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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.

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April 6, 2025

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#### MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING

#### WEEKLY

Sunday

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish)

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

#### WEEKEND

DAILY

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

#### Monday—Friday 7:10 am and 5:30 pm

8:15 am (follows school schedule) Wednesday

Thursday 6:30 pm Spanish

Saturday 8:00 am

#### MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA

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

### PARISH LIFE

#### APRIL 6, 2025 — FIFTH 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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#### **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

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?

Weekly Offering March 30, 2025 \$1,563.00

#### 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

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?

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

ls 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11



Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 9 Sandra Hajal (L)

Sunday, April 13 Michelle Macaskill (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



## **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.

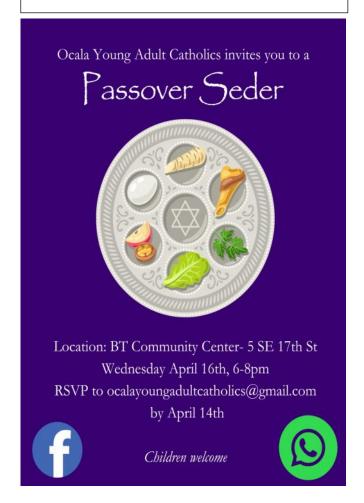
Adoration begins from early morning until 12:00 noon. Confessions at 11:30am and the Mass will be celebrated at 12:10pm. The tour will be at 1:30pm and lasts about an hour. There will be a short break after Mass to eat your own bag lunch.

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 <a href="mailto:iason@bkocala.org">iason@bkocala.org</a>.



#### **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!



#### **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!



### **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.



To date we have heard from 24 families.

We have donations or pledges of \$8,213.00.

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.



# Free Soup Kitchen Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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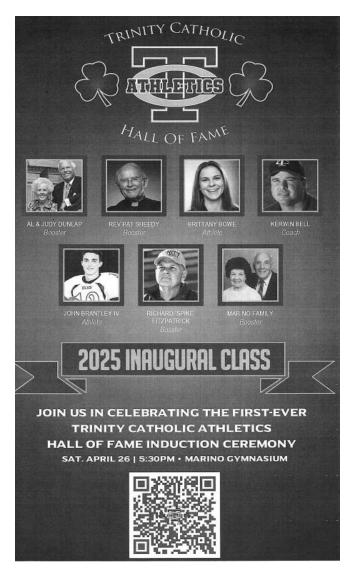
# APRIL Menu

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4/15/25 Potato Soup
4/22/25 Easter Dinner
4/29/25 Surprise

Assorted desserts, coffee and various soft drinks

Meals are Free Every Tuesday

From 12pm-2pm





# **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 <a href="mailto:jason@bkocala.org">jason@bkocala.org</a>.

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> (France and Spain) July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> (France) and July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> (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 / katie wozniak@yahoo.com



## 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.



# 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