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WEEKEND

Saturday

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Sunday

7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am

1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

DAILY

Mon-Fri

7:10 am and 5:30 pm

Wednesday

8:15 am (follows school schedule)

Thursday

6:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday

8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday

2:45-3:30 pm

5:00-5:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday

7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)

Sunday

10:15 am at Christ the King

7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday

7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)

Wednesday

4:00 pm at Christ the King

4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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PARISH LIFE

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**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 and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, 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 Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

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Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later?" Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—"at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are “faithful and prudent stewards” with that classic stewardship teaching: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow, would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?

## STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

### Thomas & Erin Buss

Thomas and Erin were spotted working so hard at the gazebo where the Virgin Mary is located removing old dirt, putting new soil down as well as mulch and different kinds of flowers including roses. What a big transformation!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

## New Parishioners:

Hilda Nin Oviedo de Sanabia

Patricia Eatman

Santa Salva

Maribel Santiago, Olivia Moore, David Moore, Leila Moore, Emmanuel Lowery, Elijah Geen

Aaron, Ashley & Mason Martinez

## Baptisms:

Amelia Jean Bairstow

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today’s readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question.

The question is this: “What do you treasure?” Of course, we all know the “right” answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, “Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?



## 2025-2026 Classes

Registration is now open for the coming year which begins on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available at the back of the church on weekends or from the parish office during the week. They can also be requested by email from [avanegas@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:avanegas@blessedtrinity.org) Registration ends August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Are you a new Blessed Trinity parishioner?

A new school family?

We invite you to learn more about the Stewardship Way of Life

at our annual Welcome Luncheon:

**Sunday, August 24, 2025, in English,** immediately following 11am Mass in the King of Kings Building.

So please, mark your calendars and plan to join us! We hope that by giving everyone ample notice, more families will be able to attend.

**RSVP is required!**

To RSVP, email [slanier@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:slanier@blessedtrinity.org) or call 352-629- 8092 and ask for Sue. (Note that a **Spanish-language brunch** is scheduled for September – watch for details in a couple of weeks!)

## WORSHIP

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## MORE INFORMATION:

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**Sunday, August 10th**—No Life Night but join us for 5:00pm Mass with your families and have a great first day of school tomorrow!

**Sunday, August 17th**— Life Teen is kicking the school year off in big ways! Join us for Life Teen Mass at 5pm, and then Life Night from 6:00-8:00pm at the King of Kings building. Free dinner, games, prizes, and a powerful message to state the school year off right.

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### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jer 38:4 -6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53



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### Good Stewards Avoid "Compassion Fatigue"

One of the spiritual maladies Christians face today is "compassion fatigue." The media inundates us with details of disasters, natural and made, far and wide. We can't turn on the television without being assailed by news stores of another event that cries to us for help, and our mailboxes are full of pleas from worthy charities.

We try to give out of a sense of compassion, but the needs of the world overwhelm us. Generous givers become "fatigued" and grow weary. We can't respond to all the problems and crises in the world, can we?

Of course we can't respond to the cries of a suffering world with our comparatively meager resources. If we try to respond to every crisis, to say "yes" to very loud or consistent pleas for help, it is no surprise that we feel tired and discouraged.

Good stewards understand that, though Christ calls them to embrace a needy world with compassion, they cannot solve the world's problems themselves and that a balance must be struck in their spiritual lives. Christian stewards prayerfully discern how they are able to respond to the needs of the world. They budget their time and resources so that their response can be generous but focused, sacrificial but not overwhelming. They begin with a prayerful commitment to their immediate family of faith.

Being generous to one's faith community can go a long way toward meeting the needs of others. The decision to give is made prudentially and without guilt. For others, a well thought-out approach to supporting other charitable causes can be part of their stewardship planning as well. But for Christian stewards the giving does not stop there. Good stewards realize that the greatest gift they can give is the gift of prayer. Compassion, in its Latin roots, means "suffering with," and through prayer we can be drawn powerfully into solidarity with those who suffer.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of St. Luke is often seen as Jesus' example of compassionate giving. The Samaritan saw the man near death lying at the side of the road not just with his eyes, but with a compassionate heart. It is the kind of compassionate heart good stewards seek to cultivate within themselves through prayer, planning and focused generosity; ready to respond.

