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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

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

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PARISH LIFE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 ~ TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

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 sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at this gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

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STEWARDSHIP

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Jackie Garrett

Life Teen would like to thank Jackie for spending so much of her time helping with Life Teen. The youth appreciate you!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

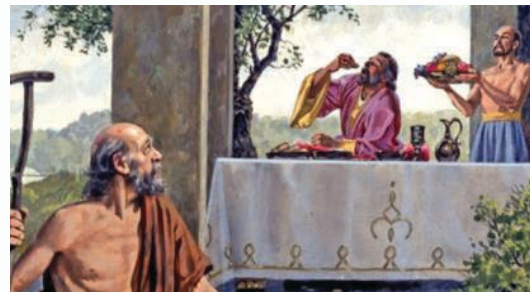
Baptisms:

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.



WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 ~ TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

Blessing of the Animals—October 4

Here at Blessed Trinity we bless all kinds of animals on October 4 as long as they are “under control.”

That blessing will take place after the 8:00am Mass at the Mary Shrine.



FREE FLU SHOTS

Walgreens is offering free flu shots in the parish hall on Sunday, October 5th from 9:00am—1:00pm.

Bring your ID and your insurance card.



Father Pat's 2nd Scarament Meeting

Fr. Pat's 2nd Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, October 12th 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 meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, October 18th at 9am in the chapel.

Witness Speakers Needed

Each year during the month of November, every parishioner has a new opportunity to renew their commitment to God giving Him first place with their time, talent and treasure.

New stewardship materials are mailed out to each family toward the end of October.

The spiritually of the stewardship way of life is included in the homily at all Masses the first weekend of November. Also, we have a short witness talk by one of our parishioners at each Mass.

The second weekend of November we have a new parish video shown at all Masses during the homily time. And also we have another short witness talk at each Mass.

After the homily on the third weekend of November each person or family is invited to the altar at each Mass to drop into one of the baskets their new (revised) personal or family stewardship pledge for the new year 2026 plus their weekly offering. Then they kiss the altar to seal their pledge with Christ. Later that Sunday we have a free Thanksgiving stewardship dinner in the parish hall.

We have had new witness speakers for over 30 years—eight each year.

Would you like to volunteer to be a witness speaker or do you want to suggest (secretly) a person that we could ask to be a witness speaker?

Witness speakers have a lot of great Christian influence.



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.

Sunday, October 5th— Life Teen 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 will be on the lawn outside church beforehand (weather permitting), and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10



TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD! Psalm 34:8

God has blessed our Church with the gift of the Charismatic Renewal -giving rise to prayer groups throughout the world.

Here at BT, the *Fountains Of Living Water* prayer group has been meeting weekly since 1978. It is a testimony of God's Power and Love in the lives of everyday people –where his Holy Spirit has provided so much Healing & Restoration.

This community gathering has been a Well Spring of Faith, Hope & Love. Come, “Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord!”

We meet Thursday nights in the Adult Day Care from 7-8:30pm. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Joyful Again, Orlando Retreat

A retreat for Widows and Widowers,
November 5-6 at the
San Pedro Retreat Center
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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

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

You are all invited on Saturday October 11th 2025 at 12.00 noon. There will a national Rosary rally held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church along 17th street at the gym parking lot.

Led by the Legion of Mary.

Contact; Donna Palagano tel : 407 547 7632



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 October 4, following the 8am Mass.

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

September 27 / 28:

October 4 / 5: In memory of Bill, Rita & Roger Winterbourne
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Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Marriage Retreats

PLEASE PRAY FOR RETROUVAILLE PARTICIPANTS! This weekend, couples are attending Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreats in Orlando and Miami as they work to heal and strengthen their marriages. Please keep them in prayer that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to forgiveness, restore their hope, and renew their love. **If you know couples who could benefit from this ministry, there's still time to register for Jacksonville (Hyatt Place Airport, Oct 10-12). MarriageLifeline.org or 866-470-2243.**

Ultreya

Please join us for Ultreya on October 9th starting at 6:45 located at St. Theresa's in Belleview. We meet in the parish hall. You won't want to miss this one. We have a Centurian, Anne LaPlant, as our witness speaker. She will share that you are never too old to live your Cursillo!

