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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 8, 2024



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| MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 8, 2024 — SECOND 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.

OFFICE - 352.595.5605

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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 |
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| 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

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."

Weekly Offering

December 1, 2024

\$2,286.00

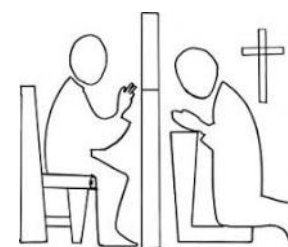
LEGION OF MARY

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

Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9: 5:00pm



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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Dec 11 Georgina Casanova & Veronica Kerr (L)

Sunday, Dec 15 Henrietta & Victor Cabral †

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

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



BT School is **HIRING**

Teacher Assistants

Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on:

OrlandoDiocese.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

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.



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

Christmas Poinsettias

It is that time of year again!

We always have a beautiful altar and manger but in order to do that we need your help!

We are asking for donations to buy the poinsettias again this year.

You can drop your donation in the collection and put Christmas flowers in the memo line.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Free Soup Kitchen

Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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WE FEED YOUR HUNGRY HEART AND SOUL
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, lross@blessedtrinity.org

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



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



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December 28, 2024
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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 **Concert at 7:30 PM**
Baseline Trailhead **Ocala Civic Theatre** 

