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|-----------------------|---|
| <b>WEEKEND</b>        |   |
| Saturday              | 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm   |
| Sunday                | 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am<br>1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen |
| <b>DAILY</b>          |   |
| Mon-Fri               | 7:10 am and 5:30 pm   |
| Wednesday             | 8:15 am (follows school schedule)                               |
| Thursday              | 6:30 pm (Spanish)   |
| Saturday              | 8:00am  |
| <b>Reconciliation</b> | <b>Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm<br/>5:00-5:30pm</b>                    |

**MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>WEEKEND</b> |   |
| Saturday       | 7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)                              |
| Sunday         | 10:15 am at Christ the King<br>7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish) |
| <b>DAILY</b>   |   |
| Tuesday        | 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)                                |
| Wednesday      | 4:00 pm at Christ the King<br>4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation  |

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# PARISH LIFE

APRIL 20, 2025 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

**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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**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](http://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.

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## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

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# STEWARDSHIP

## REPORT

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Alive in Christ! That's what we are. Among the many readings of Easter, Saint Paul reflects on this "newness of life" in his letter to the Romans. The Christian life is a resurrected life. It is new life, one of truth, inner joy and genuine fulfillment. God has transformed our lives for all eternity, and that transformation is what it means to be a Christian. Do you know the resurrected life? Have you genuinely experienced it? Good stewards have; and in their commitment to the Lord, they know what it means to be alive in Christ. It is time to rejoice. He is risen! Alleluia!

### STEWARD OF THE WEEK

#### Dee Mazzurco

The parish would like to thank Dee for spending so much of her time and talent organizing so many people to help take care of all our parking lot islands! Thanks to all her efforts, many people keep Blessed Trinity looking beautiful!

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

### New Parishioners:

Vivems, Vanessa & Ventus Pierre-Gilles

Robin Fignar

Manuel, Rita, Jesus & Juan Draxl-Morgado

Juan, Karen & Guadalupe Giraldo Quiroga

### Baptisms:

Avie Glory Kamir

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about — the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

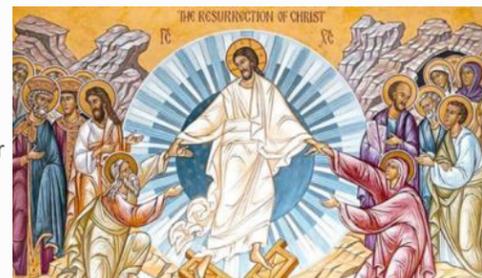
We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience



We sent out an OCA appeal letter to all parishioners who have not yet responded. Do your prayerful best to answer ASAP—never the less, whenever you respond is still a good time. There is no end to the work of the church.

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$276,114.23 from 558 families. Thanks for your help.

### Eucharistic Minister Second Training

If you are a newly certified Eucharistic Minister you would need to attend this second training so you can begin serving at Mass.

We have two opportunities for you to attend: Friday April 25th at 6:00pm or Sunday May 4th at 6:30pm. Both meetings will be held in the church.

Please contact Dee McNeal to sign up, 352.390.0091

### Blessed Trinity Holy Year Pilgrimage

We now have four chartered buses—two for BT school and two for our BT parishioners. If you want a free ride, call in your name. Why fight the traffic?

The buses for the parish will depart our parking lot at 8:30am on April 29th so please be here by 8:15am. We plan to arrive in enough time for adoration and confession if you want to go and then Mass at 12:10pm.

After a short 1/2 hour break after Mass we will get a guided tour of the cathedral.

We should be back home about 4:30pm but don't hold me to that time.

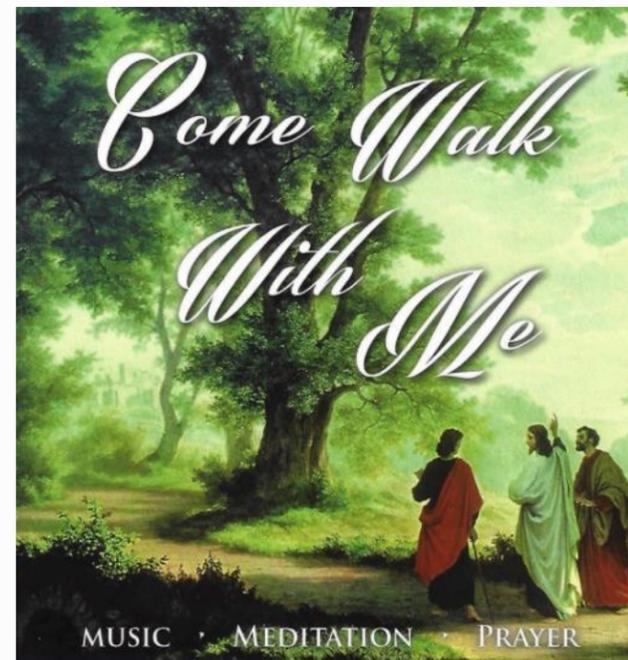
### Red & White Dinner Auction

The 33rd Annual Red & White Dinner Auction was a huge success in every way.

