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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

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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

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| 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

MARCH 9, 2025 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

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.

Ministry of the Week

Jog for Jesus 5K

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Funeral Sacristans

The parish would like to thank those who volunteer their time to sacristan at funerals. Your help is much needed and appreciated!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Mike, Leslie, Carolyn & Matthew Corey
Luis, Marjorie, Antonella & Alessandro Vassallo
Maria Figueroa

Baptisms:

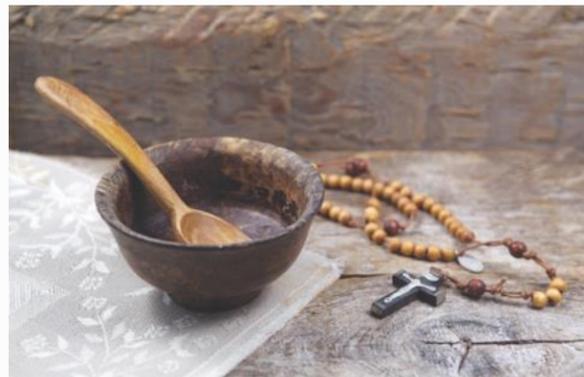
Andrew Paul Massey
Jacob Clayton Massey
Hailey Evelyn Sherman
Julia Ann Kennedy
Alejandra Iris Sofia Burgos-Colon

And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord’s Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today’s Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is “led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.” In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we’ll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter the grace-filled days of the Triduum, and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!



So far we have had replies from 342 families and have received \$162,511.23 in pledges.

Thanks to all of you who have responded.

There is still plenty of time to respond. OCA envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the stewardship room. You help your parish to meet its assessment of \$184,191 when you respond.

You also are true to your baptismal responsibility to spread the Catholic faith world wide.

Uganda Mission Trip—Summer 2025

The annual mission trip to Uganda is planned for June 15-30.

If you would like to join the mission team on this year’s trip, please call Katherine Baker at 352.629.8092 or email kbaker@blessedtrinity.org.

A \$300.00 non-refundable deposit and a copy of your passport that does not expire prior to January 1, 2026 is required to secure a spot.

If you are undecided, you can still join the group at a later date but may not get the group price for

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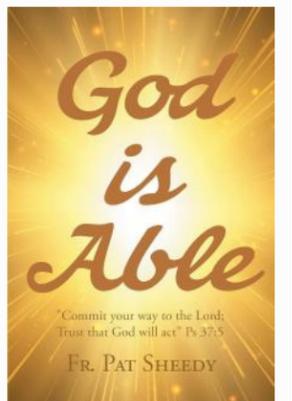
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We have no more books available here at church.



Thank you!

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix (IHMR) in Uganda and here at Blessed Trinity church, extend their sincere thanks to you all for your generous financial support to our 18th annual chili dinner to support the mission activities of our congregation in Uganda.

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Stewardship and the Season of Lent: Changing Ourselves

Saint Ignatius of Loyola offered us these words of wisdom, which seem particularly relevant as we are in the season of Lent: "He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor."

A Christian steward is by nature a reformer. We attempt to live our lives in a way that makes the world a better place. We vote. We contribute to charities that we believe in. We build up our Catholic parishes so that they might shine the light of truth into our weary world. We work to alleviate poverty and injustice. We await the New Jerusalem. Many of us work in schools, parishes, and diocesan offices where we bring a passion for reforming our world. Christian stewards who work in other environments endeavor to bring Christian values into the marketplace.

Lent doesn't ask us to stop any of these efforts. But, as we hear "the voice of one who cries in the desert" proclaiming the beginning of Lent, we know that the church in her wisdom has given us a beautiful season to look inward, to seek quiet time in our own desert. Saint Ignatius, Saint John the Baptist, and the season of Lent remind us that trying to change the world will not work if we don't first of all change ourselves.

Lent points the way to what really matters: Christ. We are asked to experience Him who is the reason for our endeavors, our passion, our work in this world.

Saint John the Baptist provides a challenge: "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same" (Luke 3:11). The church provides some traditional guidelines into Lent's forty days is a personal decision, but one which should take us on a journey into our own hearts, where we ask ourselves why we labor, what our work and our life really mean, to whom we and our life's work really belong.



Sunday, March 9th—Meet us at Bowlero West after Life Teen Mass for pizza, games, and bowling. \$28 per person includes 1.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, drinks and 20 arcade credits.

Sunday, March 16th— No Life Night because of Spring Break but join us for Life Teen Mass!



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| Tuesday, March 11 | 7:10am 5:30pm | Rose Bilancio † Victor DiGrazia, Jr. † |
| Wed, March 12 | 7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm | Charles & Mary Hebert † Ellacer Family † Jesus Fairbanks † |
| Thursday, March 13 | 7:10am 5:30pm | Stan Swiderski, Sr. † Homer Rothfusz † |
| Friday, March 14 | 7:10am 5:30pm | Sisters of IHMR L/D Melissa Cunningham (L) |
| Saturday, March 15 | 8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm | Ginny Lovelance (L) Maria Garcia † Mary Lydon (L) |
| Sunday, March 16 | 7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm | Homer Rothfusz † Tino Baltodano † Elizabeth Whitler † Spanish Community Wilma Mendoza † |

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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.

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Please see the list of hours, which is in the Vestibule, on the counter near the staircase, that need one more adorer.

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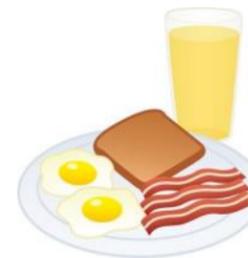
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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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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.



Collection for the church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

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.

Almsgiving: An Expression of Gratitude



When we look at the three traditional “disciplines” of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving:

Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness...It is better to give alms than to stope up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life (Tobit 12:8-9).

Almsgiving is simply an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just about “me and God.” It is fundamental to being a good steward of our community. For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us. It urges us to share what we have been given by God with others in love and justice. It reminds us that Jesus blesses those who seek to be “poor in spirit” (Matt. 5:3).

Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. It is here that we find the great mystery of Christian service. We see God in the life of Jesus, and we see Jesus in all those who are in need of our care. Look around, see those who are in need, and ask God to take away those obstacles and distractions that keep us from being generous with them. In turn, we will receive God’s blessing.

Consider one or more of these creative almsgiving ideas for the remainder of this Lenten season:

- Show an act of kindness to someone you don’t speak to often.
- Visit an elderly person who many be lonely.
- Reflect on the regular contributions you make to the parish. Could you do more?
- Perform an extra chore for your parents one day each week during Lent.
- Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other people who are in need of clothes.
- Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely.
- Buy some cans of food to give to a local food bank or soup kitchen.
- Donate diapers, formula, baby clothing, baby furniture or maternity clothing to a local crisis pregnancy center.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17—4:1

Lk 9:28b-36



March 8 / 9:

March 15 / 16: No Flowers—Lent

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| Electronic Offering Total: | 416 | \$ 38,431.72 | |
| Loose Cash / Votives Total: | | \$ 2,326.00 | Year to date budget: \$ 2,860,794.00 |
| School Mass Offering: | | \$ 147.00 | Year to date deficit: (\$47,029.03) |
| Non Sunday: | 72 | \$ 7,587.00 | |
| Grand Total for Week: | | \$ 77,032.33 | |
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