



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 30, 2025



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	Misioneras Catequistas	622.4500

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

MARCH 30, 2025 ~ FOURTH 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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Tammie Vassou	Principal	

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 stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

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.



STEWARDSHIP

POSTSCRIPT

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme. Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the compassionate father runs to embrace him. Jesus offers us a vision of a loving God who is merciful and forgiving when we, through our own sinfulness, leave his presence, and then through repentance, return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. Consider celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and experience God's loving embrace and forgiveness.

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

If any ministry heads have people they would like to recognize for Steward(s) of the Week, please email Melinda Gunn at mgunn@blessedtrinity.org

I know we have so many amazing people in so many areas of ministry—let me know about them!

New Parishioners:

Ariel, Yareli, Amy & Austin Lopez

Baptisms:

Wade Thomas Driggers

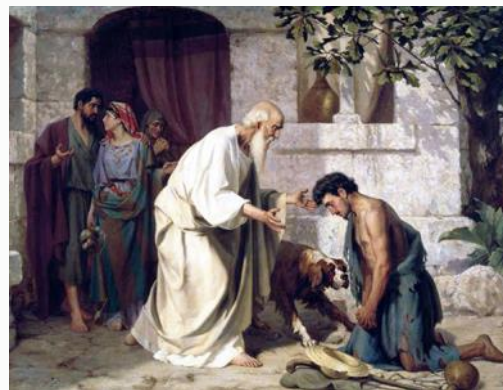
For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "measuring up" in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "comes to his senses" — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is "filled with compassion for him" and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual "spring cleaning" we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.



Several years ago, while speaking in San Jose, CA, I posed the question: "Will everyone go to heaven?" A woman in the audience immediately responded, "Yes." I responded as delicately as I could, "While we certainly hope that all will go to heaven, it seems to me that according to scripture and tradition there is a real possibility that people can go to hell."

She clearly wasn't pleased with my response—before I could say more, she stood up and walked out.

In an age where people prefer comfort over confrontation, this question is often met with vague optimism or outright universalism: "God is love, so of course everyone will be saved!"

But is that what Jesus taught?

Throughout scripture, Christ is clear: salvation is a gift freely offered but not automatically received. He speaks of the narrow road that few find (Mt 7:14), the separation of sheep and goats (Mt 25:31-46), and the urgent call to repentance.

If universal salvation were a given, why would Jesus commission the apostles to preach, baptize, and make disciples of all nations? Why would He die on the cross if sin and its consequences were inconsequential?

This question isn't just theological; it has real consequences for evangelization. If everyone goes to heaven regardless of their response to Christ, why evangelize at all? Why sacrifice, suffer rejection, or risk discomfort to bring people into a deeper relationship with God? If the stakes are low, the urgency vanishes. And when urgency vanishes, evangelization isn't a mission—it's just a suggestion.

But if salvation requires a response— if rejecting God has real eternal consequences— then evangelization is an act of love. We can never impose the gospel but simply propose. It means telling the truth even when it's hard, calling people to conversion, and helping them experience the radical love of Christ. It means recognizing that God desires all to be saved (1 Tm 2:4) but does not override human freedom.

Our culture desperately wants heaven without holiness, mercy without repentance, and love without truth. But real evangelization means proclaiming the full gospel— not just the comforting parts. It means telling people that, yes, heaven is real, and so is hell. And our choices matter.

Let's continue to hope that everyone will go to heaven but also do all that we can for everyone to get there.



If you have not responded yet to OCA, we hope you can do so within the next week or two. OCA envelopes are available in the vestibule or stewardship room. You promote your own journey to salvation when you promote the gospel of Jesus Christ through OCA.

So far we have received \$ 224,629.23 in donations or pledges and have heard from 481 families.

In two weeks we will be sending out an OCA request to all registered BT families that we have not heard from.

Save us a stamp.

Thanks

PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET!

- Just 15 minutes can affect millions of lives
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Spiritual Work of Mercy
- **Jesus told St. Faustina, "At the hour of their death I defend as my own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same."**

-St. Faustina Diary 811
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- When you offer your Divine Mercy Chaplet for whoever is dying, God is defending their souls as His own glory!

PLEASE MAKE THIS SPIRITUAL ACT OF MERCY PART OF YOUR PRAYER LIFE!

Jesus, I trust in You!



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 jason@bkocala.org.

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?


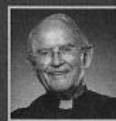





If you can help out with this one time event, please call the church office at 352.629.8092.



