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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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JANUARY 5, 2025 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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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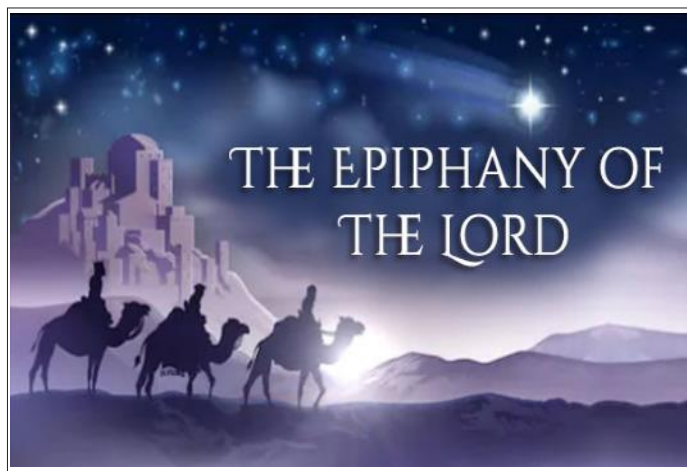
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STEWARDSHIP

POTLIGHT

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

The Oliver Family

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

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

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Baptisms:

Prince Lorenzo Medwinper

Coby Joseph Brennan

Liam Luis Brennan-Gamboa

Aranza Alejandra Lippo Munoz

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Every year billions of people celebrate a mother and the birth of her baby.

Children around the world point at the newborn child in the nativity scene and ask, "Who's that?" and parents and grandparents whisper, "That's Jesus, Our Lord and Savior."

Then the same children point to Mary and ask, "And who's that?" and they get the answer, "That's His mother, without her Christmas could not have happened."

We Catholics love our church. As in our families, we are born into the church at baptism. Like a mother, the church feeds us in the eucharist, forgives us in reconciliation, strengthens us in confirmation, consoles us with the anointing of the sick and gives us away in marriage or religious life.

In this family of faith we look to Mary as our spiritual mother—a mother who inspires, guides and protects us.

Mary never went to college, yet we call her "The seat of wisdom" - as she gave flesh to wisdom, to the word, to the eternal son of God.

Her proclamation, "Be it done to me according to your word." Mary is wise because she accepts God's will. She is the greatest of all the saints because she is closest to her divine son and wants nothing more than to draw us close to Him.

In this new year, do your best to imitate Mary by drawing closer to her divine son, Jesus.

I belong to _____?

Can you belong to two parishes at the same time? Yes, you can. The obvious example would be all our winter visitors who are here for the winter months and "up north" during the summer.

Another example would be where a person has a property or a home here and a more permanent home elsewhere. You obviously can register in both parishes.

But if you only live in one area, can you belong to two parishes in that area?

It depends on what you mean by belonging!! If "belonging" only means going to Mass, then you can.

But being a genuine parishioner means a lot more than going to Mass. It does mean that but more so you are a vital part of the mission of the parish. You place your "tithe" there. You support the ministries—the mission of that parish. You are a vital part of that community.

Commitment is the key.

Diocesan Collection: Seminarians Jan 4/5

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Stewardship Saint for January

Saint John the Almsgiver

Saint John the Almsgiver earned the title “almsgiver” because of his passion for social justice and his stewardship of the poor and oppressed. Born at Amathus, Cyprus, around 560, the son of the governor of Cyprus, he was wealthy and of noble lineage. His wife and children died before John reached the age of 50.

A devout Christian, John sought to live a life of simplicity and in the spirit of poverty despite his wealth. He used his riches and position to help the poor. Despite being a layman, the Church at Alexandria petitioned to have John appointed bishop. He was consecrated Patriarch of Alexandria in 610.

He pledged himself to practice “charity without limits” and placed several thousand needy persons under his personal, pastoral care. He always referred to the poor as his “lords and masters,” because of what he called “their mighty influence at the Court of the Most High.”

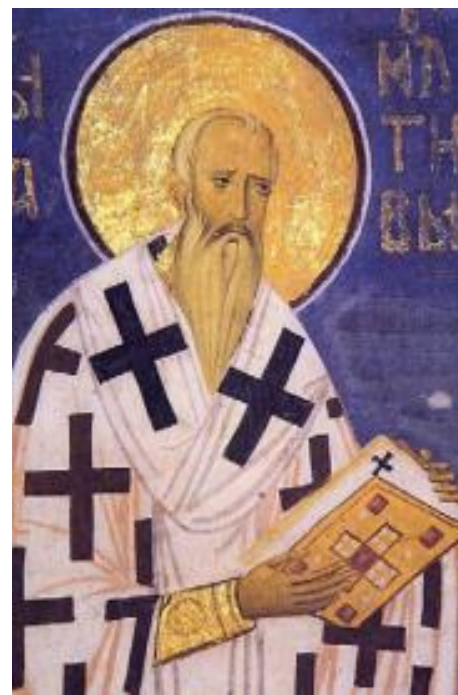
He divided the church treasury’s gold among hospitals and monasteries, and worked to establish an economic redistribution system whereby poor people received adequate money and means to support themselves. Refugees from neighboring territories were welcomed with open arms.