We are very thankful to all of you who purchased dinner tickets; who paid for full tables; who sponsored this event; who served on the very active committee under Jenny Burzotta; who spent lots of money for silent auction items and live auction items; and who helped get school teachers and staff a little time off.

We appreciate everyone who supports our principal Mrs. Megan Losito and all her staff making a great atmosphere for all our students to get a good foundation for their future adult lives.

It is all to do with God's plan. Thanks to all of you.



Location: **Blessed Trinity Catholic Church**  
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Date: **May 4, 2025** Time: **6:30 PM**

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## Bake Sale To Support Uganda Mission

**Save the date!** On the weekend of April 26/27, a bake sale is planned to once again raise funds for teacher's school text books and supplies, and supplies for the students who attend mission schools in the Nalweyo parish.

We hope to have a variety of baked goods to satisfy everyone's taste buds—and Lent will be over, so there will be no reason to feel guilty about indulging your sweet tooth!

And for anyone who enjoys baking, we will very gratefully accept donations for our sale. Any donations can be left in the church office on Friday, April 25, or before any of the weekend Masses. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Lorraine Wieskamp at 352.441.1143 or [wieskamp37@gmail.com](mailto:wieskamp37@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!



## Pope Quote

St. John Paul II, in 1979, in an audience with Cardinal Suenens and the International Charismatic Renewal Office, stated "...This is my first meeting with you, Catholic charismatics . . . I have always belonged to this renewal in the Holy Spirit. . . I am convinced that this movement is a sign of his action. The world is much in need of this action. . . Through this action, the Holy Spirit comes to the human spirit, and from this moment we begin to live again, to find our very selves, to find our identity, our total humanity. Consequently, I am convinced that this movement is a very important component in the total renewal of the church, in this spiritual renewal of the church."

Come visit BT's charismatic prayer meeting on Thursdays in the Adult Care center, 7-8:30pm. Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

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Begins Good Friday April 18th, 6:00pm in the outdoor prayer garden.

Holy Saturday, April 19th, 3:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 6:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Monday-Friday April 21st-25th, 6:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Saturday, April 26th 3:00pm at the Divine Mercy Shrine in the church chapel.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th celebration:

The Holy Hour of Mercy will be after the Spanish Mass from 2:30-3:30pm in the church.



**Sunday, April 20th**—No Life Night on Easter Sunday. Enjoy time with your families!

**Sunday, April 27th**— Join us after the Life Teen Mass for Life Night, free meal begins at 6:00pm.

A poster for the Trinity Catholic Athletics Hall of Fame. At the top is the logo 'TRINITY CATHOLIC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME' with a large 'T' and two shamrocks. Below are portraits of inductees: Al &amp; Judy Dunlap (Booster), Rev Pat Sheedy (Booster), Brittany Bowe (Athlete), Kerwin Bell (Coach), John Brantley IV (Athlete), Richard Spike Fitzpatrick (Booster), and Marino Family (Booster). A banner at the bottom reads '2025 INAUGURAL CLASS'. Below the banner is the text 'JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FIRST-EVER TRINITY CATHOLIC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY SAT. APRIL 26 | 5:30PM • MARINO GYMNASIUM' and a QR code.

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We are asking the community of faith to consider supporting our cause this year. All of our chapter's activities, including "Stuff the Bus," are conducted entirely by unpaid volunteer veterans and their families. Checks to "Stuff the Bus" can be sent to:

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| Tuesday, April 22  | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Homer Rothfusz †<br>Michelle Ivers †   |
| Wed, April 23      | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Ed Hamilton †<br>Dr. Arturo & Leticia Stable †   |
| Thursday, April 24 | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | John Marren †<br>R J Sumner †  |
| Friday, April 25   | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Wisneski Family †<br>Janette Simpson †   |
| Saturday, April 26 | 8:00am<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm                      | John Terrone †<br>Luke Reckamp †<br>Josephine Ferruzza †   |
| Sunday, April 27   | 7:10am<br>8:45am<br>11:00am<br>1:00pm<br>5:00pm | Pattie Morel †<br>Nicole Theresa & Christina Lipari †<br>Alice Swiderski †<br>Spanish Community<br>Janette Simpson † |

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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.**

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

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LEARN ABOUT COMUNITA CENACOLO

**"Prayer and Action (Panda)** is a program for teens that takes place at Blessed Trinity twice each year. It's best described as "A mission trip in your own backyard". During a week of Panda, we begin each day with a walking Rosary and Mass. The teens then make their own breakfast and pack a lunch for the day. We venture out into our community in teams of 10 working at the soup kitchen, area parishes, and parishioners' homes teaching teens to be the hands and feet of Christ right here in Ocala! During the week, we also have time for Reconciliation and Adoration. Some of the teens cannot afford the registration fee of \$150, but we do not want that to keep them from participating. Our expenses include bringing trained leaders from Kansas, feeding the group of about 80, and transportation costs. If you are able, please consider making a donation to this ministry (Panda) for the youth, please make checks out to Blessed Trinity and mark it for "Panda". Please keep us in your prayers for the week of July 20-25. Thank you and God bless you abundantly!

