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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 17, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
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
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	3:45 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
WEEKEND	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
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
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

AUGUST 17, 2025 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
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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 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.

Weekly Offering
August 10, 2025
\$893.74

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



So far we have had replies from 34 families and have received \$10,838 in pledges.

Thanks to all of you who have responded.

We are still \$4,522.67 short of our \$15,360.67 assessment.

BT High School

SACRAMENTS CLASS

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3

Wednesdays - 5:30-6:30PM

8th Grade Religion Classroom

This class is offered for all high school aged students looking to receive any of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, reconciliation, communion, and confirmation).

MORE INFORMATION:

Lydia Ross

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

lross@blessedtrinity.org

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Aug 20 Paul Hajal (L)
Sunday, Aug 24 Jerome & Maxine Behr †

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

Essay Contest

Marion Council 5960 Knights of Columbus invites all high school aged members of Blessed Trinity Parish / Christ the King 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.

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

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

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.

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





Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support for last week’s collection for the Church in Latin America. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Your gift makes a difference!

At first the weather was fine and still. The thrushes were calling, and in the swamps close by some living creature had plaintively with a sobbing note entered into an

The Ocala Young Adult Catholics
Invite You To
Literature and the Eternal
August 27th, 6 PM
Mojo’s-Ocala (2015 SW 17th St)

A group reading and discussion of Anton Chekhov’s “The Student” with humanities instructor and comic artist Joshua Dease



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As it was Good Friday morning and the student was terribly hungry. And now, shrinking from the

“Nothing is Impossible with God.”

This year’s annual Orlando Catholic Charismatic Conference is your opportunity for a Personal Pentecost!

Come and be Renewed in the Holy Spirit with inspiring talks by Bishop Peter Smith, Deacon Larry Oney and Anne Trufant plus Mass, Confession, Praise and Worship, Adoration, a Youth Track and a Healing Service.

Save the date now: Sept. 19-21, Fri. 7pm to Sun. 1pm. Go to OrlandoCharismatic.com for details.

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, and Christ the King 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.



**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

August Menu

8/5 Potato Soup
8/12 Closed
8/19 Closed
8/26 Surprise

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks.
Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

BIBLE STUDY

Please come and participate in our current Bible study on the book of John:

8/24/25 It is Finished: A Dying and Rising Love

Stayed tuned for the next bible study in the coming weeks!



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 Christ 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.

God is Needed

This newly publish book, "God is Needed" , is now on Amazon. But if you wait a week or so you can get it here for a few dollars less (local price \$15) and also our sister parish will get twice the profit from each book sold.

It has chapters on:

God has only one family; Follow the lead.

Care of children, Care of the frail elderly, Care of the poor.

LoughDerg, Our Lady of Knock, Irelands Holy Mountain.

Our domestic home; Prayer and keeping the Lords day holy.

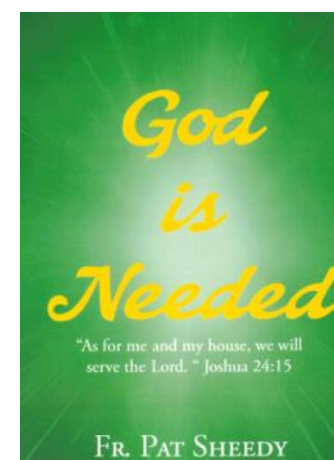
Sacrament of reconciliation; The eucharist; Don't walk away.

Marriage as a sacrament; In favor of the faith, Call to unity.

Christian technology, How (Irish) sports could help the church.

Who did you vote for—God or??

You will be interested in most of the 24 stories.



Blessed Trinity Edge Middle School Youth Group

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 Building “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!