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Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that “the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 11, 2025



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

MAY 11, 2025 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Weekly Offering

May 4, 2025

\$1,537.00

LEGION OF MARY

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



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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus, the “Good Shepherd,” makes a promise in today’s Gospel to those who hear his voice and follow him. He promises them eternal life. Amidst all the other voices that clamor for attention in their daily lives, the voices that make demands, give advice, seek to persuade or like to gossip, good stewards listen for the Good Shepherd’s voice. The other voices are legion and we do not always recognize how contrary they are to the voice of the Good Shephard. Good stewards know that it takes a compassionate heart, a habit of prayer, a hunger for the Eucharist and a love of neighbor for them to truly hear the voice of the Good Shephard. What might we do in our daily lives to prepare us to more authentically hear the voice of the Good Shepherd?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 14 Mae Votino †

Sunday, May 18 Anthony Diederich †

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

Mother’s Day: A Stewardship Reflection

May 11 is Mother’s Day and what theme is more universal than motherhood? We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our Church, “Holy Mother,” and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of our Lord and savior.

Yet, Mother’s Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some mothers left us far too soon. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably both. It’s a complex relationship, this parenting.

During the month of May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. Let us ask Mary’s intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding. And on Mother’s Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.



Pope Quote

Pope Francis’ words during the Catholic Charismatic Renewal’s Jubilee, Pentecost 2017: *“Catholic Charismatic Renewal, you are a current of graces in which multiple expressions have been born... inspired by the Spirit, with various charisms, and all in the service of the Church... This current of grace is for all the Church, not just for some... Share with all in the Church baptism in the Spirit.”*

What is this “baptism in the Spirit”? It’s a release of our sacramental graces which brings us into a spousal relationship with the Holy Spirit –it’s Pentecost made Personal!

Let us be encouraged by our holy father to be immersed in the graces of the Holy Spirit that we may find the wholeness and power to be joyful witnesses of his Love.

Come visit BT’s charismatic prayer group on Thursdays in the Adult Day Care, 7-8:30pm. Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Joyful Again, Orlando!

Retreat for Widows & Widowers
(6 months or more after loss of spouse)

May 24-25, 2025

San Pedro Spiritual Center, Winter Park
Please contact Sharon at 386-717-4452 to Register

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Grades K-3, June 9-13

Registration is now OPEN for the 2025 Blessed Trinity Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is “The Good Samaritan.” It will be held at Blessed Trinity from 8:30am to Noon, June 9-13 in English and Spanish.

VBS will also be held in Spanish at La Guadalupana on Friday afternoons in June from 6:30pm-8:00pm and at Christ the King, June 16-19 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Adult volunteers as well as teenagers are invited to help at all three locations.

For more information and to register as a volunteer, please contact Ms. Ana Vanegas at 352.629.8092 or avanegas@blessedtrinity.org. Registration forms will be available in church.





**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

May Menu

5/6 Turkey

5/13 Spaghetti & Meat sauce

5/20 Corn Chowder

5/27 Hotdogs & Mac and Cheese

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks.

Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

A Mother's Lessons on Stewardship

I can honestly say that I have never found giving a tithe to be a struggle. It is truly a virtue in the real sense of the word—a good having (something I can do without even thinking). But in all humility, I can say this virtue isn't mine. It was beat...I mean taught...into me from my earliest years.

Some of the best lessons in life don't come from books or conferences or YouTube videos—they come from moms. My mom isn't a theologian or a financial advisor. But she has a deep faith, a generous heart, and a firm grip on what it means to live stewardship.

She used to tell me, **"Stewardship is 10% - no matter how big or small the job is."** Mowing money? 10%. First paycheck from your first real job? 10%. It wasn't about the size of the gift; it was about the habit of giving. She taught me early that everything we have is a gift from God and stewardship is just giving Him back a portion of what's already His.

Then came her second lesson, which I'll admit took me a while to fully embrace: **"10% before taxes."** I remember getting my first real paycheck from a W-2 job and looking with shock at the taxes taken out. Trying to reason with her as a teenager, saying, "Shouldn't it be 10% of what I actually take home?" She didn't flinch. **"Then you're giving your first fruits to the government, not to the Lord."** Touche, Mom. The truth stung a little, but it stuck. God deserves the first and the best—not the leftovers.

The third lesson was about trust. **"God will always bless your generosity,"** she'd say. **"Maybe not in money, but in other ways."** She'd point out examples from our own life: as a single mom raising two boys on her own, she could not afford to miss work. She had over 25 years of perfect attendance. The blessings could be health, opportunities, or overcoming obstacles. But her giving was never transactional: it was relational. It wasn't about getting rich—it was about trusting God's provision.

But maybe the most powerful thing she ever taught me was this: after several years of retirement, my mother told me one day, **"This was the first year I did not increase my giving."** I never knew she did this, but stewardship should always grow. Even if she didn't get a raise that year, she'd increase her giving—sometimes just a little, but always more than the year before. **"Because God has always been more generous to me,"** she'd say.

And that's the heart of it, isn't it? Stewardship isn't about numbers on a spreadsheet. It's about gratitude. It's about discipline. And ultimately, it's about trust in a God who never gets outgiven.

Thanks, Mom.



Celebrate with the parish the

60th Anniversary

of the

Ordination of the Priesthood

of

Father Patrick J. Sheedy

on

Friday, June 13, 2025

at

Five-Thirty in the evening

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall

We will have free dinner tickets available to
pick up in the Blessed Trinity church office.