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Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did

not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ.

Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.





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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

9:45 am or by appointment Sunday

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DAILY	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen 7:10 am and 5:30 pm
	WEEKEND Saturday Sunday DAILY

MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA

7:00 pm Spanish Tuesday 7:00 pm Spanish Sunday

PARISH LIFE

APRIL 13, 2025 — PALM SUNDAY

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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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.

NEW PARISHIONERS and **WINTER VISITORS** are

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

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

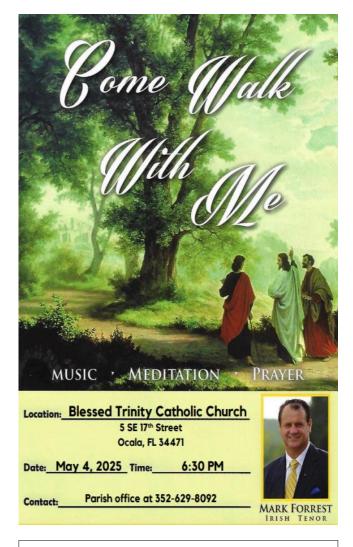
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April 6, 2025

\$2,155.00

LEGION OF MARY

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



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In the prelude to today's great Passion Narrative, Saint Paul reminds us that we find our hope in the "emptiness" and "humility" of Christ Jesus; a life that led to the cross, but through the cross, to glory and exaltation. The way is not easy. Good stewards know that it requires a willingness to lay aside all rights of personal privilege; emptying ourselves in the service of others; embracing values different from the values of the world. It requires an understanding that to be "in Christ" means to be a servant because Christ came into the world, not as Lord but as servant. What crosses are we willing to carry? What worldly values are we willing to forego in order to share Christ's glory?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4



Jn 20:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 16	Mona & Maurice Quesnel †
Thursday, April 17	Bo Bullinger †
Sunday, April 20	Peter Diederich (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

Communal Penance

I would like to place special emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation! I know we have ten separate times over Holy Week at Blessed Trinity.

But, could you really try to come to our parish communal penance on this Monday, April 14 at 6:00pm at Blessed Trinity. We have moved the time from 7:00pm to 6:00pm to make it easier for everyone, including our priests.

We have 17 priests coming. We will have a very short service at 6:00pm then we will expose the Blessed Sacrament. While you are in line you will get help to examine your conscience from the church screens.

Easter Lilies

The lilies have been ordered for the altar for our Easter celebration.

Any donations towards the cost of them would be greatly appreciated!

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 the BT 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.



We would really appreciate someone (or multiple people) to wash towels and purifiers weekly, even every two weeks.

Because of the precious blood these should be rinsed alone, first, then can be washed in the machine without bleach.

Also, from time to time the altar server robes and priest Alb's as the necks tend to get dingy.

If you have the time..and feel called to this ministry, please speak with Sandra Hajal.

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Later on this week we will send an OCA request letter to all our parishioners who have yet to respond.

I know you can give anytime over the year to OCA but we hope to clean most of it up now.

So far we have received responses from 24 families.

We have received donations and pledges in the amount of \$8,213.00.

May the good Lord continue to bless your generosity.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few people to help keep the flower boxes under the sign in the front of the property cleaned up and looking nice. Just weed and maybe plant a few colorful flowers.

Please reach out to Sose if you can help with this ongoing project!



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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AT BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH

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.







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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 cfocf.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.

Host an International Student this Summer!

EF is seeking volunteer host families for students aged **13-17 years old** from Spain, France and China! The students come to Florida with the dream of learning about American culture and improving their spoken English! Share your faith, home and culture! Earn volunteer hours!

Dates: June 26th to July 21st (France and Spain) July 17th to August 4th (France) and July 24th to August 11th (China)

Where: Ocala, The Villages, Belleview

Transportation: Local bus stops provided for families to drop off students

Contact to Learn More: Katie Brunty at 734-417 -0579 / <u>katie_wozniak@yahoo.com</u>



Music Help Needed!

Are you musical?!

Do you want to get more involved with your church?!

If so, helping out with the choir is a great way to do that!

Please call Melinda at 352.629.8092 if you or someone you know is interested in helping out once or twice a month.



Lack of Water Remains a Global Crisis: A Question of Stewardship

On Saturday, March 22, World Water Day was celebrated to raise awareness of the global water crisis. In 2021, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, made a plea for people the world over to be more responsible in the protection and use of water, as clean water is denied to an estimated 2.2 billion people around the world. The pontiff reminded us that water should not be considered a commodity to be bought and sold, but a valuable gift in which everyone should have access as a fundamental human right.

The pontiff observed that "without water, there would have been no life, no urban centers, no agriculture, forestry or livestock," and yet the world and its people have not exercised good stewardship over this fundamental and essential gift to the planet. "Wasting it, disregarding it or contaminating it has been a mistake that continues to be repeated even today," he said. The Holy Father asked how in our age of technological advances, "access to safe, drinkable water is not within everyone's reach."

Referencing his apostolic letter, Laudato si, Pope Francis reminded us that "access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, a condition for the exercise of other human rights." He went on to say that water is a gift to which all human beings, without exception, have the right to have adequate access, so that they can lead a dignified life. Thus, "Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."

Pope Francis concluded his message by calling for urgent action to end the global water crisis: "Let us make haste, therefore, to give drink to the thirsty. Let us correct our lifestyles so that we do not waste or pollute. Let us become protagonists of that goodness that led St. Francis of Assisi to describe water as a sister 'who is very humble, and precious and chaste!"

Water is a gift that connects every aspect of life. Access to safe water and sanitation can quickly turn problems into potential, contributing to improved health for women, children, and families around the world. What is vital is how we respect and value this gift. Here are a few ways we can expand our consciousness about the value of water.

Keep yourself informed on the global clean water crisis. Once we become aware of water access issues around the globe, we will better appreciate the need to take action to ensure we aren't misusing the gift of water that we consume. Challenging and changing our water habits is an easy way to notice the impact we are having on water consumption.

Be mindful of the ways you use water. While we shouldn't give up drinking water each day, consider the small ways you waste water on a daily basis and then cut back. For example, turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. Watch the water you consume while washing or rinsing utensils, glassware or pots and pans.

Reduce the amount of water used while taking a shower. A 10-minute shower uses at least 25 gallons of water. Try to reduce your shower time by a few minutes. One source recommends keeping your shower time down to two songs.

Repair leaks in your house. One environmental researcher suggested that a typical household loses thousands of gallons of water each year due to ordinary leaks in faucets, pipes and garden hoses. Take time to make needed repairs. You'll save water and money along the way.

Reduce water consumption in home appliances. Dishwashers and washing machines use a lot of water. Consider making sure those washers are full before doing a load of laundry or dishes.

Include nonprofits that provide clean water in your charitable giving. There are a number of widely known nonprofit organizations that have made it their mission to address this global clean water crisis. Check out these nonprofits and prayerfully consider adding them to your list of charitable beneficiaries.