NOW HIRING: Soup Kitchen Cleaning Help


The Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen is accepting applications for Soup Kitchen cleaning help. This is a part-time position, Monday through Friday from 10am to 1pm assisting with daily cleaning responsibilities. This is a paid position. If you are interested in learning more or applying for the position, please contact Jason Halstead at (352) 622-3846 or jason@bkocala.org.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

 AL & JUDY DUNLAP Booster	 REV. PAT SHEEDY Booster	 BRITTANY BOWE Athlete	 KERWIN BELL Coach
 JOHN BRANTLEY IV Athlete	 RICHARD SPIKE FITZPATRICK Booster	 MARINO FAMILY Booster	

2025 INAUGURAL CLASS

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FIRST-EVER TRINITY CATHOLIC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
SAT. APRIL 26 | 5:30PM • MARINO GYMNASIUM



Brother's Keeper Pantry List—April 5/6

The following items are in need:

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| Ramen Noodles | Instant Potatoes |
| Gravy | Shaving Cream |
| Laundry Detergent | Dish Detergent |
| Shampoo w/ conditioner | |
| Men & Women's deodorant | |



Sunday, March 30th—Join us for dinner and games after Life Teen Mass from 6-7pm and then Living Stations Rehearsal from 7-8pm in the church.

Sunday, April 6th— Join us for dinner and games after Life Teen Mass from 6-7pm and then Living Stations Rehearsal from 7-8pm in the church.

Uganda Mission Member Support

Hi! My name is Sadie Garrett and I am a senior at Trinity Catholic. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to attend the Uganda mission trip this summer. I will be outside in the portico **next weekend, April 5/6**, accepting donations to help me with the cost of the trip. I am so grateful for any donation you consider! Please also keep the entire team traveling to Uganda in your prayers. Thank you and God bless!

Candy Donations for Easter Egg Hunt

Help us fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at Brunch with the Bunny on April 19th.

You can bring your candy donations to Mass and leave in the designated bin outside the stewardship room or drop them off to the parish office.

Thank you for your support.



Covenant Mission Team Fish Fry

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 3:30-7:30pm

March 7, 14, 21 & 28 & April 4, 11 & 18

In the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
5 SE 17th Street, Bldg. B (to the left of the Church)

MENU

Fried or Baked Fish	\$10
Fish Tacos	\$10
Baked Ziti	\$10
Fried Clams	\$11
Fried Shrimp	\$11
Combo	\$11

All dinners served w/roll & choice of 2 sides
✓ Fries ✓ Mac-n-Cheese ✓ Cole Slaw ✓ Green Beans ✓ Applesauce

Dine In with us or Carry Out
Proceeds fund our Mission Trip in June
We thank you for your support!

Frequent Fryer Cards available:
Buy 6 meals and your 7th one is free!
For more information, please call 875-7456

St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, April 3, at the 5:30pm Mass.

First Saturday Devotion

All members of the parish are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The next devotion will be on Saturday, April 5, following the 8am Mass.



Monday, March 31	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Nancy Newnam †
Tuesday, April 1	7:10am 5:30pm	Mercedita Javelona † Harold Duris †
Wed, April 2	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Ken Williams † Bill Murphy †
Thursday, April 3	7:10am 5:30pm	Pat Palava † Amanda McNair †
Friday, April 4	7:10am 5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz † Linda Helfrich-Krzyz †
Saturday, April 5	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory Joan Correll † William Pfieter †
Sunday, April 6	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Eugene (Trapper) Spizzirri † Joe Curcio † Francisa Carbone † Spanish Community Joan Headd †

Please pray for Bruce Fleming & Omar Vargas who have 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: Midnight-Mondays 1:00am

Sundays: 2:00am - 3:00am

Tuesdays: 1:00am - 2:00am

Thursdays: Midnight - Fridays 1:00am

Fridays: 11:00pm - Midnight

Fridays: 1:00am - 2:00am

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!

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

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

Perspective 3000, Inc.

General Contractor
352.307.4250

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Attorneys at Law
352.351.5446

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

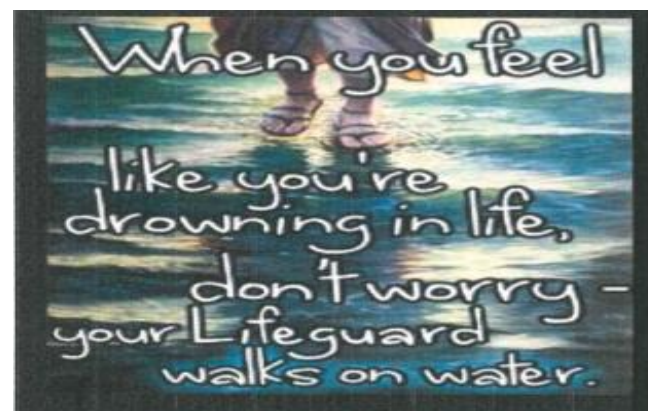
Congratulations!

Gabriella (Gabby) Martinez, TC 12th grader, was selected as the winner of the "Golden Rose Award" by CCW in the Northern Deanery. Congrats Gabby.

