



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 21, 2025

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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,
1:00 pm 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 8:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)

5:00—5:30pm (English)

Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH 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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Tammie Vassou	Principal	

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or online at www.blessedtrinity.org, click on join us.

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.

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.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The dishonest manager in today’s parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

Ministry of the Week

Covenant Mission Team

The Covenant Mission Team is comprised of team members ranging from high school age (14 and older) to adult. The group does community service projects and fundraising prior to its trip to a chosen South American, Central American, or Caribbean location each summer.

Phil & Veronica Brescia 352.346.0847

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STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In Jesus’ parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master’s wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God-given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God’s favor.

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Adam & Lisa Lombardo

Life Teen would like to thank Adam and Lisa for spending so much of their time helping with Life Teen. The youth appreciate you!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Tyler, Miranda & Jack Burkhalter

Baptisms:

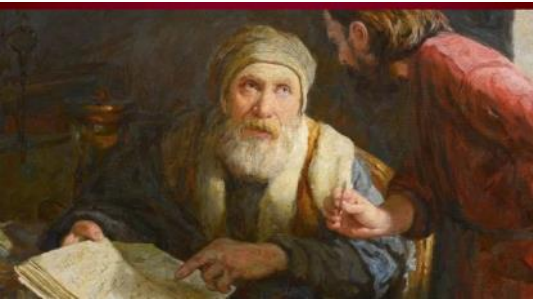
After today’s readings, we can’t say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God’s Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God’s.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, “who gave Himself as a ransom for all.” Rather than thinking of Himself and how to “get ahead,” Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to be fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God’s gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the “bad steward” in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God’s kingdom on the earth? That’s our lesson and our challenge.



WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ~ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“God is Needed” Book

You may still purchase Fr. Pat’s 2nd book, God is Needed, at our religious gift shop before or after any weekend Mass or on Wednesday during Fr. Pat’s inquiry class or at the church office between 8:00am—5:00pm. The cost is \$15 and the proceeds go to our sister parish in Uganda.

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

Training Series



Mondays

October 6, 13, 20 & 27

5:30pm-7:00pm

Are you a Catholic student in **4th through 12th grade** who would like to serve God and

your parish in a special way?

Join our **Altar Server Ministry**—a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, learn the Mass in detail, and serve at the **Altar of Our Lord**.

Altar servers typically serve **1–2 Masses per month**, with extra opportunities during special seasons like Christmas and Easter. Bonus: 8th graders and high school students can earn **service hours** while serving the Church!

First Night – Monday, October 6

We’ll begin with a short **Parent & Student Meeting** in the church at **5:30 PM**, followed immediately by the first training session. We’d love to have **one or two parents** present during each session (fingerprinting required). Even if you can only help one night, please let us know!

Important:

- Space is **limited to 12 students**.
- Attendance is **required for all four training sessions**.
- Next training series may be offered in **April**.

New Parish Church in our Sister Parish

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$ 99,560.00.

We have made a great start toward our goal of \$260,000.

Make checks out to “Blessed Trinity” for new parish church in our Sister Parish.

Father Pat’s Class for Parents & all Confirmation Students



This class is scheduled for 9:55am, September 21st in the gym. All parents and their children who are planning for the sacrament of confirmation are required to attend. There is a make-up class if you can’t make it on September 27th at 9:00am in the chapel (cry room).

The Mass is not ended!!

So if you go before it is ended, unless you have a real emergency, how could you go in peace?

Why make life more difficult for yourself?

Go with God’s blessing, not without His blessing.

If you have a physical handicap, wait a few extra minutes and you will find it much easier and safer to head to the parking lot when most of the traffic is gone.

