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Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am Sunday

1:00pm 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 8:00am

Reconciliation Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm

5:00-5:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish) Saturday

Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King

7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

DAILY

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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

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In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

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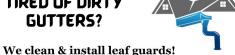
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STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?

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:

Michael & Cecelia Rutkoski
Kevin, Mandy, Brooke, Bear and Beau Barden
Joannes, Minu & Jacob Dominic
Jonathan & Beverly Tomhave

Baptisms:

Phelan Bradley DelZotto
Lucia Eve Ozcel
Lilliana Marie Chesney
Luke Jacob Dascomb

Once again, this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene, Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, but He will also make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started

coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that, quite





APRIL 6, 2025 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pope Francis reflecting from the hospital:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills. Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely! And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

- Pope Francis



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.

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.

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.

Pope Quote

Saint Pope John XXIII prayed for a "New Pentecost" as he convened Vatican II. Soon after its conclusion, the Charismatic Renewal spontaneously erupted throughout our Catholic church as it manifested gifts of the spirit such as healing, prophecy & tongues just as after Pentecost.

When Pope Paul VI was slow to embrace this Pentecostal Renewal, but encouraged by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), he did warmly embrace this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, saying, "the church and the world need more than ever that 'miracle of Pentecost should continue in history'...Nothing is more necessary to this increasingly secularized world...How then could this spiritual renewal not be good fortune for the church and for the world?"

Come, visit BT's charismatic prayer group. We meet every Thursday, 7-8:30pm in the adult day care. Find the "more" that God is offering! For info: Richard @ 352.342.2982 or Katy @ 352.342.2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

The Music Corner

The Music of Easter

6:00am Sunrise outside Mass with keyboard & cantor

7:10am Church Mass with singers, piano, organ and choir postlude

8:45am Church Mass with choir, handbells. piano, organ (don't miss the special choral prelude at 8:38am!)

11:00am Church Mass with singers, violin, flute, piano and organ

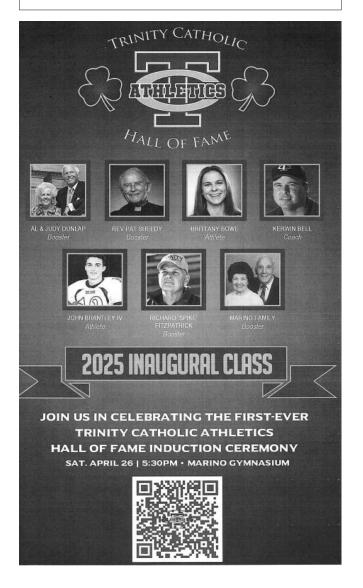
11:00am Parish Hall Mass with Psalt singers, guitar, flute, piano, drum and trumpet

5:00pm Traditional Mass with Liz Cook on piano



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.

Sunday, April 13th— Join us for a short Living Stations dress rehearsal after Life Teen Mass, followed by a Passion of Christ dinner movie night in the King of Kings building. Permission form required for entry, you may get one from Lydia Ross at Life Night or the church office.



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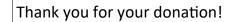


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Tuesday, April 8	7:10am 5:30pm	Clarence Hanegan, Jr. † Sergio Romero †
Wed, April 9	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Phyllis Weaver † Ed Hamilton † Percy Ballesteros †
Thursday, April 10	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Bill LaPlant †
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Saturday, April 12	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Regla Pesola† Rudy Blanchette† George Ezzo†
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Fridays: 1:00am - 2:00am

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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.

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- 2) Write a note of encouragement and prayer to someone entering the church.
- 3) Make a blood donation.
- 4) Join or start a bible study group.
- 5) Keep the sabbath holy. Make a pledge not to work on Sunday.
- 6) Plan an outing with your family.
- 7) Re-examine your commitment to the parish's offertory collection.
- 8) Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
- 9) Celebrate Earth Day 2025 by prayer and commitment to curb pollution.
- 10) Help a neighbor who is physically unable to clean their yard.
- 11) Invite someone to attend Easter Mass or another weekend liturgy with you.
- 12) Don't text when you drive.
- 13) Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
- 14) Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time.
- 15) Take time to pray each day.
- 16) Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum.
- 17) Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
- 18) Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.
- 19) Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a park or other location.
- 20) Donate gently used clothing.

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.



