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Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 24, 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 24, 2025 — TWENTY-FIRST 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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Sandie Maguire	Ministry to the Sick	466.3977
Sose Gaudet	Flowers, Decorations	622.3589

Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
	Brothers Keeper	817.7447
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

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord “in clean vessels.” The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

Weekly Offering
August 17, 2025
\$730.25

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.

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



Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Aug 27 The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Aug 31 Nick, Ann & David Votino †

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

**Father Pat's 1st
Sacrament Meeting**



Fr. Pat's 1st Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, September 7th at 9:55am in the gym at Blessed Trinity.

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.

**YOU ARE INVITED!
Catholic Youth Event**

***"The Tech-Savvy Saint:
The Life & Legacy of
Blessed Carlo Acutis"***



What if sainthood was just one click closer? Come meet the teenage web designer who's changing lives even after his own—**Blessed Carlo Acutis**, the 15-year-old who used **technology to spread the Gospel**, shared powerful **Eucharistic miracles**, and is now on the path to **sainthood**!

Date: Saturday, Sept 6th, 2025
Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am
Location: King of Kings building
For: Middle school kids, Teens, and Young Adults curious about Faith In the Digital Age.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A dynamic presentation on Carlo's life.*
- Dive into the **Eucharistic Miracles** that Carlo documented
 - Learn about the **real miracle** that led to his beatification
 - See how **one teen used the internet to evangelize the world**
 - Reflect on how **YOU** can live your faith boldly in today's digital culture
- "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." – Blessed Carlo Acutis

At first the weather was fine and still. The thrushes were calling, and in the swamps close by some living creature

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



*Space is limited
Scan for a free ticket*

Contact: shelbytkearns@gmail.com
(361) 449-6896

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

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.

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.



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





**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

The Gospel reading today starts with a question: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who’ve been good stewards of the Gospel. We can’t custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate?

Help Bring Triumph of the Heart to Ocala!



We’re bringing the inspiring true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe to theaters — and YOU can help make it happen!

This brand-new crowdfunded film will only come to Ocala if we reserve 89 tickets by August 28. No goal reached, no screening — but if we don’t reach the goal, your ticket is refunded, or you can choose to bless seminarians, priests, missionaries, and nuns with it.

Target Date & Time: Saturday, September 13 at 7:00 PM-subject to change.

(The theater will confirm once we hit the goal — so the sooner we do, the better!)

How You Can Help:

1. Reserve your ticket today.
2. Share this with friends & family.
3. Donate extra tickets

Let’s honor the courage and faith of St. Maximilian Kolbe and inspire others through his story. Together, we can fill the theater!

Reserve here: www.tinyurl.com/StKolbeOcala

Questions? Email: Catherine.mora1013@gmail.com

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.

Rosary Makers General Meeting

The general meeting for all Rosary Makers will be on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, 9:00am-10:30am in the Teacher’s Lounge at Blessed Trinity.



Instructions for learners will be available. Join us to spread the rosary of Our Blessed Mother.

For information call Sr. Juliet at 352.629.8092 Ex 3211.