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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am 1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen

DAILY

Class:

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
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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 Guadalupeana (Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00pm at La Guadalupeana (Spanish)

Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
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PARISH LIFE

AUGUST 17, 2025 ~ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.

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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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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

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Ministry's of the Week

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry

Edge is a Blessed Trinity Parish Middle School Youth Ministry open to all early adolescents in 6th—8th grade.

Altar Server Ministry

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STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, we hear the author of the letter to the Hebrews liken the daily life of the Christian steward to a race, a long-distance race perhaps, certainly not a sprint; requiring endurance and a single-minded focus on Jesus at the finish line. Good stewards are firmly committed to running the race, to live the Christin life to the fullest, to keep their eyes focused on Jesus. They don't grow weary. They don't lose heart. They know there is immense joy waiting for them at the finish line. Are you fully committed to living each day for Christ? Are you running the race, or are you simply jogging? Just walking? Sitting? Going backwards? Going nowhere? Some of us may want to reflect on what we can do to run the race with even more conviction. Others may want to reflect on how to simply enter the race and start running.

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Maurin & Mauricio Mendoza

The Adopt a Parking Lot Island Ministry would like to thank Maurin, Mauricio and family for helping to keep Blessed Trinity looking beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

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Roberto, Melisa, Miguel, Izabella, Joel & Melitza Rodriguez Melendez

Roy, Kristen, Khloe, Melanie, Layla & Jasmine Mathis

Andrew, Lynn, Skylar, Jackson & Austin Seay

Carlo, Teresa, Constantine & Carlisle Martinez

Martin & Melba Herrera

Baptisms:

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.



WORSHIP

AUGUST 17, 2025 ~ TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Orphans in Uganda

St. Mary's orphanage that our sister parish in Uganda owns, now has 87 orphans. We have built or are building an added dormitory. The orphans are well taken care of. They have good food and medical care. They all go to one of our local schools. Each orphan gets the same opportunity to get an education and a career. Actually a few have already graduated from college or university.

The cost for us for food and school fees for each orphan is still only \$250 per year.

But also we have close to 100 more orphans who are being cared for by relatives and attend one of our village schools. The families cannot afford the school fees. Each of those orphans cost the same amount—\$250—per year.

If you are in a position to sponsor an orphan for this year—make your check out to "Blessed Trinity" and mark it for "Uganda Orphans."

Thanks

Father Pat's 1st Sacrament Meeting



Fr. Pat's 1st Sacrament

meeting will be on

Sunday, September 7th at 9:55am in the gym.

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this first meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, September 13th at 9am in the chapel.

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

The weekly inquiry class begins at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 3rd in the chapel (cry room) in church.

Any adult (18 & over) can attend. It is for Catholics who need a fresh look at our Catholic faith; for adults who are baptized Catholics but never received confirmation (or 1st communion); for interested adults who are looking into becoming Catholic or who have spouses who are Catholic and they want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

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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.

Sunday, August 24th— Blessed Trinity students, friends, and family, you are invited to our next XLT adoration night. Come experience the true presence of Christ in the eucharist as we adore him in worship and praise. Life Teen dinner for students will be on the lawn outside church beforehand (weather permitting), and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

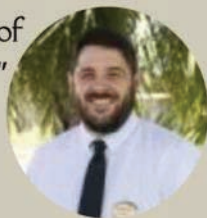
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Is 66:18 -21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

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School Tours In Uganda

Most all of our Catholic schools we have built in 22 villages in our sister parish are in the "bush." Apart from school and church, the families have no means to go beyond that—no transportation, etc.—except when we come once a year when they are exposed to a world beyond their village.

When I was on my annual tour of the village churches and schools this year I quickly realized there was something new a foot. Word had spread from one school to another that an annual school tour might be possible. Each of the 22 schools included in their list of requests, a budget for a school tour for P6 & P7 students. The cost varied from \$1,900 to \$2,200 per tour. The money would pay the bus and driver, two meals for approximately 75 students and a few teachers and would allow them to visit the River Nile, go to the zoo, and visit Entebbe Airport, etc.

I told them I would present their request to our people at Blessed Trinity Ocala but I could not favor one school above another. If you would like to sponsor a school tour for these students in the bush, for \$2,000, it will be a thrill of a life time for them. If you want to name the school that is fine. We will see what results we get and then decide when we can go ahead and fulfill their school tour requests.



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RSVP is required!

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(Note that a **Spanish-language brunch**

is scheduled for September – watch

for details in a couple of weeks!)