John was a reformer who established new hospitals and increased the number of churches in Alexandria from seven to seventy.

As bishop, John developed a reputation for kindness. Twice weekly, he made himself available to anyone, rich or destitute, who wished to speak with him. People lined up and waited patiently for their turn.

When asked about his passionate concern for the poor, it is said that John often recounted a youthful dream. In it, a beautiful young woman told him that she was “charity.” She told him: “I am the oldest daughter of the King. If you are devoted to me, I will lead you to Jesus. No one is as influential with him as I am. Remember, it was for me that he became a baby to redeem the world.” John used this story to persuade the rich to be generous.

When the Persians sacked Jerusalem in 614, John sent food and money to support the Christian refugees. Eventually, the Persians took over Alexandria, and John himself was forced to flee to his native Cyprus. John died peacefully on November 11, 619. His feast day is January 23.



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JANUARY 22-24

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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!

Sunday, January 12th—

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

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.

For more information call Peggy at 352.875.3554.



Monday, Jan 6	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Fr. Dominic Vitaliano (L)
Tuesday, Jan 7	4:00pm 6:00pm	Walt & Joan Plawecki † Dorothy Hurley †
Wed, Jan 8	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Allan Goodwin † Alicia Guerra † Jerry Vitaliano (L)
Thursday, Jan 9	7:10am 5:30pm	Homer Rothfus † Christine Vitaliano †
Friday, Jan 10	7:10am 5:30pm	Annette Remisiewicz † Eshawn Scotland †
Saturday, Jan 11	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Deceased members of the Cyrulinski Family Philip Fannelli † David Knight †
Sunday, Jan 12	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Angelo & Anna Zappulla † Fr. Duane Raftis † Nelda Francis † Spanish Community Jenny Helmett †

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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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The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, biscuits and gravy, three different juices and coffee. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

Please come and have breakfast with us!



Blood Pressure Screening

Free Blood Pressure Screening in the parish nurse's office in the parish hall from 8:00am-1:00pm, this Sunday, January 5.

Christmas Thoughts

My Lord and God,
It is in You that I Live and Move and Exist.
How can it then be,
That You have Come to Dwell within Me!
Oh Holy Night,
Where has your Darkness gone!
What was Hidden is now Revealed.
Love has given Birth.
Our God has come to live Among us.
A Babe has Changed the world!

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.

Charismatic ???

The Charismatic Renewal gets its name from the "charisms" or "Gifts" of the Holy Spirit which are being poured anew upon our Church today. This outpouring of Grace is merely the unfolding of Pentecost into the lives of everyday Believers.

The "Fountains of Living Water" prayer group, is part of this Charismatic Renewal. Mother Mary is our role model. Her "yes" to the Holy Spirit, not only changed her life, but redefined humanity. We invoke her to lead us ever deeper into a life surrendered into the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Join us as we seek to avail our lives to God's plan for us, and to the charisms He is offering us to accomplish His work.

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

THANKS FROM YOUR PRIESTS

We, your priests, are very thankful and very much appreciate all you do to make our lives and our pastoral work here at Blessed Trinity very fulfilling and special.

Thanks for all your personal cards and greetings, for all your gifts.

We are truly blessed to work as your priests in this parish mission given to us by God.

May the good Lord grant you all a deep and abiding faith and a happy, holy and healthy new year.

Concert For Good

We congratulate Caleb and Luke and their other singers and musicians who gave us a delightful, uplifting and spirit filled two hour concert at the Civic Center on December 28th. They had secured many sponsors a head of the concert which made the evening all the more successful. Between sponsors and ticket patrons, over the last four years, the concert has been able to five Brother's Keeper and Children's Alliance, \$100,000.

It is indeed a "Concert for Good."

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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.



Jan 4 / 5:

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

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



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

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.

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Dear Fr. Pat,

December 25, 2024

Merry Christmas.

We at Blessed Trinity Parish Nalweyo, send you greetings and lots of love.

Though we are far apart, know that you are in our hearts, thoughts and our prayers.

We are conducting Masses in almost all our Sub Parishes in this season of Christmas and in all these Masses, we are praying for you fr. Pat, we are praying for the Christians of Blessed Trinity Ocala and all our donors.

Sending you all the Merry Christmas wishes.

And a Prosperous New Year 2025.

Yours,

Fr. Charles Ssekiwere

Parish Priest

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Weekly Offering	December 29, 2024		
Weekend Total:	393	\$ 18,462.89	Year to date collection: \$ 2,022,778.28
Electronic Offering Total:	411	\$ 52,634.80	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 6,579.00	Year to date budget: \$ 2,103,525.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit: (80,746.72)
Non Sunday:	44	\$ 2,037.00	Christmas: \$36,290.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 79,713.69	
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