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Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simples. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.



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# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 18, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
<b>WEEKEND</b>	
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
<b>DAILY</b>	
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
<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish



PARISH LIFE

MAY 18, 2025 — FIFTH 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.

OFFICE - 352.595.5605

Father Patrick Sheedy	Blessed Trinity	629.8092
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	Sacristans, SME’s	
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Sose Gaudet	Flowers, Decorations	622.3589
Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
	Brothers Keeper	817.7447
Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
Spanish Community		622.4500
Travelers’ Information		410.676.6000
Immigration Help		800.411.0714

**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 Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: “Love one another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Weekly Offering

May 11, 2025

\$1,848.00

**LEGION OF MARY**

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

# THEOLOGY on Tap

OCALA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Wednesday, May 21st  
6:00 PM

Enjoy a speaker, dinner, and drinks at Mojo’s Ocala

2015 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

Hear how the classical world shaped Christian thought from Amy Chandran, Assistant Professor of Humanities at the University of Florida.

To RSVP:  
Text or call 361-449-6896  
Email shelbytkearns@gmail.com

with AMY CHANDRAN  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today’s Gospel Jesus makes a bold and clear statement to his disciples. “I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” We are called to love others as a sign of our discipleship in Jesus Christ. That includes even those “others” we might prefer to forget. We are so often tempted to draw lines between those who we will love and those who we consider not worthy of our love. This week take time to reflect on Jesus’ love command. How often do we heed Jesus’ love command? What change in our lives must take place in order for us to obey this command?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23  
Jn 14:23-29

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 21 Jenna Hajal (L)  
Sunday, May 25 Tonya Hawk †

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](http://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





**KING CEASOR UNIVERSITY**  
P.O.Box 88, Kampala Uganda  
Bunga Hill main campus  
May 8, 2025

Dear Fr. Pat and the Blessed Trinity Parish Family, Ocala,

Warmest greetings to you all in the love and peace of Christ. It is with a heart full of joy, humility, and deep gratitude that I write to you today. I pray that this message finds each of you well and surrounded by God's abundant blessings. With great excitement, I share the wonderful news that on May 5th, 2025, I officially graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. This has been my lifelong dream, and through the grace of God and your loving support, it has become a reality.

There are moments in life that can only be explained by God's divine power, and my journey is one of them. You opened doors for me that once seemed impossible. You gave me the chance to come to the United States, to study, to grow, and to dream. Coming from a family where no one had ever stepped on a plane, I became the first, and to study in the USA, something few Ugandans experience, I count it all as a precious gift.

You changed the direction of my story. And now, when people in my community see me, they say with conviction, "God is able." Because only God, working through faithful people like you, could have brought me this far.

Having now graduated as a medical doctor, I am deeply aware that many responsibilities rest upon me. My community looks up to me, and I know I am called not just to succeed, but to serve. I may not have all the answers, but I believe that with God on my side, I will walk faithfully in my calling, live a life of stewardship, and pour back into others just as you have poured into me. What you are doing for us, the people of Nalweyo, is leaving a mark that will echo through generations. You are not only transforming lives, you are building legacies of faith, love, and hope. We have seen you walk the walk of Christ, and we are inspired to follow.

I leave you with a verse that captures the heart of my journey and your impact: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory." Ephesians 3:20-21

May the Lord bless you richly and continue to use you as vessels of His love.

With all my love and deepest gratitude,  
Kyosaba Fortunate

## 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

## 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](mailto: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



## Medugorje

On Easter Sunday evening, 14 of us went on a one week pilgrimage to Medugorje, which is located in the country of Bosnia—Herzegovina. Our Lady started appearing there to 6 teenagers in 1981 on a hill called Povedro a half mile from Medugorje.

While on my usual visit home to Ireland in 1989 I joined with an Irish group, that included my mother and sister, for my 1st visit to Medugorje. I was really impressed by what I experienced in the lived Catholic faith by pilgrims from all over the world. Two years later in 1991, I led a group from Ocala to Medugorje.

Then the war that broke up former Yugoslavia into six countries prevented most pilgrims from visiting Medugorje. I had the golden opportunity to help a young Croatia couple that I met in 1991 build their own home. In the spring of 2004 I travelled on my own to spend a week in that house while I spent each day visiting all the pilgrims sites in Medugorje.

The number of pilgrims now coming each year has exceeded 1,000,000. When Pope Francis (RIP) two years ago publicly approved Medugorje as a place for pilgrimages, then all dioceses and parishes around the world were free to advertise Medugorje.