Losing a loved one is never easy, but you don't have to face it alone. Join us for our 8 week Grief Support Program, where you'll find support routed in faith. Through video lessons, group sharing and prayer, you'll find the comfort and strength to help you navigate your grief. For more information call: Casey Ball @ 352-216-3278



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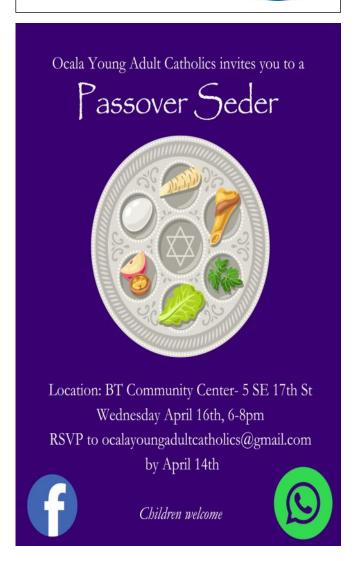
BINGO NIGHT THANK YOU

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to our recent bingo fundraiser for the Star Legacy Foundation. I would like to say a special thank you to DJ, Scott Bolton, for donating his time and talent. We successfully raised over \$4,500 to support this vital cause. Together, we are helping to bring hope, awareness, and support to families impacted by pregnancy and infant loss. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, and dedication—we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you, Belicia Baker

Vice Chair, Star Legacy Foundation Central Florida Chapter





READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56



Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screening in the parish nurse's office in the parish hall opposite the library from 8:00am-1:00pm, this Sunday April 6th.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10am and 8:45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, next one is Sunday, April 13.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, biscuits and gravy, coffee and three different juices. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

Please come have breakfast with us!

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April 5 / 6:

April 12 / 13: No Flowers—Lent

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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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering March 30, 2025 Weekend Total: 414 \$ 22,167.41 Year to date collection: \$3,131,396.26 Electronic Offering Total: 414 \$ 34,614.81 Loose Cash / Votives Total: \$ 2,239.00 Year to date budget: \$ 3,197,358.00 School Mass Offering: \$ 158.50 Year to date deficit: (\$65,961.74) Non Sunday: 60 \$ 6,153.00 **Grand Total for Week:** \$ 65.332.72 CRS/World Mission Sunday: \$2,144.00 Amount needed for Operating Expenses:\$ 84,141.00

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for April

Christ Our Savior,

As our Lenten journey brings us closer to Easter, we see with a deeper awareness our world's desperate need to experience the healing power of your justice and peace.

Make us sacraments of your mercy and instruments of your compassion.

Show us how to be better stewards of your people; through our families, our brothers and sisters with whom we share your Eucharist, our neighbors, and the stranger.

Show us how to carry the cross so that by dying to ourselves we may give new life to others.

And strengthen our faith, so that we may proclaim your Easter triumph more confidently, every day, in word and deed.

Amen.

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 **this** 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!



To date we have heard from 504 families.

We have donations or pledges of \$237,887.23.

Thanks to all who have responded so far.

We will wait one more week to hear from the rest of our parish family. Then it will be time to send a letter of request. We would love to finalize most of Our Catholic Appeal work before Holy Week.

Thanks.



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As our Lenten journey brings us closer to Easter, let's be mindful of those ancient and time-tested exercises that help us renew our lives and bring us closer to God. The traditional practices include: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent, of course, is a privileged period for prayer and many spiritual writers have encouraged us to see fasting and almsgiving as essential elements of our prayer lives. St. Augustine wrote that fasting and almsgiving are "the two wings of prayer" and that almsgiving is actually putting our prayer into action.

Of course, much attention is paid to prayer and fasting. But almsgiving gets the least attention among the three Lenten practices. Almsgiving can actually be viewed as "fasting" from our income and material possessions. It also brings us closer to Christ Jesus because it translates our prayers into acts of love for each other and for those less fortunate.

The New Testament reveals how the early Christians embraced the practice of almsgiving. For Saint Luke, almsgiving was essential to the practice of good stewardship. St. James exhorts Christians to care for the needs of their brothers and sisters, to put their faith into action with alms to those in need: If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead (2:15-17).

Almsgiving is about showing our love through sharing rather than hoarding what we have and Lent is perhaps one of the best times of the year to prayerfully discern how best we can act with generosity toward others. We might even try creating an Almsgiving Plan to help us prayerfully discern how best to organize our giving. Take some quiet moments to prayerfully reflect on what you have to share and write down a giving plan that includes your parish, diocese, and charities that could use your financial support.

Easter is almost upon us. Let us act now to integrate almsgiving into our life of faith. By putting our prayer into action in this way, we begin to "cast off" the old self within us and put on Christ in order to arrive at Easter renewed and able to say, with St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

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