Essay Contest

Marion Council 5960 Knights of Columbus invites all high school aged members of Blessed Trinity Parish to participate in our 2025 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 750 words on the following theme:

Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic church, who are your three favorites and why?

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top essay at each grade level, and the winning essays will be submitted to the district level competition for consideration. Entry forms with directions will be available at Life Teen meetings or at the parish office during the week from Lydia Ross. Essays are due September 30th and strict adherence to the directions is required.

Questions can be directed to contest chairman Paul Soucy at 352.425.6170.

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Join our email list and register by emailing ocalaedge@gmail.com today!

What is Edge?

Edge is Blessed Trinity Parish's dynamic youth group for middle schoolers in grades 6-8. We gather twice a month to grow in faith, build friendships, and support each other in living out our Christian values.

At Edge, we explore real-world topics relevant to middle schoolers through a fun and engaging mix of social time, games, thoughtful discussions, and spiritual growth. It's a space where kids can build a strong foundation during a time when peer pressure and temptation often makes the right choice the hard choice.

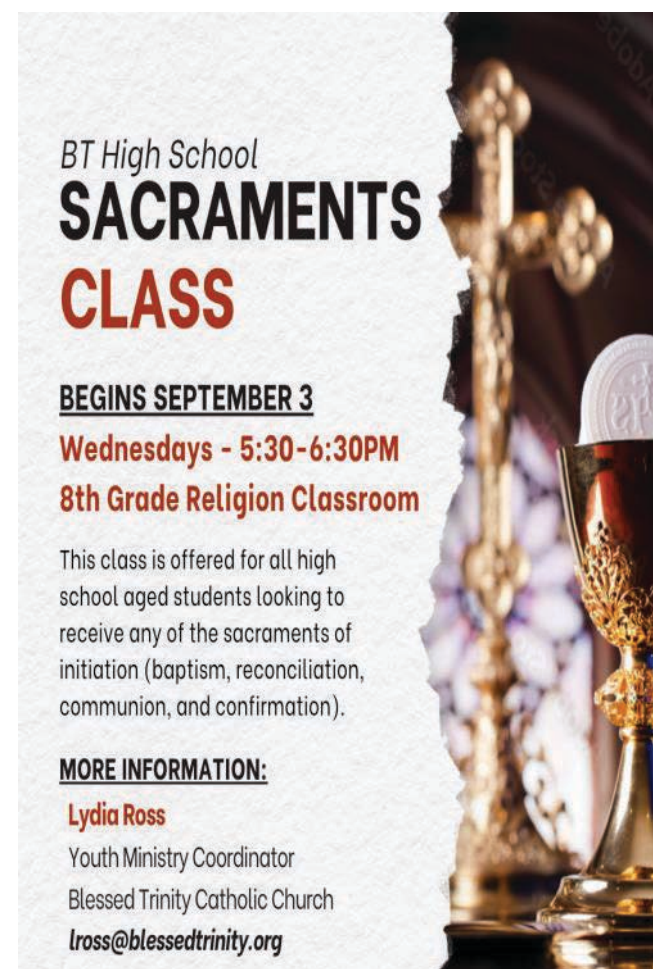
Who Can Join?

Edge is open to all 6-8th grade students, regardless of the school or church they attend. Edge is not a replacement for religious education, but a tool to help build upon the values taught in church and to help develop the skills needed to identify the ways to use those values in real world situations.

Back-to-School – Edge Meeting Night Friday Aug. 22nd 6:30-9:00pm King of Kings “Backpack of Faith”

We carry many things into the new school year, including fears, goals, and distractions, but where do we include Jesus in all that?

Join friends, old and new, as we kick off the school year!



**“KNOW YOU”
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2025 Annual Retreat
Sept 27th-28th**

We have a fun filled, event packed, overnight Middle School Retreat at the wonderful Lake in the Forest Campground planned for our 6-8th graders. We will be providing transportation from BT Saturday morning, and will return in time to **participate in the 11am Mass** on Sunday, as an EDGE group and **with our families**. Campers will be sleeping in cabins, and we have jam packed the 28 hours of the retreat with food, fun, singing, swimming, and seeing how God is working in our lives.

Diving into Matthew 7:24-27, this retreat will help the youth understand that when we come to know God, not just about God, through prayer, scripture, and doing His will, we build an immovable foundation in our lives.

General Registration Opens Monday, August 18th at 7:00am

Space is extremely limited. To register: Email ocalaedge@gmail.com on Monday, August 18th. The cost is \$65. Once full, we will form a wait list.

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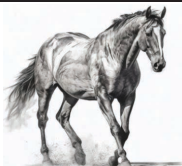
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