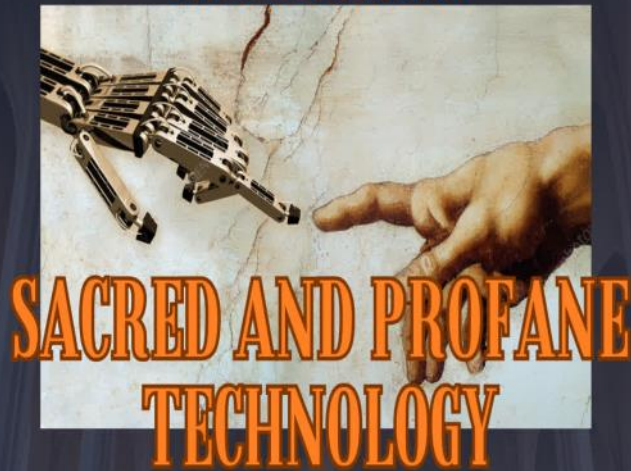
Even if you have a ministry in the portico, you can still wait for the benediction.



Sunday, September 21st—Join us as we conclude our series on the Mass in the King of Kings building from 6-8pm. Free dinner and lots of fun!

Sunday, September 28th— Life Teen is having a chill night in with a Sonic inspired drink bar (special Sonic ice!!), corn dogs, pizza rolls, and more yummy snacks for dinner. There will be a quiet space for anyone who needs to do their homework, and a large space with games and activities.

THE OCALA YOUNG ADULT
CATHOLICS PRESENT



September 24th, 6 PM, Mojo's-Ocala (2015 SW 17th St)



Space is limited
Scan for a free
ticket

Join author and product designer
John Fechtel to discuss technology
that helps—and technology that
hinders—our path to holiness.

Contact: shelbytkearns@gmail.com or 361-449-6896

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Am 6:1a, 4-7

Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31



Pope Quote

Saint Pope John XXIII prayed for a “New Pentecost” as he convened Vatican II. Soon after its conclusion, the Charismatic Renewal spontaneously erupted throughout our Catholic Church as it manifested Gifts of the Spirit such as *healing, prophecy & tongues* just as after Pentecost.

When Pope Paul VI was slow to embrace this *Pentecostal Renewal*, but encouraged by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), he did warmly embrace this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, saying, “the Church and the world need more than ever that ‘miracle of Pentecost should continue in history’Nothing is more necessary to this increasingly secularized worldHow then could this spiritual renewal not be good fortune for the church and for the world?”

Come, visit BT’s charismatic prayer group. We meet every Thursday, 7-8:30pm in the Adult Day Care. Find the “more” that God is offering! For info: [Richard@ 352-342-2982](mailto:Richard@352-342-2982) or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains Of Living Water Prayer Group

Discernment Night

All men and their wives who believe they may have a calling to the diaconate are invited to attend our upcoming Discernment Night on September 25th at St. Timothy’s in Lady Lake. The session is scheduled to begin at 6:30 P.M. and should end by 8:30 P.M.

Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Marriage Retreats

There is hope for your marriage! “We were ready to give up when we found Retrouvaille. Today, our marriage is stronger than ever.” Countless couples share this same testimony. No matter how broken things feel, there is hope. The Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat begins with Orlando (San Pedro Retreat Center, Sept 26-28), Miami (SEPI Retreat Center, Sept 26-28), or Jacksonville (Hyatt Place Airport, Oct 10-12). Two nights lodging and meals included. Space is limited. Register at MarriageLifeLine.org or call 866.470.2243.

Uganda Orphans

So far we have received 54 sponsors. The cost is \$250 to feed, shelter and pay school fees per year, per child. We need over 150 sponsors.

