 14	8:00am	Semudo Family L/D
	4:00pm	Pat Long †
	6:00pm	Homer Rothfusz †
Sunday, Dec 15	7:10am	W. Len Warren †
	8:45am	Rosario Torres †
	11:00am	Cecelia & Luis Tovar †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	John Marren †

Please pray for Cathy Conner who has 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**  
**Mondays: 1:00am - 2:00am**  
**Mondays: 2:00am - 3:00am**  
**Tuesdays: 1:00am - 2:00am**  
**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.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - St. Mother Teresa

### ADS OF THE WEEK

**Jim Spinelli, CLU FIC**  
 General Agent  
 352.873.9417

**Lawrence J. Sutton, D.D.S., P.A.**  
 Comprehensive Dentistry  
 352.620.0094

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

## Brother's Keeper's Annual CHRISTMAS Toy & Food ASSISTANCE

*"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!**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	December 1, 2024		
Weekend Total:	458	\$ 28,092.97	Year to date collection: \$ 1,695,820.77
Electronic Offering Total:	402	\$ 43,350.56	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 4,245.81	Year to date budget: \$ 1,766,961.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit: <b>(\$71,140.23)</b>
Non Sunday:	34	\$ 3,255.00	
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 78,944.34</b>	Thanksgiving: \$3,452.90
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 84,141.00	
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$5,196.66)</b>	

"Thank you for your donations."

**Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the "memo" line of your check.**

## Peace & Social Justice

How about giving a Christmas gift this year that would help small family farmers in Asia, Africa, South America, India, and Palestine? You would be helping these farmers by purchasing Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa, and olive oil after Mass next weekend.

We have been selling these products for the past 20 years at Blessed Trinity and are in the top 5% of all sales of congregations and community groups. Fair Trade helps these farmers make a fair profit by guaranteeing fair compensation. It also supports the creation of producer cooperatives that bring social, cultural and economic benefits to entire communities. You are helping to set up training programs for women in Guatemala, an ecotourism project in Nicaragua and new classrooms in El Salvador.

Fair Trade farmers use organic, environmentally sound non-chemical farming to help the environment. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25 verse 40, challenges us to help our brothers and sisters when he says "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thank you for your purchases and have a very blessed Merry Christmas.



## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18



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



## 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 this Sunday, 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.

Dec 7 / 8:

Dec 14 / 15: Advent—No Flowers

Dec 21 / 22:

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



## SCRIP

Scrip is available outside of church after the 8:45 and 11:00am Masses on Sunday's (except when there is a school holiday).

Christmas is coming! Get all of your gift card needs now!



## 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

www.concertforgood.com To benefit:

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!



## BT School is HIRING

### Teacher Assistants

Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on:

**OrlandoDiocese.org**

We look forward to hearing from you!