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Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 23, 2025



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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 23, 2025 — THIRD 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.

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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

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Weekly Offering

March 16, 2025

\$1,476.00

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 Gospel Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Jos 5:9a, 10-12

Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 26 Coleen Behr †

Sunday, March 30 Phillip Hajal - Birthday

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

**National Collection: Catholic Relief Services/World Mission Sunday
March 29/30**

Catholic Relief Services provides funding for the USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole church with the first worldwide mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. That day is celebrated in all the local churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

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 Blessed Trinity church office.



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.

Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary is having its annual Acies, consecration to our blessed mother, on Sunday, March 23 at 2:30pm. It will be held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. We would love to see all of our auxiliary members there.



Grieving?

We understand that grief can be overwhelming, and we are here to help. Our 8 week Grief Support Program offers a faith-based space for healing and support, combining video teachings, group discussions and prayer. Let the comforting presence of the Church walk with you through this difficult time. For more information call Casey Ball @ 352-216-3278

JOIN US!

Experience Lent in a different way. Please join us for a 5-part video series entitled: No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion. Each video is 30 minutes long. We will view them and have a short discussion after each presentation after Mass. We will start this Sunday, 3-23-25, meet in the classroom in the back of the parish hall.

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



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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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WE FEED YOUR HUNGRY HEART AND SOUL
AT OUR SOUP KITCHEN !!!!!

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

Stewardship Saint for March Saint Joseph



Next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph is the most honored saint in the Catholic church for being the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Joseph's life is depicted in the gospels, particularly in Matthew and Luke. He was born in Bethlehem and is described as being a descendant of King David.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but was pregnant with the Christ child before Joseph took her into his home. According to Jewish law at the time, Mary could have been stoned to death if she was believed to have been unfaithful to her betrothed. An angel of the Lord told Joseph to take Mary into his home, that the child was conceived through the Holy Spirit, and that his name would be Jesus.

After Jesus' birth at Bethlehem, in yet another dream, Joseph was told to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt and remain there until Herod's slaughter of newborns had come to an end with Herod's own death. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to the region of Galilee and settled in Nazareth where Joseph taught his craft of carpentry to Jesus. Joseph is last mentioned in the Gospels when, on their pilgrimage to Jerusalem, he and Mary frantically searched for the lost Jesus in Jerusalem, and found him in the Temple (Luke 2:42-52).

Saint Joseph was declared patron saint and protector of the universal church by Pope Pius IX at the close of the First Vatican Council in 1870. He is also considered a spiritual model for families and Christian teaching frequently stresses his patience, persistence, and hard work as admirable qualities Christians should reflect upon and embrace. He is the patron saint of fathers, foster fathers, husbands, the unborn, working people in general and social justice.

Being a Good Steward of Lent

Every liturgical season has its natural stewardship connection, providing seasonal focus and themes for spiritual growth. Perhaps no season is as rich as Lent in providing a springboard for exploration, reflection, and transformation. As people who hope to lead others to a fuller expression of discipleship as Christian stewards, let us consider Lent as a gift which we are called to steward well.

Part of our Catholic culture: I often tell leaders who are ready to adopt new practices or to deepen current ones that Lent has great potential, because Catholics will do things during Lent that they will not do any other time of the year! Whether we were baptized as infants or were initiated as adults, Lent is a season that connects to our daily lives. The three traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead us to live each day as good stewards who put God first and who think about and act on behalf of others.

Metanoia: Lent is a season of turning away, turning toward, and turning around. Jesus tells us to repent and believe in the Gospel. The repentance of Lent is about turning away from sin, and it is about turning toward God. We are invited to turn our lives around, to embrace the way of Christ as people who are truly committed to grow in his self-giving way. This turning can also be one of accepting the call to grow as good stewards, as we turn away from selfishness, self-centeredness, and sinfulness, and turn toward God as the giver of all good gifts.

Simplicity and Sacrifice: During Lent, we encounter again Jesus' mercy, forgiveness, healing, and salvation, and we recognize more fully the depths of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Jesus' sacrifice challenges us to give of ourselves, our talents, time, prayer, attention, and resources. This call to sacrifice also leads us to separate our wants from our needs, inviting us to simplify our lives, rid ourselves of unnecessary material possessions, and open our hearts to the grace of life lived in imitation of our Lord and Savior, 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.



Capital Punishment

We need to pray daily for the abolition of capital punishment.

God is the author, the giver of all life from conception to natural death. God and God alone has the right to give and take life.

States have the right to protect society from criminals. They can fulfill that duty by taking criminals out of society—if necessary for the whole life of the dangerous person.

Capital punishment promotes an "eye for an eye" mentality. It does not help to promote a loving, human environment.

Capital punishment costs (financially) much more money than life in prison.

History proves that many hardened criminals, when allowed to live, have had a complete change of heart and have become Christ like. A number have become saints.

There are six states at present who have executions planned for the remainder of this year, for a total of eleven. They are: Tennessee (4), Louisiana (1), Oklahoma (1), Texas (2), Arizona (1) and Florida (2). The Florida executions are: Edward Thomas James on March 20 and Michael Tanzi on April 8.

Ohio has issued execution warrants for two but Governor Mike DeVine has barred all executions since 2020 unless a new method of execution is adopted.

We are a civilized nation. Pray for a final end to all executions in our state and nation. We become much more Christ like if we can get this accomplished. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose.