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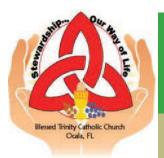
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1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

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

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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)

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MARCH 16, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

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Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul's principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Logan Jergens

The parish would like to thank Logan for using so much of his time leading our baptismal class once a month!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Chip, Audrey & Jojo Allen

Steven, Rebecca, Sofia & Micah Nickerson

Luz Reyes Pagan

Juan Solis

Ever & Lucila Ruiz

Omar & Esther Lima Cruz

Baptisms:

Madison Rose Steiner Lillian Marie Wheeler

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings, or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.

WORSHIP

MARCH 16. 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Divine Mercy Lenten Mission

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

March 19, 2025

11am-5pm

"Jesus, I trust in You"

Please join us in veneration of the Relic of Saint Sr. Faustina



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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If we exceed our parish assessment we get to keep two thirds while one third goes for frail & sick priests.

Just a reminder for Lent

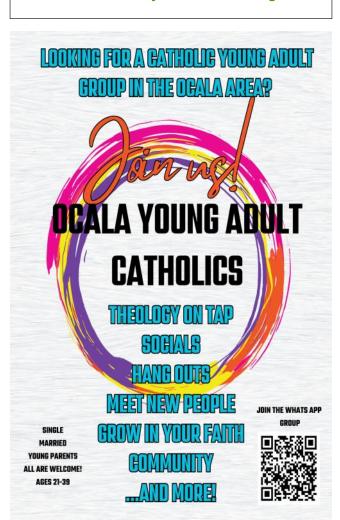
- 1) Every day we have Masses at 7:10am and 5:30pm.
- 2) Stations of the Cross every Tuesday at 2:15pm with the school and any and all others.
- 3) Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays in church at 6:30pm.
- 4) Adoration chapel open 24 hours a day.
- 5) Soup and bread meal on Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:30pm. Donations for the poor.
- 6) Popular fish fry every Friday 3:30pm-7:30pm for \$10.00.
- 7) Plan your own Stations of the Cross at our out-door prayer garden.
- 8) Eat less, save money and put savings into your rice bowl on your dining room table—all for the poor and homeless.



Brother's Keeper Lenten Soup Dinners

Get those taste buds ready! Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Wednesday night Lent Soup & Bread Dinner. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and continuing on Wednesdays in Lent, come have the best soup in town in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

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



What is the Parish Council?

'In every parish in every diocese, a pastoral council shall be established, if the diocesan bishop, after consulting with the council of presbyters, so decides' (Canon 536, #1)

Our Blessed Trinity Parish Council (BTPC) members strive to embody the stewardship way of life, guiding and serving our BT community, with our pastor.

Our purpose is to enable the parish community to carry out our mission statement. We help coordinate the ministry efforts of the parish, organize parish-wide events, and serve as a communication hub for the ministries and parish staff.

Council members are elected or appointed for a 3-year term and may be appointed to one additional 3-year term.

Our BTPC meetings are held every month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding July.

Would you like to serve as a parish council member?

There are currently 2 vacancies on the parish council.

If you are interested in serving as a parish council member, please contact:

Bill Kennedy, President, at 443.759.0678 or bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com

Paul Miller, Vice-President, at 760.799.2791 or LDPJ95@msn.com

Gisela Salas, Secretary, at 352.433.5111 or Drgsalas@gmail.com



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

Sunday, March 23rd— No Life Night because of Spring Break but join us for Life Teen Mass!

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 the airfare.

Bus Driver Needed

Do you have a CDL? Would you be willing to drive a group down to the pilgrimage at St. James Cathedral on Tuesday, April 29th?

If you can help out with this one time event, please call the church office at 352.629.8092.



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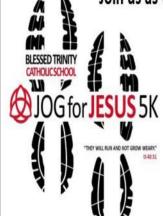
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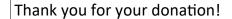


Monday, March 17	7:10am	Patricia & Robert Daly †
	5:30pm	Wheeler Family L/D
Tuesday, March 18	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Herbert Hurley †
Wed, March 19	7:10am 5:30pm	Allan Goodwin † Maria & Pedro Prieto †
Thursday, March 20	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Jerry DeMeola †
Friday, March 21	7:10am 5:30pm	Helen & Fred Wisneski † Darlene Fisher †
Saturday, March 22	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Adeline Dettmann † Hal Wright (L) Fran Harwas †
Sunday, March 23	7:10am 8:45am	Rose Bowen † JD and Darleth Raftis †
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Please pray for Charlene Dino & Jerry Holland, Sr. who have recently passed away.

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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.

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If you are interested in attending feel free to contact Katherine Baker at the church office at 352.629.8092 or call Belicia Baker at 210-904-6863.

We hope to see you there!



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.



Inviting Newcomers into Ministry is Good Stewardship

I remember once having enjoyed a conversation with a college campus minister who has touched the lives of many students through service retreats and alternative break experiences. As we talked about the lifelong impact for students in such service experiences, John said, "I have come to the realization that we build relationships through serving together. As the young adults serve side-by-side, they get to know each other. They talk in the evenings, and break open their experiences, and by the time they get

home, they have become friends. Through their friendship, they become more committed disciples."

One of the most profound ways we may bring the spirituality of stewardship to life is through ministry and service. And as John noted, gathering people in shared ministry leads them into a relationship with one another, which leads them more deeply to Christ as disciples and good stewards.

However, one of the most challenging aspects of stewardship ministry for many seems to be increasing participation in outreach and service, so that these vital experiences of Christian discipleship in action become opportunities for more than those already involved.

I believe the answer is to reconsider the ways in which we promote participation and welcome newcomers: Personal invitation is fundamental. So often parish leaders complain about lack of participation, yet when asked if they have invited new people to join them, the response is "it has been in the bulletin." The bulletin is important, but personal invitation is key. People are more likely to respond to people!

Follow-up is essential. How many times have we heard, "I signed up once and no one called me." The prompt response to and warm welcome of new participants insures that they know their contributions will be valued, and word spreads—they are more likely to bring friends when they know every person is welcome.

Reconnect old friends, and pair newcomers with returnees. It is awkward when it seems to newcomers that everyone else knows each other.

While encouraging old friends to reconnect, be intentional about the ways new participants are integrated into the experience.

Invite testimonials. Those who have had powerful experiences of service are the best ambassadors for future participants. Testimonials at the end of Mass and in the bulletin or newsletters speak to the many ways people are touched, from the friendships they made to the ways in which serving leads them to a deeper living faith in Jesus Christ.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9





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Altar

Flowers

Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, April 26 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 under "Sacraments".

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will not be until October 4, 2025.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering		March 9, 2025		
Weekend Total:	476	\$ 25,263.25	Year to date collection	: \$ 2,909,795.96
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