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# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 15, 2024



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We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.



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<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING</b>	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY</b>	
<b>WEEKEND</b>	
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
<b>DAILY</b>	
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
<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

# PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 15, 2024 — THIRD 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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Travelers' Information		410.676.6000
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### 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.

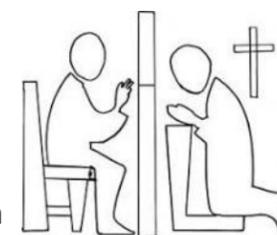
**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 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.

### 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 today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Dec 18 The Holy Souls  
Sunday, Dec 22 Georgina Casanova & Veronica Kerr (L)

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](http://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

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Weekly Offering

December 8, 2024

\$2,022.00

### LEGION OF MARY

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

## 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](mailto:kbaker@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



## LIVE NATIVITY



Saturday, December 21, 2024, after the 4pm Mass (approx. 5pm) and Sunday, December 22, 2024 after the 8:45 Mass (approx. 10am)

Come to experience a Nativity Reenactment at Blessed Trinity

Young children are encouraged to dress as angels in white with wings

### The Annual Hoe Down

Once again we had a very successful evening at Adena Country Club. It's purpose is to raise donations for the poor and homeless served by: Brother's Keeper, Open Arms, Project Hope, Saving Mercy and the medical/ dental clinic at La Guadalupana.

Under the good leadership of Jason Halstead and a very active committee of many, many volunteers, we raised a lot of money and had a most enjoyable dinner and evening.

Thanks to all our sponsors and donors.



## 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](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



### BT School is **HIRING**

#### Teacher Assistants

Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on:

**OrlandoDiocese.org**

We look forward to hearing from you!



## Free Soup Kitchen

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

Christ The King Catholic Church  
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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

**Christmas Around The World**

Christ the King  
Christmas Around The World, Sunday, December 22nd after Mass in the hall.

Please bring your family's favorite, heritage, traditional dishes of Christmas and share them with us all.

Be sure to sign up on the list in the hall so we will know how many tables to set up.

Can't wait to try it all!



Did you know Brothers Keeper now has a bicycle repair shop?

**Yes!**

You can get your bicycle repaired or tuned up at Brothers Keeper!

**BK Bikes**

- fixes flat tires
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BK Bikes also has refurbished adult and kids bikes for sale.

**Shop hours:**

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Donations of unused or broken bikes are accepted, which are refurbished for sale or given to workers who need transportation.

If you would like to help fix bicycles, BK Bikes has room for a few more volunteer mechanics; training is available.



**A Stewardship Approach to Christmas Giving**

The beautiful season of Advent is upon us, and with it a desire for the simplicity which fosters spiritual depth. This desire often runs into headwinds during December. A season which is often marked by excess and over-consumption coincides with the poverty and simplicity of the manger. It's a conundrum for the Christian steward.



We are increasingly aware of Pope Francis's call to be stewards of the environment. But let's face it, how many of us have felt a twinge of guilt on Christmas morning as garbage bags full of unrecyclable wrapping paper and protective plastic toy containers are carried to the trash. Do our children really need so much? Do we?

There's been a movement afoot in the last few years to cut back on Christmas buying, especially as it pertains to our kids, whom we sometimes overindulge on that special day. The easy-to-remember plan is called "Something they want, something they need, something to wear, something to read." Following those four pointers, our children can receive four well-thought-out gifts that fulfill both practical and fun desires. Think quality. Refrain from lots of "stuff," which we excuse as "stocking stuffers" and often are broken or discarded by New Year's Day. The plan can work for a spouse or another special person as well.

Another important consideration for the Christian steward is to remember that the Christmas need to give extends far beyond family. Schools, churches and faith formation programs often promote "giving trees" where we select a person or family in need who may not receive a gift without our help. This is a great program for kids who can become totally involved in the selection, and perhaps with their allowances, even the purchase of a gift for a stranger.

Shelters collect socks, nursing homes need carolers, the clerk at the busy grocery store needs an extra smile, your pastor and your teacher might appreciate a special thank you note. There are scores of ways to give during the Advent and Christmas seasons. If we commit to keeping it a little simpler under the tree on Christmas morning, we'll have more time and energy for other forms of giving. We'll do the environment a favor, and we will give our kids a lesson in giving rather than getting. And that, of course, is an authentic Christmas message.