Here at Blessed Trinity, we have a major ministry to the local poor primarily through Brother's Keeper but also some special requests that come in through our office. We have, as a parish, major outreach to poor countries—especially Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Bogue, Belize and our sister parish, Nalweyo, Uganda. In all of those we succeed in giving 100% of our donations to the poor we are serving—not 80% or 60% or down to 20% or 0%. Personally, I do not give to causes presented on TV because it has been proven over and over again that a very large % of the donations goes to advertising, salaries, office expenses, etc. The two that come out the best are CRS and Food for the Poor. About 80% of your donation goes to the poor. But, if you want the poor to get 100%, we as a parish, so far, have succeeded in giving your donations to the cause you have specified.

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Fr. Pat





Monday, Aug 11	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Sonia Ballesteros †
Tuesday, Aug 12	7:10am 5:30pm	Jerry Holland, Sr. † Mary Louise Kirchner †
Wed, Aug 13	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Peter Warmenhover †
Thursday, Aug 14	7:10am 5:30pm	Kevin Thompson † Robert Simpson †
Friday, Aug 15	7:10am  8:15am  10:00am 12:10pm  5:30pm	Helen & Fred Wisneski † Guillermo Tovar Vivas † Lilia Cruz † Fr. Michael O’Keeffe † Elvira & Carlos Alberto Vargas †
Saturday, Aug 16	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Homer Rothfusz † Omar Vargas † Carmen Collazo †
Sunday, Aug 17	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Edward J. Mohr † Omar Vargas † Carmen Tovar Diaz † Spanish Community Kenneth Todd †

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Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry’s needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

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Questions can be directed to contest chairman  
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Electronic Offering Total:	399	\$ 37,213.38
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## Practicing Good Stewardship in Our Parishes

We're still in the grip of a hot and sunny summer, but August brings a wake-up call. By August's end, visiting relatives have gone home, schools will be open, swimming pools will be closed, and college kids have packed up and left for the halls of academia. What's all that mean for the Christian steward? As we journey through August, parishes begin to teem with plans and new vitality.



The parish is where the church lives, and stewards are the lifeblood of a successful parish. In the parish, we find community and support, liturgy and ritual, sacrament and healing. In the parish, we find a way to give and a way to receive. On a practical level, fall is the time when parish planning gears up for the seasons ahead. Now, for a Christian steward, is the time to prayerfully consider your own involvement in the life of the parish in the coming year. How might we serve—and be served? The Christian steward knows participation in the parish is a win-win situation, feeding us as we feed others.

Where to begin? Your parish website or office may provide a list of ministries. Consider your own unique gifts and respond in a way that nourishes your soul! Maybe you're the party planner who'd love to serve on a social committee. Or perhaps you have a heart for helping the bereaved. Are you called to lector, or perhaps to take the eucharist to the homebound? Maybe this is the year you need to soak in the fruits of adult education. Possibly you see a ministry missing and want to propose it. Perhaps, as a long time steward, you want to be part of revitalizing the stewardship efforts of your parish.

August is a perfect time to reflect on where—not "if" - you are called. August provides time to decompress from a busy, fun summer and pray about where your own road to discipleship leads you next.



*Obispo Alberto A. Figueroa Morales*

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June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Father Patrick J. Sheedy Shepherd,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Diocese of Arecibo, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to you and to the entire Covenant Mission Team, under the dedicated leadership of Phil and Veronica Brescia, for your recent mission trip to our Diocese from June 6 to June 14.

Your team's spirit of service, rooted in the Gospel, has brought immense blessing to our local Church. We are especially grateful for your work at our Diocesan Center and your outreach to **Hogar Santa María Eufrasia**, a home for pregnant teens living in high social risk. The compassion, respect, and joy your team shared with the young women there left a deep impression not only on the residents, but also on all who serve them. Your presence offered a visible and tangible expression of the Church's love for the vulnerable and marginalized.

We are also grateful for the physical labor and spiritual encouragement offered at the Diocesan Center. It was a joy to work alongside such a committed and compassionate group. Their presence was not only a blessing to our facilities but also a great encouragement to those who interacted with them. It is clear that this mission is guided not only by generous hands but by hearts open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

It would be an honor and a blessing to welcome the team back again next year. Please extend our gratitude to the entire team and let them know they will always have a home here in Arecibo. I look forward to continued collaboration in the Lord's vineyard and pray for God's continued blessings upon you and your parish community.

With prayerful gratitude and every best wish, I remain

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ,

+ Alberto A. Figueroa Morales  
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