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February 23, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am Sunday

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

7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish) Saturday

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

PARISH LIFE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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.

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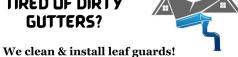
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STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face -to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Chili Supper Volunteers

The Sisters of Blessed Trinity would like to thank all the people who helped make the chili supper a big success!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Johnny Palencia
George & Sarah Weber-Cornish
Ross, Sarah, Kellan & Peyton Russell
Nadecha & Noah Munoz
Ronald Hull
Deborah Tindall
Jose & Nancy Ortiz

Baptisms:

Matthew Quant Del Valle

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!



WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pulpit Announcements

We encourage pulpit announcements at the end of Mass here at Blessed Trinity. If you want to bring people's attention to your bake sale, or your breakfast, or your prayer group, or bible study, etc. etc., you can do that as long as:

- 1) You get permission in advance. You cannot just walk up there. To get permission, just leave word on Fr. Pat's office phone (no email, no text). Assume permission if he does not call you back.
- 2) Write out your announcement. It can only be 30 seconds long—that is only ten typed lines. You can put more detailed information (printed) in the bulletin. You do not need to tell the people the history of your group, accomplishments, etc. If you need them to know, put it in the bulletin.
- 3) Once you have gotten permission, all you have to do is be already sitting in one of the chairs in front of the pulpit as soon as everyone has been to Holy Communion.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5 MASS SCHEDULE

7:10am, 8:15am, 10:00am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm (English in the hall), 7:00pm (Spanish in the church.

Ashes distributed during all Masses after the homily.

Our Catholic Appeal

Our parish assessment from our diocese is \$184. 191.

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$57,279.70.

The gifts of the faithful across the nine counties of our diocese are used to serve God's people, to care for our properties and to make plans for future endeavors. By taking part we are reaffirming that we are active members of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic church.

Each of us is responsible not only for our own parish but also for the well being of the church throughout our diocese and the world.

When we join together we do so much more than one parish could accomplish alone. Each gift, regardless of size, has a divine purpose.

Year after year our parish has met its goal.

That is due to the generosity of so many of you. Your OCA donation/pledge is very much appreciated.

If you have never had the opportunity to give to our OCA appeal, hopefully this will be your chance.

Thanks to all of you



Ministers of the Eucharist Training—

We have one more meeting set up for training of new ministers of holy communion. It will be

Saturday, March 1st from 9:00am-12:00 in the Parish Hall.

Please call the church office to put your name on the list, 352.629.8092 or call Dee McNeal at 352.390.0091.

Any and all practicing Catholics are encouraged from age 16 on up to As long as you are physically able to stand on your feet and able to gather around the altar to receive and bring the eucharist to your assigned spot.

20th Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive

Americans are all integrally connected to the farmworkers every time they eat. These men and women do some of the most important work in this country—feeding a nation—and deserve support. Caring about farmworkers reveals a care for the inherent dignity and humanity of the people in these communities.

<u>Will you help?</u> You can do this by collecting long-sleeve button down shirts. Bring these items to the church and place in the box provided.

In addition to clean and gently used long-sleeve button down shirts, the Farmworker Association of Florida is requesting the following items:

- Children's clothing
- Diapers and baby supplies
- Blankets
- Food donations, such as: beans, rice, tortillas, maseca, cooking oil and canned soups



OLD PALMS

Please bring back your old blessed palms and place them in the container in the vestibule. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.



Gift Shop News

Don't miss the new items coming in each week!

Need something new for Lenten devotions of for children's Easter baskets?

Come take a look before or after weekend Masses.

This week we are only open 3:30-5:30pm Wednesday, February 26

Vocation Cup

We now have replaced the missing vocation cups.

We have one for each weekend Mass.

Our hope is that everyone would bring this cup home and pray for vocations each day for that week and bring back the cup to the same Mass the next week, or before that time—not after that time. When you get the cup see the sacristan on the way out. You will get a nice container to put the cup in and a prayer leaflet to help you with your prayers for vocations.

The vocation cup is not primarily for people who are celebrating birthdays. We started giving it out to one of those celebrating a birthday because people were slow to come forward. We would prefer to leave it open to the public.



Sunday, February 23rd—There is no Life Night this Sunday after the Life Teen Mass, students are encouraged to attend the Antioch Retreat at St. Paul Leesburg.

Sunday, March 2nd— Prepare your heart for the Lenten season at this special Life Night. Join us after the Life Teen Mass, meal begins at 6:00pm.

Re-verification for School Stewardship Families

All School Stewardship families will be receiving a letter soon regarding stewardship re-verification. This year's meeting days will be in the Community Center on Tuesday, Feb. 25th (8 am until noon) and Wednesday Feb. 26th (6 pm until 9 pm). Each family will be given a specific appointment time but if they are unable to make that appointment, they can drop in at any of the given dates/times and they will be worked into the schedule.

Each family <u>must</u> attend on one of the three meeting days in order to continue as a school stewardship family for the 2025-26 school year.

All necessary information, including available times, will be in your letter. If you have any questions *after* receiving your letter, contact Stewardship Coordinator Sue Lanier slanier@blessedtrinity.org.

