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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 16, 2025



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11153 West Hwy 40
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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

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, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

MARCH 16, 2025 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ's teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God's unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

OFFICE - 352.595.5605

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Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
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Travelers' Information		410.676.6000
Immigration Help		800.411.0714

NEW PARISHIONERS and WINTER VISITORS

are requested to register soon after arrival. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. Completed registration forms should be placed in the collection basket.

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 at Blessed Trinity and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at La Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married 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 Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 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 506.0282 and key in your number or contact Blessed Trinity office at 629.8092. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

HALL RENTALS: Having a Baby Shower, Birthday Party or Anniversary Party? The hall is available for rental. Please call 352.484.5619 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

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.

Weekly Offering

March 9, 2025

\$2,629.00

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.

FRIDAY
14
MARCH
21
MARCH
28
MARCH
4
APRIL
11
APRIL

IT'S BACK!

CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FISH FRY



DINNER:

YOUR CHOICE OF ONE SERVING OF
BAKED OR FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES,
COLESLAW, CHEESE GRITS, AND A DRINK

DESSERT AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION

FRIDAYS
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

14045 N. U.S. Hwy 301, CITRA

ADULTS: \$12
KIDS UNDER 10: \$5

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

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?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 19 The Holy Souls

Sunday, March 23 Maethy Maldendo †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email nhajal@aol.com to request a Mass for a loved one.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member's family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

Recently deceased—

CTK ONGOING EVENTS

Legion of Mary meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977

Rosary is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Online Rosary - Visit www.comepraytherosary.org
Coffee/Donuts served after Sunday Mass in the hall.

Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.

Altar Flowers contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.

Bulletin Advertising contact Melinda Gunn at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.

Parish App: myparishapp.com or the app store

Hall Rental: Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619

Join us as we Jog for Jesus!



Blessed Trinity Catholic School will host a 5K on Saturday, March 29 to raise funds for the school. You can walk, run, or jog for Jesus.

Register to participate online with the link below or scan the QR code.

Sponsorship opportunities available, call 352-598-7050.

8 AM | Saturday, March 29
Citizens Circle | SE Osceola Avenue
jogforjesus5k.itsyourrace.com



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.

BIBLE STUDY

We're almost finished with the study of Revelation. Here are the last 3 sessions :

- 3/2/2025 Revelation 16–18: Seven Bowls of Judgment and the Fall of Babylon
- 3/9/2025 Revelation 19–20: The Marriage Supper and the Great Judgment
- 3/16/2025 Revelation 21–22: A New Heaven and a New Earth

Stay tuned for the next Bible Study!

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.



So far we have had replies from 22 families and have received \$7,063 in pledges.

Thanks to all of you who have responded.

There is still plenty of time to respond. You help your parish to meet its assessment of \$15,361 when you respond.

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



Free Soup Kitchen
Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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HANG OUTS


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GROW IN YOUR FAITH

COMMUNITY

...AND MORE!

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SINGLE
MARRIED
YOUNG PARENTS
ALL ARE WELCOME!
AGES 21-39

March Menu

- 3/4/25 Chicken & Pasta
- 3/11/25 Tuna Salad
- 3/18/25 Mac & Cheese
- 3/25/25 Veggie Soup

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks
Meals are Free Every Tuesday
From 12pm-2pm



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.



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 at Blessed Trinity 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.

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.

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