BIBLE STUDY

Greetings fellow parishioners and interested Bible scholars. There is a terrific and informative Bible study held every **Monday** in the **Knights of Columbus** hall at **6:30 pm**. The meetings last from 1 hour to hour and half. The topics cover a wide range of subjects like Mary, the Mass, Commandments, Sacraments. Topics are all presented by renowned teachers and scholars of the Faith and the Bible like Dr Brant Pitre, Dr Tim Gray, and Jeff Cavins. Please come and join us and get your **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**. Here’s a partial schedule for the coming months:

1. Case for Jesus 22 Sep 25
2. Why We Believe 29 Sep - 20 Oct 25
(4 sessions/weeks)
3. Woman at the well 27 Oct 25
4. Jewish Roots of the Eucharist 3 Nov 25

September 20 / 21: In memory of Philip Fanelli
from the Fanelli Family

September 27 / 28:

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



Joyful Again, Orlando Retreat

A retreat for Widows and Widowers,
November 5-6 at the
San Pedro Retreat Center
95 Bishop Grady Lane
Winter Park, FL 32792

This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope and joy again.

Space is limited, register early

Call Debra at 609.902.9760 or Rita at
352.239.2523

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE????

The Covenant Mission Team (CMT) is forming a new team for the 2025-26 season. If you are a high school aged teen (or older) and feel God may be calling you to mission work, please join us Tuesday, September 23 @ 7pm in the Parish Hall to discover more about who we are and what we do.





Monday, Sept 22	7:10am	Alan Fuller †
	5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz †
Tuesday, Sept 23	7:10am	Barb Mullen †
	5:30pm	Sherry & Philip Pesola †
Wed, Sept 24	7:10am	Tony & Isabelle Lachermeier †
	8:15am	Catherine Horgan †
	5:30pm	Lucas Eliasleon (L)
Thursday, Sept 25	7:10am	Steve Hoesterey †
	5:30pm	Terry Stoothoff †
Friday, Sept 26	7:10am	Bill DelZotto †
	5:30pm	Hugh Haggerty †
Saturday, Sept 27	8:00am	Anne Roberta DeCefare †
	4:00pm	Rose Rozanski †
	6:00pm	Steve Hoesterey †
Sunday, Sept 28	7:10am	Robert Sinnamon †
	8:45am	Dianne Conole †
	11:00am	Rose Bilancio †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	W. Hendrex †

Please pray for Fran Garcia who has recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Thank you for your donation!



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 1:00am– 2:00am

Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursdays: Midnight - Fridays: 1:00am

Also in need of substitutes, especially between Midnight and 5:00am

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.

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.

“People ask me: ‘What will convert America and save the world?’ My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.” - St. Mother Teresa



ADS OF THE WEEK

Wayne’s World of Paintball

www.waynes-world.com

352.401.1801

Purvis Gray

Tim Westgate, CPA, Parishioner

352.732.3872

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.



Sunday, September 21

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



T-SHIRT FOR ALL BLOOD DONORS!

\$40 E-GIFT CARD FOR PLATELET AND DOUBLE RED DONORS!

LIFESOUTH Community Blood Centers



Baby bottles are now available to be picked up and filled with change, cash or checks (payable to Alpha Center). You may also give securely through Zeffy online at www.alphacenterocala.org. All proceeds benefit Alpha Center for Women. Since 2006 to present, the generous parishioners of Blessed Trinity have contributed over \$136,000.00!

For the past 26 years Alpha Center for Women has served our community, providing truth and support in defense of the unborn and their families. In December, with the help of area churches, businesses and agencies, we provided Christmas gifts for over 200 Alpha Center children (100+ families)!!

We ministered to 181 new clients providing pregnancy tests and meeting material needs through our Bridges program last year. Nearly 1900 client visits took place and we assisted our moms and dads with over 24,000 closet items (diapers, wipes, clothing, food, and furniture, in addition to utility assistance, gas and grocery gift cards).

Please return your bottles during the weekends of September 27/28 or October 4/5.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

September 14, 2025

Weekend Total:	439	\$ 22,182.25	Year to date collection: \$ 846,446.79
Electronic Offering Total:	389	\$ 31,787.92	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,422.00	Year to date budget: \$ 943,701.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 214.66	Year to date deficit: (\$97,254.21)
Non Sunday:	72	\$ 8,787.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 65,393.83	Priest Retirement \$2,635.00
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00	
Difference		(\$20,397.17)	

“Thank you for your donations.”

