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WEEKEND	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am 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	
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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PARISH LIFE

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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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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 or search your phone's app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for—and generous in sharing—the abundance God has poured into my life?

LIVESTREAMING

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Ministry of the Week

Covenant Mission Team

The Covenant Mission Team is comprised of team members ranging from high school age (14 & older) to adult. The group does community service projects and fundraising prior to its trip to a chosen South American, Central American, or Caribbean location each summer.

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STEWARDSHIP

TOP TIGHT

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“For every tree is known by its own fruit.” Jesus states this principle in today’s Gospel reading to illustrate a parallel stewardship principle in our spiritual lives. Just as a good tree bears good fruit and a bad tree bears bad fruit, so also the good steward produces good and an evil person evil. This is no coincidence. Our words and actions are outward expressions of what lies in our hearts. It is out of the “store of goodness in his heart” that the good person produces good and “out of the store of evil in his heart” that the evil person produces evil. A reflection for the week” How are our words and actions accurately reflecting what lies deep in our hearts?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Stewardship Verification Volunteers

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all the people who give their time/ talent helping with our annual stewardship verification process!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Robert & Christine Lindner

Baptisms:

Elliana Rose Salmon

Joseph Michael Comolli

Denver Luke Roberts

Today’s readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: “the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he speaks.” Jesus uses the very same analogy in today’s Gospel reading from Luke: “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, “No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life’s work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for March

Merciful Lord,

As we prepare for our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times, even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Congratulations!

Parishioner, Barbara Kwatkosky, was sworn in as Circuit Court Judge on February 28th.

Your hard work has not gone unrecognized and we are sure you will continue to do great things for Ocala!



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

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$105,201.70.

Each one of us, Catholics, is responsible for helping our parish do its fare share in helping our diocese bring the fulness of our Catholic faith to the 9 counties that make up the diocese and also help to bring the faith to the entire world.

Thank you if you have already made a pledge or donation relative to the blessings God has bestowed on your family.

If you have not responded yet, please pray about it and do your best to do so over the next few weeks.

OCA envelopes are available in the vestibule or stewardship room.

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.



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.

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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.

Sunday, March 9th— Meet us at Bowlero West after Life Teen Mass for pizza, games, and bowling. \$15 if pre-paid by 3/5; \$28 per person if paid after 3/5. Includes 1.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, drinks and 20 arcade credits. Payments can be brought to the church office, dropped in the church mail slot, or brought to Life Teen on 3/2.

Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screening in the parish nurse's office in the parish hall from 8:00am—1:00pm, Sunday, March 2nd.



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Volunteers Needed: If you'd like to assist and serve the Lenten Soup Dinners, please contact Jason at 622-5544 or jason@bkocala.org.



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Tuesday, March 4	7:10am 5:30pm	Terrence Pringle † Homer Rothfus †
Wed, March 5	7:10am 8:15am 10:00am 12:10pm 5:30pm	Murawski Family † Ed Hamilton † Dr. Frank Hildner † William Canary & Mario Rosario † Rudy Blanchette †
Thursday, March 6	7:10am 5:30pm	Ed Hargroves † Cecilia & William McTighe †
Friday, March 7	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Linda Helfrich-Krzyw †
Saturday, March 8	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Linda Giordano † Frank Leo Reardon † Don O. Madden †
Sunday, March 9	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Frances Stevens † Jessica Denison † Hilda Neuschaefer † Spanish Community Andrea Montalvo (L)

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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!

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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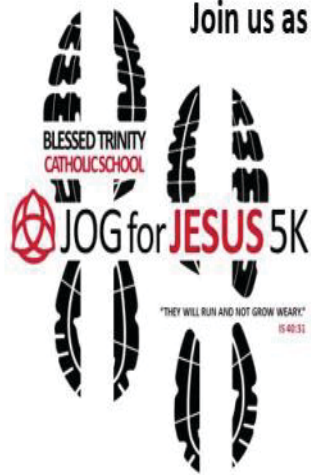
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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 and 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be Sunday, March 9.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, french toast, pancakes, 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.



St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, March 6, at the 5:30pm Mass.

Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.

Blessed Trinity Holy Year Pilgrimage

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.

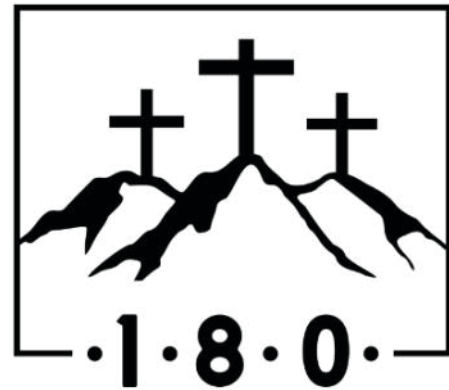


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"Into your hands I commit my spirit."
LUKE 23:46

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. 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 (lross@blessedtrinity.org).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13



Life Teen Car Wash

Saturday/Sunday

March 1/2

Come and support our students going to Camp Hidden Lake next summer in Georgia! Drop your car off before Mass and come back after to a sparkling car cleaned up by our Life Teen students. Your car will look as great as you feel after receiving Christ at Mass!



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

March 8 / 9: In memory of Michelle Smith
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Weekly Offering	February 23, 2025		
Weekend Total:	428	\$ 26,755.00	Year to date collection: \$ 2,736,732.64
Electronic Offering Total:	444	\$ 52,663.83	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 1,878.11	Year to date budget: \$ 2,776,653.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 292.00	Year to date deficit: (\$39,920.36)
Non Sunday:	58	\$ 5,203.50	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 86,792.44	
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