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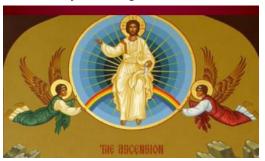
On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to

take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made - looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!





# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH June 1, 2025

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# MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST TH

<u>WEEKLY</u>	
aturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
unday	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

<u>'HE KING</u>	MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY			
	WEEKEND			
	Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm		
	Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,		
	DAILY	1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen		
		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

#### JUNE 1, 2025 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

#### 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

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth—to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Weekly Offering

May 25, 2025

\$1,183.00

#### LEGION OF MARY

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

#### Pope Quote

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI addressing the participants in a meeting sponsored by "Renewal in the Holy Spirit":

"Dear friends of Renewal in the Holy Spirit, do not grow weary of turning to Heaven; the world stands in need of prayer. It needs men and women who feel the attraction of Heaven in their life, who make praise to the Lord a new way of life. And may you be joyful Christians! I entrust you all to Mary Most Holy, present in the upper room at the event of Pentecost. Persevere with her in prayer, walk guided by the light of the living Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Good News of Christ."

Join us every Thursday, 7-8:30pm in the Elder Care center, as we turn our faces to heaven in prayer and praise. For info: Richard at 352-342-2982 or Katy at 352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

#### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Acts 2:1-11 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

# MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, June 4 Maguire & Lavan Family L/D Sunday, June 8 Ed Maguire †

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 Beloved Parishioners of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church:

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! I pray with gratitude for your faithfulness, that by your gift of charity in the Lord's name, you live fully as a member of the body of Christ. Today, I have news to impart; Father William( Bill) Burns, who was ordained to the Priesthood on May 24, will be joining you to serve as your parochial vicar. It is good to share information about him.

Father Burns moved from Massachusetts to Wildwood, Florida with his parents when he was eight years old and they worshipped at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. There, he found community, something especially important when he lost his father at the age of 11.

Feeling a calling to the priesthood but unsure of which path to take, he went to community college after high school and later received a bachelor's degree in religious studies and English from St. Leo College. He imagined he would serve the Church as a layperson. Then he pursued and earned a Master of Theological Studies at Western Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge Massachusetts, part of Boston College.

Missing home, he returned to Florida and worked at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lady Lake in 1996 as director of adult education for eight years. In 1998, he married and had his daughter, Sarah Rose, two years later. Eventually, the couple parted, and the marriage was annulled.

When he worked at Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala, several clergy and religious invited him to consider a vocation to the priesthood. He was surprised by the suggestion as he had been married and had a child, but felt he had time to discern as he had to wait until Sarah Rose was old enough and secure in college.

Ultimately deciding to pursue a vocation to the priesthood, his daughter, Sarah Rose, supported his decision. When he was accepted to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA, Sarah Rose said, "I want to drive you up there. I want to drop my dad off at college."

Of formation and his priesthood, he noted, "You think of the big 'yes' but sometimes you forget that every day is a 'yes.' And within every day, every hour there are yeses. It's a continual process of growth in Christ."

I know you will welcome Father Burns with grace. You and he will lead each other to know, love, and serve God and journey on with divine love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan Bishop of Orlando

If you would like to receive one of Fr. Bill's first blessings, he will be available in the parish hall at Blessed Trinity after all the Masses on June 7 & 8.



#### 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.



Uganda Mission Sidewalk Sale 2025 Saturday, May 31st after the 4pm Mass Sunday, June 1st after the 7:10am, 8:45am, 11am, 1pm and 5pm Masses In front of the parish hall at Blessed Trinity on the sidewalk leading to the church.



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN

# June Menu

6/3 Tuna Salad Sandwiches 6/10 Chicken Salad Sandwiches 6/17 Beans and Weenys 6/24 Egg Salad Sandwiches

Assorted desserts, coffee and various soft drinks.

Meals are free every Tuesday 12pm-2pm

## Stewardship Saint for June

### **Saint Barnabas**

Barnabas comes as close as anyone outside the twelve apostles to being considered an apostle. He is memorialized, in part, for his amazing evangelizing ministry. He was a Jew from Cyprus named Joseph but the apostles affectionately nicknamed him "Barnabas," which means "son of encouragement." When he became a follower of Jesus he sold some of his property and donated the proceeds to the apostles (Acts 4:36-37).

Most of what we know about Barnabas is found in the Acts of

the Apostles. He befriends Saul (Paul), brings him to the apostles and a very suspicious Jewish community in Jerusalem, and describes for them how on the road Paul had seen the Lord and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus (Acts 9:27).

When a Christian community begins to form in Antioch, Syria, Barnabas is sent as the official emissary of the church of Jerusalem to catechize its members. Barnabas and Paul taught there for a year, after which they took collections back to Jerusalem. Later Barnabas and Paul, now seen as charismatic leaders, are sent by the Antioch community to preach to the Gentiles where they enjoyed such enormous success that the people even wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods.

Barnabas and Paul would attend the assembly in Jerusalem that settled the question of circumcision for Gentile converts (Acts 15; Gal. 2:1-10). Barnabas supported the Gentile Christians who did not see why they should have to be circumcised and observe Jewish dietary laws. The council decided in their favor. When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with Gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, he wrote that "even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy" (see Galatians 2:1-13). And even after disagreements caused Paul and Barnabas to part ways for a time, Paul continued to use Barnabas as an example of apostolic behavior (1 Cor. 9:6).

Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus. It was there that he established its first Christian community. It was also there, in the Greco-Roman city of Salamis that, according to tradition, he was stoned to death around the year 60. His remains were taken to Constantinople, where a church was built in his honor.

Saint Barnabas is heralded as having a single-minded devotion to Jesus Christ. In Acts 11:24, it is written that he was a man "filled with the Holy Spirit and faith" whose ministry insured that "large numbers were added to the Lord." His feast day is June 11.





For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of , and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. StSO minimum event tables required to receive any donation.

#### **Saving Mercy Homeless Houses**

Construction has proceeded rapidly for Saving Mercy's 20 transition homes (10 duplexes) for chronic homeless.

These homes are now ready to be furnished and gotten ready for homeless people.

If you would like to help furnish one of these or part of one, here are the financial details:

1 bathroom—\$100

1 bedroom—\$700

Kitchen—\$300

Living Space—\$500

Full unit—\$1,600

The big news is—whatever donations we get to furnish these homeless duplexes, it <u>will be</u> <u>doubled</u> by one of our very interested donors. So every dollar you donate will be doubled.

## **Brother's Keeper Bike Shop**

The BK Bike Shop adjacent to Brother's Keeper Thrift Store is THRIVING!

Mechanics are DESPERATELY needed! BK Bike Shop is open Monday and Friday mornings 9am-noon and Wednesdays 9-2:30pm. There are stands for 5 mechanics and one is waiting for YOU! There is a large population of individuals in our community whose bikes are their only form of transportation and therefore are in need of frequent repairs.

Can YOU or someone you know commit to 1, 2 or 3 mornings a week to help in this **vital** ministry? If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call Brother's Keeper at 352.622.3846 and speak with Jason Halstead or Rich Lovelace (at extension 3271).

## St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, June 5, at the 5:30pm Mass at Blessed Trinity. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.

### **First Saturday Devotion**

All members of the parish are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The next devotion will be on June 7, following the 8am Mass at Blessed Trinity.