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the “memo” line of your check.

Stewardship Saint for September

Saint Teresa of Calcutta gave us an extraordinary example of Christian discipleship and stewardship by her faith, simplicity and service to women and men without considering their race, religion or nationality. She was born Agnes Bojaxhiu in Albania on August 26, 1910, and at age 18 went to Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto following what she discerned to be a call to become a missionary.



She was sent to India in 1929, and began her novitiate in Darjeeling near the Himalayan mountains. Eight years later she made her solemn vows and took the name Teresa after Saint Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries. From there she taught at the Loreto convent school in Calcutta for almost twenty years. Though a dedicated educator, she was increasingly disturbed by the desperate poverty in Calcutta.

On September 10, 1946, Sister Teresa had an extraordinary conversion experience, what she later described as “the call within the call.” While traveling by train from Calcutta to the Loreto convent in Darjeeling she experienced interior visions that led her to the conviction that Christ was calling her to serve “the poorest of the poor.”

In 1948 after a few months of medical training, Sister Teresa ventured out into the slums to tend to the needs of the destitute and starving. Her first year was very difficult. She had no income and had to resort to begging for food and supplies. She experienced loneliness, doubt and the temptation to return to the comfort of convent life. But at the beginning of 1949 she was joined by a group of young women who wished to be a part of her ministry.

In 1950 “Mother” Teresa’s community was formally recognized by the Vatican. Its mission was to care for, in her own words, “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.” In 1952, she opened a hospice for the poor. Then she established several leprosy clinics throughout Calcutta, providing medication, bandages and food. In 1955, she created a home for orphans and homeless youth.

The Missionaries of Charity soon began to attract both recruits and charitable donations, and by the 1960s had opened hospices, orphanages and leper homes all over India. Mother Teresa then went global. Her first mission outside of India was in Venezuela in 1965, then in Rome, Tanzania and Austria. During the 1970s the congregation started missions in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997, departing a religious community with over 4,000 sisters operating 610 missions in 123 countries and aided by more than one million co-workers. Former U.N. Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, said of Saint Teresa: “She is the United Nations. She is peace in the world.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was canonized on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis.

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

In the spirit of Saint Pier-Giorgio Frassati, Young Adults (age 18-35) are invited to join pilgrims from all over the world walking on a ten-day pilgrimage to the shrine of the Apostle James, Santiago de Compostela, in northern Spain in June, 2026.

The pilgrimage will be hosted by missionaries from Creatio, a Catholic non-profit organization that specializes in taking young people on the Camino pilgrimage:

www.creatio.org

For More Information, Reach Us At:



(863) 320-0605



ocalatosantiago@gmail.com



@Camino.2026



**TAKING PLACE
JUNE 1-10, 2026**

Waterford Crystal pieces for sale

The parish has several Waterford Crystal pieces for sale.

Items include:

1. Waterford Horse Head Stopper, Waterford Crystal Colleen Bell, Waterford Crimson 8.1in footed vase, Waterford Basket Connelly Basket, Waterford Lismore Goblets, Waterford Lismore Flutes, Waterford Lismore Irish Cups, Waterford Lismore Brandy, Waterford Lismore Cordials, Waterford Lismore tall Balloons, Waterford Lismore claret.

2. Noritake Ivory and Ebony service for 12 to include dinner plates, salad/dessert plates, soup bowls, bread & butter plates, coffee cups & saucers and serving bowl.

International Silver Serenity pattern silver plate flatware set for 24+

If you are interested in purchasing or seeing any of the items listed above please contact Katherine Baker at the Church Office, 352.629.8092, ext 3218 or email: kbaker@blessedtrinity.org

Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, October 4 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana



Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website under “Sacraments.”

Please note: this is the last session of the year.