Thank you!

The San Genesius Theatre Ministry would like to thank the Blessed Trinity parishioners for all the donations to repair the bathroom at the parish hall stage for our actors.

Also, a big thanks to Heather Smith and the CCW for all the support they are giving us.



"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: 5:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Blessed Trinity Catholic

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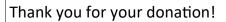


Monday, Feb 24	7:10am 5:30pm	Cecelia Eke † Roseann Webb †
Tuesday, Feb 25	7:10am 5:30pm	Grace Weiting † Maggie McDonald †
Wed, Feb 26	7:10am 8:15am	Homer Rothfusz † Patricia & Robert Daly †
	5:30pm	Anthony Kernan †
Thursday, Feb 27	7:10am 5:30pm	Janie Kearns (L) Charles Bianculli (L)
Friday, Feb 28	7:10am 5:30pm	Christopher Glenn (L Mary Bianculli (L)
Saturday, March 1	8:00am 4:00pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Jim & Nancy Scanlon †
	6:00pm	Gene Rishel †
Sunday, March 2	7:10am	Angelo & Anna Zappulla †
	8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Anthony Kernan † Carmen Tovar Diaz † Spanish Community Tom Fuller †

Please pray for John Terrone and Tom Burns who have recently passed away.

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Fridays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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!

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 Frist Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The next devotion will be on Saturday, March 1 following the 8am Mass.

Fr. Pat Scam emails / texts

Remember, Fr. Pat does not email or text—always calls. If you receive anything by email or text, delete and ignore! No need to verify with the office, if you receive anything other than a phone call, it's a scam!



Pilgrimages have always been a big part of our Catholic faith. Millions of people go to pilgrim sites all over the world each year. They go not primarily as tourists, but as people who take time out and time apart at a recognized holy place. They do this to pray, to do penance, to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the eucharist in a pilgrim site that is set apart for this purpose.

Most people are not in a position to go a far distance to visit these holy pilgrim sites.

This year, 2025, is a holy year.

Our parish, Blessed Trinity, is making plans for a one day pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral in Orlando on **April 29th**. Parishes and schools are encouraged to make this pilgrimage during this holy year.

We will have buses going from Blessed Trinity grade school and Trinity Catholic high school.

St. James Cathedral will be set aside for us most of April 29th.

If you go you can join adoration of the Blessed Sacrament early morning up to 11:30am. Confessions at 11:30am and then Mass at 12:10pm with our priests and deacons concelebrating. Mass will be followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral. Their social hall will be set aside for us if we bring our own lunch.

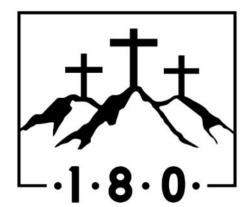
We will get a bus or two if enough people call in to make reservations. A voluntary donation is all that is required.

Pray about joining us.

BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

My name is Belicia Baker and my husband and I are one of these statistics. 1 in 4 women experience miscarriage. Meanwhile, 1 in 175 births are stillborn, or about 21,000 babies each year. Ever since the loss of my daughter, I have had the opportunity to get involved in an organization called the Star Legacy Foundation. This foundation's mission is to increase awareness, support research, promote education, and encourage advocacy and family support regarding pregnancy loss, and infant death. With that said, I will be hosting a Bingo night on March 21st, 2025 from 6-9 PM at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Dinner will be provided. I will be selling tickets for the price of \$30 per person. If you are interested in attending feel free to contact the church office (ask for Katherine Baker) or give me, Belicia Baker, a call at 210-904-6863.





"Into your hands I commit my spirit."

LUKE 23:46

180 is a Life Teen retreat that aims to shift our perspective and prepare our hearts for Lent. All high school aged students are invited to this unique and powerful experience on March 8, 2025. There will be worship, adoration, reconciliation, mass, bible studies, games, and more! The cost of the retreat is \$20 which covers the cost of two meals, a T-shirt, and retreat materials. Limited scholarships are available, contact Lydia Ross. Register by February 26 in order to receive a t-shirt. Late registrations will be accepted, but will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

WHERE: King of Kings Building

WHEN: March 8, 2025, 9:00AM – 9:00PM

what to bring: Water bottle, snack to share, and your own Bible. It is crucial that each student have their own Bible, please contact Lydia Ross if you do not own a Bible (Iross@blessedtrinity.org).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sir 27:4-7

Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45



Brother's Keeper Pantry List— March 1 / 2

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March 1 / 2: In memory of Harold Duris from Colleen Duris

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Expansion of Blessed Trinity Sister Parish Church

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We have \$221,683 donated/pledged.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering		February 16, 2025		
Weekend Total:	434	\$ 22,163.93	Year to date collection	: \$ 2,649,940.20
Electronic Offering Total:	425	\$ 42,242.07		
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,163.00	Year to date budget:	\$ 2,692,512.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 195.65	Year to date deficit:	(\$42,571.80)
Non Sunday:	85	\$ 13,528.07		
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 80,292.72		
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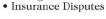




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