## Stewardship Saint for April Saint Teresa of Los Andes

The life of Saint Teresa of Los Andes, who died three months before her 20th birthday, offers proof that a Christian steward need not live a long life in order to reflect the light of Christ on others in a profoundly meaningful way.

Juanita Fernandez Solar was born on July 13, 1900 into a devout Catholic family in Santiago, Chile, the fourth of six children. She was educated by the French nuns of the Sacred Heart and led an active school life. She was known to have excelled at swimming and tennis and was gifted musically as well. She could sing, dance and play the piano. Juanita was also known for her vanity and hot-temper. It was said that she liked to have things her way.

At age 15, Juanita read *The Story of a Soul*, the spiritual autobiography of Saint Therese of Lisieux that had become a publishing phenomenon. It was to prove transforming. She had always attended daily Mass and even taught catechism classes to younger students. But after having read the words of the Little Flower, a desire to serve God began to grow. When Juanita read the biography of Saint Teresa of Avila her spiritual journey became clear as she decided to join the Carmelite community.

In May 1919, at age 19, Juanita entered the Carmelite convent in the town of Los Andes. The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. Initially, she focused her time on prayer and daily acts of sacrifice and she took the name "Teresa of Jesus."

After becoming accustomed to the daily rhythms of a cloistered life, Teresa embarked on a letter writing ministry to offer simple reflections on the spiritual life to a large number of people needing encouragement and inspiration.

Before her first year in the convent was completed, however, Teresa contracted typhus. Diagnosed as fatal on Good Friday of 1920, she was allowed to profess her final vows in the Carmelite community "in periculo mortis" ("in danger of death") just a few days before she died on April 12, 1920.

Teresa was canonized by Saint John Paul II in 1993.

## Planned Giving Advisory Council (PGAC)

Attention Professional Advisors! Join a group of Catholic Central Florida professionals who serve their clients with financial and estate planning. What is the Planned Giving Advisory Council (PGAC)? This council comprises a group of active and talented financial and estate planning professionals dedicated to the mission of the church. The Catholic Foundation provides educational and networking opportunities to support Central Florida professionals with incorporating distinct services that will help their clients realize the philanthropic impact they are accomplishing through their giving and connect them to resources to further their philanthropic journey. Learn more at [cfcf.org/advisorycouncil](http://cfcf.org/advisorycouncil).

Here's how your parish may benefit:

- We vet each PGAC applicant, ensuring parishioners have access to a directory of trusted professional advisors who understand their Catholic faith.
- Many Catholics struggle to find financial and legal professionals who understand the Catholic worldview—this initiative helps bridge that gap.
- Catholic professionals gain a space to discuss how their work intersects with faith and charitable giving.
- The PGAC actively promotes philanthropy and supports the church through its services and networks.
- PGAC members learn about the impact charitable giving (present and future) can have on the parishes and ministries in our diocese.

We are grateful for your support and eager to continue serving your parish and the diocese through the ministry of the PGAC.

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 5:12-16

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19

Jn 20:19-31



## SCRIP

Scrip is available every Sunday (except holidays) after the 8:45am Mass until after the 11:00am Mass. If you can't make it to one of those Masses you can always drop your order at the church office and we will get it ready for you to pick up! Stop by and see us!

**Prayer and Action** is a dynamic program for teens held here at Blessed Trinity twice a year. It is best described as "a mission trip in your own backyard". The dates this summer are July 20-25. We are currently looking for work projects. We do yard work, pressure washing, and painting. If you are low income or elderly and need some work done, please call me, Marianne Geddings (352-875-7456). We look forward to serving you! Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| Weekly Offering                       | April 13, 2025 |                     |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Weekend Total:                        | 523            | \$ 31,402.96        | Year to date collection: \$ 3,298,469.74   |
| Electronic Offering Total:            | 498            | \$ 49,476.67        |  |
| Loose Cash / Votives Total:           |                | \$ 2,827.00         | Year to date budget: \$ 3,365,640.00       |
| School Mass Offering:                 |                | \$ 225.00           | Year to date deficit: <b>(\$67,170.26)</b> |
| Non Sunday:                           | 40             | \$ 4,151.68         |  |
| <b>Grand Total for Week:</b>          |                | <b>\$ 88,083.31</b> |  |
| Amount needed for Operating Expenses: |                | \$ 84,141.00        |  |
| <b>Difference</b>                     |                | <b>\$3,942.31</b>   |  |

"Thank you for your donations."

April 19 / 20:

April 26 / 27: In memory of Michelle Smith from Colleen Duris

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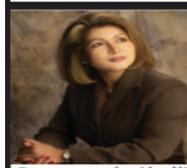
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