Her list of involvement in her school, the EDGE ministry, Life Teen ministry, parish baby sitting, etc etc, is far too long for this bulletin.

Gabby now goes on to compete against the other deanery winners for the Diocesan Golden Award.

Thanks especially to the Blessed Trinity CCW for all their good work in promoting the Golden Rose Award.



In times of loss, faith and community are essential. Our Grief Support Program provides 8 weeks of compassionate support through video teachings, group discussions, and prayer. Let us walk with you as you find healing and hope through the love of Christ. For more information call: Casey Ball @ 352-216-3278

Council of Catholic Women Retreat

Blessed Trinity Council of Catholic Women invites the ladies of the BT parish to a Retreat on Mercy, a focus on women saints who put the works of mercy into action.

We will gather at the King of Kings Hall on April 5th, 9:00am-12:00pm with light refreshments.

Bring your bible
RSVP to Marty Duesel at 352.861.2853 or text 352.362.8657

Blessed Trinity Holy Year Pilgrimage

The parish is inviting anyone who wants to join us on April 29th at St. James Cathedral in Orlando.

There we will have time for adoration, confessions and Mass plus a tour of the cathedral.

Adoration begins from early morning until 12:00 noon. Confessions at 11:30am and the Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm. The tour will be at 1:30pm and lasts about an hour. There will be a short break after Mass to eat your own bag lunch.

If you need a ride to Orlando, call the church office.

Support Our Ugandan Journey

Dear Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Family, We are grateful for the love and support you have shown us in the past, and we carry the warmth of this community wherever we go. As my brother and I continue our work, we are reaching out once again to ask for your help. If you feel called to support us financially, any contribution will go directly toward sustaining our mission efforts and travels. However, we know that generosity comes in many forms, and your prayers are just as valuable to us. Please keep us in your hearts, praying for strength, guidance, and the people we serve. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness. Thank you for being part of our mission! In Christ, Joshua and Toby O'Brien

BLESSED TRINITY LIFE TEEN PRESENTS

Brunch with the Bunny

SATURDAY APRIL 19 BEGINS AT 9:30 WITH BLESSING OF BASKETS



Ticket: \$8 per person
(CHILDREN UNDER 2 - FREE)

TICKET INCLUDES: BLESSING OF BASKETS, EASTER EGG HUNT, DELICIOUS BRUNCH, PHOTO OP WITH THE EASTER BUNNY, STORYTIME & MORE!

Purchase your tickets:

BT CHURCH OFFICE, FRIDAY FLYER, ANGELS IN ARMS, OR ONLINE NOW!
TINYURL.COM/BRUNCHWITHTHEBUNNY



Early bird pricing ends April 16!

LIFE TEEN CARWASH-This Weekend

Come and support our students going to Camp Hidden Lake next summer in Georgia!

Drop your car off before Mass or drive through before or after to get a sparkling car cleaned up by our Life Teen students.

Your car will look as great as you feel after receiving Christ at Mass!

The Music Corner




It's been said that when you sing, you pray twice. Do you go home after mass on Sunday with a song stuck in your head that repeats over and over all day? Ever wonder why that is?

The songs for each week's worship are carefully chosen to compliment the readings for the day. Sometimes they simply express the theme of the day's readings and sometimes the words of the songs are exactly what you heard in the readings. Music, and singing, enhances our learning and understanding of concepts because it uses both sides of your brain. Compare that to reading, which only uses one side of your brain. Think about it. Remember how, as a child, you learned your ABCs? When you're trying to alphabetize something do you still sing the song to get to the order of the letters? Music works the same way in church! You sing some songs over and over again, maybe not even realizing that you're singing bible verses.

As we work our way through the Lenten season toward our Easter celebration, the choir is working hard to bring the message of Christ's passion and resurrection to each and every parishioner through song. We want to leave you with those songs in your head after every service. Come join us in joyfully moving through the Lenten and Easter seasons. We are always looking for more singers and instrumentalists to add to our celebrations. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and will be singing at various services and masses throughout this season. Once the Easter season is over, we'll begin winding down our formal rehearsals for the summer, while still providing music for all the masses. Contact Colleen Rabe for more information.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 43:16-21
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11



Marian Essay Contest 2025

Winning entry receives **\$1,000 Scholarship**

Submission Deadline April 3, 2025



Theme: Mary, Pilgrim of Hope

cfocf.org/mariancontest


STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	March 23, 2025		
Weekend Total:	431	\$ 23,372.25	Year to date collection: \$ 3,066,063.54
Electronic Offering Total:	419	\$ 37,819.56	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,409.00	Year to date budget: \$ 3,113,217.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit: (\$47,153.46)
Non Sunday:	94	\$ 24,341.86	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 87,942.67	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 84,141.00	
Difference		\$3,801.67	

"Thank you for your donations."

March 29 / 30:
April 5 / 6: No Flowers—Lent

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



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.

