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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

7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish) Saturday

Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King

7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King

4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

PARISH LIFE

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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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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.

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 the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy," rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Nancy LaSelva

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island Ministry would like to thank Nancy for creating and taking care of the Adoration islands. She did a fantastic job creating and furnishing it!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Ed Maher

Baptisms:

Sienna Mitchell
Charles Powers

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. That understanding, however, is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our existence and for every breath we take.

Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honor at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place.

Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God "exalts" us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — "the poor, the crippled, the lame."

Our attitude and how we serve and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all "little" ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.



WORSHIP

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God is Needed—Fr. Pat's Second Book

You can buy this book, God is Needed, anytime in the gift shop or in the parish office. The cost here is \$15. We get the book in bulk numbers for 1/2



price. You will pay a few more dollars to get it from Amazon. All the profit goes to our sister parish.

There are 23 relevant teachings/stories in this 2nd book—Teachings on The Lord's Day; on Daily Prayer; on Confession; on the Mass; on Blessing your Home; on God has only one family; on God's favorite people; on the Holy Land; on Muslims; on Sports; on Voting, etc.

The first book, God is Able, is still available on Amazon—but not here.



23rd Annual Scout Pasta Dinner!

Saturday September 20 our Scouts will host our Annual Pasta Dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 for all you can eat pasta, plus salad, roll and dessert. Dine in or take it to go. Scouts will be selling tickets after Masses on September 6-7.

THANKS for supporting scouting at BT since 1949!

For more info about the dinner or scouts, call Barb Kwatkosky 352-286-5263.

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.

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 Saturday, September 6 following the 8am Mass.

The Brother's Keeper Van is Coming! September 6/7

We have lots of food, but desperately need personal items for our clients, please see the list below to help!

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Sunday, August 31st—No Life Night after the 5:00pm Life Teen Mass (Labor Day).

Sunday, September 7th— Join us for a special Life Night series on the Mass, where we will learn about its importance in our lives as Christians, as well as get trained on how to serve in the Mass. If you are a student who has wanted to know more about altar serving, ushering, sacristan ministry, and more, please come to this special event. Everything begins in King of Kings, and ends in the church.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Wis 9:13-18b Phlm 9:10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33



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.

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

The weekly inquiry class begins at 6:30pmon 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.

The course is free. You will receive two readable books on the teachings of our faith. You do not need to register in advance. Just come and sign in and check your name off each week.

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To continue my philanthropy, a book signing will be staged after all the weekend Masses September 6/7, 2025.

The book is on sale for \$20 and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to our sister school.

Come to Mass—Sign Out

Remember, all students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation need to pick up a sheet, found under the bulletins, and have the priest or deacon sign it every weekend.

Come to Mass <u>first</u> and then bring your paper to be signed. Give that signed paper to your teacher each week.

This is a very special year of preparation for you and your entire family. If you prepare well then receiving First Communion or Confirmation will make a very positive, spiritual impact on your entire future.

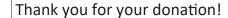


Monday, Sept 1	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Rudy Blanchette †
Tuesday, Sept 2	7:10am 5:30pm	Gerardo Baltodano † Benjamin Moore †
Wed, Sept 3	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory Mass of Thanksgiving Dianne Sellner †
Thursday, Sept 4	7:10am 5:30pm	Stan Swiderski, Sr † Ed Maguire †
Friday, Sept 5	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Linda Helfrich-Krzyz †
Saturday, Sept 6	8:00am 4:00pm	Richard & Patricia Bianculli † Peter & Roseann Warmenhoven †
Sunday, Sept 7	6:00pm 7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Allan Goodwin † Nicolas Iglecia † Alex Frederick † Spanish Community Dr. Arturo & Leticia Stable †

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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.

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

Please see the list of hours, which is in the Vestibule, on the counter near the staircase, that need one more adorer.

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The Parish Council members strive to embody the stewardship way of life, guiding and serving our Blessed Trinity community with its Pastor. Our purpose is to enable the parish community to carry out the mission statement. We help coordinate the ministry efforts of the parish, organize parish-wide events, and serve as a communication hub for the ministries and parish staff.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025.

If you are interested in getting to know more about the parish council, please let us know:

Bill Kennedy, President –

bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com

Gisela Salas, Vice-President –

drgsalas@gmail.com

Emily Vey, Secretary-

terrorqueen@cox.net

Rosary Makers General Meeting

The general meeting for all
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Saturday, September 6th,
2025, 9:00am-10:30am in the Teacher's
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For information call Sr. Juliet at 352.629.8092 Ex 3211.

Ministry to the Sick General Meeting

There will be a general meeting for all Ministers to the Sick held on Friday, September 5th, 2025, at 6:00pm in the Community Center with a guest speaker.

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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, September 5, at the 5:30pm Mass.

Christ and the Spirituality of Work

On the first Monday of September, the U.S. observes Labor Day, a celebration of the strength and contributions of the nation's work force. The holiday goes back many years. Congress passed an act establishing it in 1894, and it was promoted by labor unions as they grew in power. Labor unions have experienced a decline in recent years, but their ascendancy in late 19th century and early 20th century America contributed to a growing middle class and safer working conditions for all.

For many Americans, Labor Day weekend is a celebration of summer's finale, a last hurrah of cook-outs and recreation before vacation time ends and the reality of school, parish committees and snow shovel sales looms. But for the Christian steward, Labor Day should also be a time to pause and reflect on our own work, the work of others in our economy, and what it means for our spiritual growth and the growth of the Kingdom of God.

Work isn't separated from our spirituality, but should be a conscious part of it. The Lectionary even provides special readings for Labor Day, and one of them is from Colossians 1:24-2:3 in which St. Paul describes the source of his strength as Christ's "power working within me." Paul is able to achieve his tremendous effort by his reliance on Christ. And his endeavors were tied to his desire to serve Christ in all things. Does this ring true for our own working environment? Does Christ occupy a place in our workday, in the marketplace? Or do we sometimes feel a disconnect, as if our faith is compartmentalized into another realm of our life, not integral to our work life?

If our work feels lifeless and without purpose, do we consider our need to strengthen our relationship with Christ by our labor? As we enjoy summer's final fling, keep in mind that laborers should be partners in the work of God on this earth, and ask, how does my work fit into God's plan?

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FALL BIBLE STUDY EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

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