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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!



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 9, 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 9, 2025 — FIRST 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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Sose Gaudet	Flowers, Decorations	622.3589
Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
	Brothers Keeper	817.7447
Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
Spanish Community		622.4500
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

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?

Weekly Offering

March 2, 2025

\$2,018.00

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
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MARCH
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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

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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?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17—4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 12 Mae Votino †

Sunday, March 16 Anthony Giardina (L)

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




So far we have had replies from 18 families and have received \$5,213 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.

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.

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.

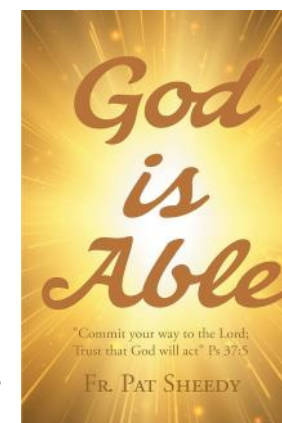
A \$300.00 non-refundable deposit and a copy of your passport that does not expire prior to January 1, 2026 is required to secure a spot.

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

"God is Able"

If you need to get Fr. Pat's book, God is Able, you now have to get it from Amazon— just look up God is Able & Fr. Pat Sheedy.

We have no more books available at the church.



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

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.



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 ParishHall 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.

LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP IN THE OCALA AREA?

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MEET NEW PEOPLE

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COMMUNITY

...AND MORE!

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MARRIED
YOUNG PARENTS
ALL ARE WELCOME!
AGES 21-39

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GROUP



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.