



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 16, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm 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 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)
5:00—5:30pm (English)
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm(Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ SIXTH 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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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or online at www.blessedtrinity.org, click on join us.

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

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

For Vocations to Priestly and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.

STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The prophet Jeremiah minces no words in today's first reading: "Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings...whose heart turns away from the LORD." And the prophet's "beatitude" resembles that of Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading when he proclaims: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD." Good stewards understand that what the world values is not consistent with Gospel values. They realize that God has placed in their midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to bring Christ to a world desperately in need of his loving presence. But to exercise good stewardship over God's gifts takes a great deal of trust. How does our stewardship reflect our trust in the Lord? What did we do today to give others hope in Christ Jesus?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Kelsey & Isla Jackson

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island ministry would like to thank Kelsey & Isla for using their time and talent to keep Blessed Trinity looking beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

William Clark

Julio & Martha Munevar

Cathleen Haire

Martha Camp

Oscar Moreno, Luz Suarez, Laura Moreno

Baptisms:

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.



Our Catholic Appeal

The 2025 OCA (Our Catholic Appeal) begins this weekend. The diocesan goal is \$17.7 million. Our parish share is \$184, 191.

If you have previously donated or pledged to OCA then you already received a request from our diocese to renew your annual OCA commitment. You know your finances. You are encouraged to add to your annual commitment if possible.

Our parish is deeply encouraged and thankful for your help as we strive to meet our commitment to our good diocese. If you are new or have never pledged to OCA before, please seriously consider doing so this year. Know that it is part of our moral commitment, following our baptism, to take part in the expense of spreading the full gospel which we, as Catholics, believe in.

You should, and you will, feel good to contribute your fare share. Because of the cooperation of our parishioners we are able to meet our responsibilities to our diocese. If we go over our goal, the parish retains 2/3 of that surplus while 1/3 goes to the care of sick and retired priests.

May the good Lord guide your response.

Fr. Pat



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.



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 Saturday, Feb. 22nd (10 am until 1 pm), 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 must 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 at slanier@blessedtrinity.org.

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 toAs 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.

Will you help? 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.

Have you visited the Gift Shop recently?

Don't miss out—every week we have new items!

New items coming in for Lent and Easter



Stop in before or after the weekend Masses

Greetings from the Uganda Mission Team

We are starting the Uganda Student Sponsorship Program for 2025. The students from Blessed Trinity Schools Nalweyo, Uganda are very grateful for the education provided by their current sponsors.

During this weekends, Masses Feb 15th - 16th, mission volunteers will be in the portico to accept your sponsorship renewals and give information to new sponsors. There will be student packets available for you to select children in grade school, high school and university.

Thank you for considering being a sponsor and helping to lift these children out of poverty through education. Last year there were 200 students who did not have sponsors plus we have 185 new students. We appreciate all donations including multiple sponsors sharing costs to ensure all students get an opportunity to attend school.



Sunday, February 16th—We will finish our series "Belong" after the 5:00pm Mass. We'll have a meal together, games, and small group time.

Sunday, February 23rd— There is no Life Night this Sunday after the Life Teen Mass, students are encouraged to attend the Antioch Retreat at Saint Paul Leesburg. For more information regarding this retreat opportunity, email Lydia Ross at lross@blessedtrinity.org

The Parish Prayer Garden

As people get to know we have an inspiring prayer garden, some groups will begin to use it as a group. We encourage that. But, just to avoid two groups being there at the same time, we ask that you call into the parish office and schedule your group. You can come anyway at the last minute even if you have not booked the time.

Also, of course any person or family can come at any time, without calling in, if you want to pray the stations or sit and prayerfully meditate and pray with Jesus.



"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A
PRO-LIFE SYMPOSIUM!**

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: 5:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
(King of Kings Hall)

5 SE 17th Street, Ocala

Join us for an inspiring and impactful event featuring presentations that honor the dignity of life and promote a culture of compassion and respect.

**Featuring Dr. William Lile, DO – Internationally
Recognized Special Guest Speaker**

Dr. Lile (prolifedoc.org) will share his expertise on the life and personhood of the preborn, emphasizing understanding through love and empowered education.

Enjoy an evening of meaningful discussions, promotional tables, exciting door prizes, and delicious food. The program will run from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** with a 15-minute intermission. Childcare will be available.

For further details and to RSVP please contact: Liesa Borrillo at liesaborrillo@gmail.com

**Step out in faith as a change-maker and help
shape our culture**


with honesty, truth, and the love of Christ!



Monday, Feb 17	7:10am 5:30pm	William Irwin † Ron Sbroee †
Tuesday, Feb 18	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Alex Frederick †
Wed, Feb 19	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Goodwin/Blake Family † Jose Herrera † Anthony Kernan †
Thursday, Feb 20	7:10am 5:30pm	Odilie Baltodano † Lyn Biamonte †
Friday, Feb 21	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Rose Bilancio †
Saturday, Feb 22	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Homer Rothfusz † James & Phyllis Weaver † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, Feb 23	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Allan Goodwin † Maria & Louis Lipari † Cecilia Diaz Tovar † Spanish Community Sergio Romero †

Please pray for Ed Hamilton who has recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving
Scan the QR code to donate online.
Thank you for your donation!



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Sundays: Midnight - Mondays 1:00am
Thursdays: Midnight - Fridays 1:00am
Fridays: 1:00am - 2:00am
Saturdays: 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.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer." - St. Mother Teresa



ADS OF THE WEEK

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our business supporters.**



Listing Our God-given Gifts Inspires an "Attitude of Gratitude"

Stewardship requires an "attitude of gratitude." Many times we are inclined to take too much credit for our successes in life and too little blame for our failures. The best antidote I have discovered for the hubris of our sense of self-importance is to set aside time to compile a list of the gifts we have received from God.

- The Gift Of Life:**
Life is a gift from God. None of us did anything to deserve being born. Spend a few moments being thankful for still being alive. Life is a gift and we need to live each day thanking God for it.
- The Gift Of Family:**
Just as we did nothing to deserve being born, we did nothing to deserve the parents and siblings we were given. Sometimes it takes time to fully appreciate the gift of family. Once we embrace family as a gift, it is amazing how the things that could drive us apart lose their power.
- The Gift Of Education:**
I have never met anyone who did not have a story about a teacher who changed her or his life. I have my list of such teachers; I'm sure you have yours. Education has changed our worldview and our self-understanding. We have learned from coaches, scout leaders, neighbors, relatives and friends. All learning is a gift from God. We need to be more thankful for the gift of our education.
- The Gift Of Vocation:**
Nothing in life is as important as discovering what God wants us to do with our lives. Many people seem to get lost in their search to discover who and what God wants them to be but the happiest and most fulfilled people I know are those who are doing what they love and love what they are doing.
- The Gift Of Friends:**
Let us say together, "We do not deserve the friends we have!" The gift of friendship is so precious. Our friends love us not in spite of our faults but because of them. Friends encourage us to grow and take risks. Friends teach us that time is a gift when they chose to share time with us. Most important of all, our friends see our gifts and talents before we do and they lovingly encourage us to recognize and develop our hidden gifts.
- The above list of gifts is not meant to be exhaustive; it is offered as an outline. I hope you will use it to create your own list of gifts. Unless we make ourselves aware of the many gifts God has sown in our lives we will never develop the "attitude of gratitude" that is essential for the spirituality of stewardship to take root in our lives.

Sister Parish Schools

Sister parish state exam results for P7 (which is equal to our 8th grade graduation) for some of our schools.

There are five possible grades for graduates from P7. Div 1 (our A), Div 2 (our B), Div 3 (our C), Div 4 (our D), and Div X (our F).

Here are some results from six of the grade schools in our sister parish:

- Blessed Trinity grade school—total candidates: 39—Div 1:25, Div 2:14, Div 3:0, Div 4:0, Div X: 0 (Blessed Trinity grade school has all certified teachers)
- St. Patrick's—total candidates: 15—Div 1: 2, Div 2: 13, Div 3: 0, Div 4: 0, Div X: 0
- St. Peter's—total candidates: 29—Div 1: 3, Div 2: 21, Div 3: 5, Div 4: 0, Div X: 0
- St. John the Baptist—total candidates: 14—Div 1: 0, Div 2: 12, Div 3: 2, Div 4: 0, Div X: 0
- St. Kizito—total candidates: 12—Div 1: 0, Div 2: 6, Div 3: 6, Div 4: 0, Div X: 0
- St. Benedict—total candidates 9—Div 1: 0, Div 2: 2, Div 3: 5, Div 4: 2, Div X: 0

While Blessed Trinity has all certified teachers, all the other schools listed above do not have trained teachers. Their teachers might have a high school education. We provide school books. We have built boarding dorms at each location which gives ample time for many hours of study each day.

They have few, if any, distractions (gadgets!). Since we built boarding dorms, their grades have come on by leaps and bounds. All of them are truly proud of the fact that many of their students pass the state exam which allows them to go to secondary (high) school.

Eventually, it is hoped the state will start sending qualified teachers. For now, all we can do is build their village schools and presently allow over 8,000 students to get an education. We keep the numbers low in each class room in our schools—up to but not more than 35 in a class room. The state schools have up to 100 in each class room.

The result is: our village schools, with untrained teachers, get better results than state schools with certified teachers. Families there love education. We are giving them great hope and ambitions for the future.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 20TH @ 6PM

IN THE KING OF KINGS. WE HAVE A

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER LINED UP

WITH A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE.



DID YOU KNOW? »»»

WHAT CAN WE DO?

WHERE CAN WE GO?

HOW CAN WE HELP?



Feb 15 / 16:

Feb 22 / 23:

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

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



Expansion of Blessed Trinity Sister Parish Church

So far we have heard from 107 donors.

We have \$221,683 donated/pledged.

Our goal to complete the expansion is \$244,000.

Let us know if we can count on you to help us expand our sister parish church to make room for the amazing growth of their parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	February 9, 2025		
Weekend Total:	445	\$ 25,292.93	Year to date collection: \$ 2,569,647.48
Electronic Offering Total:	478	\$ 57,604.70	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,250.00	Year to date budget: \$ 2,608,371.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 162.55	Year to date deficit: (\$38,723.52)
Non Sunday:	53	\$ 6,659.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 91,969.18	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 84,141.00	
Difference		\$7,828.18	

“Thank you for your donations.”