I try to lead a group there every 2nd year. We stay in the same “motel” about a six minute walk for the now famous St. James church. The cost per night for bed, breakfast and dinner is just \$45 per night.

Every hour of the day from early morning to 7pm St. James is crowded for Mass—English, Italian, German, Polish, Spanish, Indian, Dutch, Croatian, etc. Outside all around the church there are pews set up for overflow. The overflow crowd for the Croatian Mass at 6pm can have as many as a few thousand people.

There is a row of 28 confession boxes outside the church. Those are full and up to 10 more priests sit outside with signs that indicate what language is spoken by the priest. Confessions are available daily from 5pm to 8pm. I usually hear confessions five of the six evenings I am on pilgrimage. This year that added up to 16 hours. While most of the confessions I hear are from Ireland, I still had confessions from people from at least 20 countries.

There are now two famous mountains (hills) within a half mile of St. James. The highest, Krizevac, has the stations of the cross on the way up—each one about 150 to 200 yards from the next one. It is a rocky climb. Yet some people climb on their bare feet. It takes 3 to 4 hours for this prayerful journey. The other hill called Podbrdo, is where many of the early apparitions between Our Lady and the six teenagers took place. On the way up you pray the joyful mysteries on the rosary. On the way around the top (slightly above the site of the apparitions) you pray the sorrowful mysteries. Most people stop then around the large statue of Our Lady at the apparition site praying, meditating and also praying the five luminous mysteries of the rosary. Then you complete your journey by praying the five glorious mysteries on the way down at the far side. That takes approximately 2 1/2 hours for an old man like me.

Even if you cannot climb the hill for the stations of the cross with a 30 foot statue of the resurrection are on ground level close to St. James, like we have here at our prayer garden. Also the luminous mysteries of the rosary are on ground level.

One of the great spiritual highlights of the pilgrimage is that a very large consecrated host is placed for public adoration on a big altar at an outdoor arena that can seat up to 10,000 people. Close to 5,000 were there when we visited. During the summer months the numbers increase to 10,000.

There are all kinds of miracles associated with Medugorje with dozens of books being published about it.

Our Lady’s message is always the same—do penance, pray, restore the full Catholic faith in our family homes, get back to the full message and life of her son Jesus.

“Draw Closer To God...  
**And He Will Draw Closer To You”**  
(James 4:8)

Who would not want to take God up on this promise! For five decades now, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal has been unleashing the power of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the faithful -bringing to life the Mass, Sacraments, Scripture & our daily Faith -all in extraordinary ways. This outpouring of grace has drawn millions closer to God.

The heart of this Renewal is nestled in the parish Prayer Group which provides an environment for song, praise, quiet listening, scripture sharing, prayer & Christian friendship. We meet every Thursday, 7- 8:30pm in the Adult Day Care. Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

Fountains of Living WaterPrayer Group

## BLESSED TRINITY

### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Ladies of the Parish are invited to join  
us on

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00**

**King of Kings**

“Life’s a Picnic”



Potluck- bring a covered dish to share.

Characterization by Dee Collier

## Pope Leo XIV

The Holy Spirit has clearly spoken again. Cardinal Robert F. Prevost was chosen over 130 Cardinals from over 70 countries of the world under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the 267th Pope of the church founded by Jesus Christ.

Our new Pope was born in Chicago, educated in Chicago and went to Villanova University where he got a bachelors degree in mathematics. He joined the Augustinian order and made his solemn vows to priesthood in 1981. He holds a degree in Theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He worked in Peru from 1985 to 1999 as a missionary priest. In 1999 he was elected head of the Augustinian Chicago based province. Then from 2001 to 2013 he served as prior general of the world wide Augustinian order.

In 2014 Pope Francis named him a Bishop of Chiclayo Peru, in Northern Peru till 2023 when he was named by Pope Francis as prefect of the dicastery for bishops. Over the last two years, in that position, he met hundreds of bishops from all over the world in their required visits to Rome.

Our new Pope chose the name “Leo XIV”. You might want to read a famous encyclical Rerum Novarum written by Pope Leo XIII. Our new Pope will continue the churches great outreach to the poor, unity in the church, peace in the world, care of the “garden” (the world) and highlighting the eucharist as the sacrament promoting unity in God’s family worldwide. He speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese and can read Latin and German.

As Catholics we pray for Pope XIV every day. As Pope, guided by the Holy Spirit, we owe him our obedience and support and our prayers.