Uganda Orphans

So far we have received 63 sponsors. The cost is \$250 to feed, shelter and pay school fees per year, per child. We need over 150 sponsors.



Monday, Sept 29	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IMHR L/D Frank Maceli †
Tuesday, Sept 30	7:10am 5:30pm	PW & Mae Raftis † Steve Hoesterey †
Wed, Oct 1	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Tony & Isabelle Lachermeier † Steve Hoesterey † Steve Hoesterey †
Thursday, Oct 2	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Donald Karney †
Friday, Oct 3	7:10am 5:30pm	Alice & Harold Butler † Linda Helfrich-Krxyz †
Saturday, Oct 4	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	John Cheesley † Paulino Bantodanot † Anne LaPlant (L)
Sunday, Oct 5	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Fr. Duane Raftis † Richard & Patricia Bianculli † Cecelia Tovar Escalona † Spanish Community Ramona Anderegg †

Please pray for William Kinder who has recently passed away.

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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,
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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.
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Fr. Edward Murphy

Celebrant

7:00pm Holy Rosary

Ongoing Confession during this time

8pm Holy Mass

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, October 2, at the 5:30pm Mass. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass.

Brother’s Keeper Van is Coming!

October 4/5

We are in desperate need of the following:

- Shampoo
- Bars of Soap
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Razors and Shaving Cream



Please return your filled baby bottle today. Because of your donations, the ministry of Alpha Center will help save unborn babies by offering life-affirming pregnancy options and providing emotional, spiritual and material support to moms and dads in need.

Alpha Center will persevere in serving those in need or those making a decision about their pregnancy as long as our Lord makes provision for us. We pray you will continue to support Alpha Center for Women. If you forgot your bottle, our collection will continue through next weekend. Keep filling those bottles! God bless you for your generous help!



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.

STEWARDSHIP AND THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

October is Respect Life Month for Catholics in the United States. Dioceses and parishes around the country will begin the celebration with Respect Life Sunday, which has been traditionally designated as the first Sunday of October each year. This monthly celebration calls our attention to the Church's reaffirmation and recommitment to protect human life from conception to natural death.

To be good stewards of the gift of life obliges us to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed when it comes to preserving the sanctity of life. We have complex issues facing us today in the areas of health care, assisted suicide, care for the aging, the destruction of human embryos or harvesting stem cells, the death penalty, abortion and post-abortion concerns and reconciliation. To address these complexities, the message should be compassionate, yet compelling.

In his pastoral letter, *Ecclesia in America (The Church in America)*, our late pontiff, Saint John Paul II, wrote: *Nowadays, in America as elsewhere in the world, a model of society appears to be emerging in which the powerful predominate, setting aside and even eliminating the powerless: I am thinking here of unborn children, helpless victims of abortion; the elderly and incurably ill, subjected at times to euthanasia; and the many other people relegated to the margins of society by consumerism and materialism...This model of society bears the stamp of the culture of death, and is therefore in opposition to the Gospel message. Faced with this distressing reality, the Church community intends to commit itself all the more to the defense of the culture of life.*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issues information packets each year to parishes to help them in their promotion and their commitment to be faithful to the Gospel of Life. The bishops encourage each parish to get involved in at least one activity during Respect Life Month so that parishioners can understand their role in being better stewards of the gift of human life.

What is most important for good stewards is to remain faithful to prayer and to renew this month a firm resolve to proclaim a culture of life and an end to the killing and degradation of human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to their age, health, dependency or ethnic background, and to work to rid our culture of the notion that humans are simply part of a disposable society.



Saints and Sweets

Life Teen is proud to present "Saints & Sweets Luminary Walk" on October 25, from 6:30-8:00pm on the Blessed Trinity School Soccer Field.

Walk with your family or friends as you learn about the lives of the Saints. Youth dressed as Saints will share a Saint story as well as candy at each station. Kids are invited to dress up as Saints or use their Halloween costumes.

DONATE CANDY: Candy donations help make the night even sweeter! Please deliver candy to the church office, marked "Saints & Sweets."

VOLUNTEERS: Many hands will be needed to make this event a success! We are looking for ten enthusiastic students (grades 6-12) willing to dress up and share a saint story with the community as they walk through our candlelit walkway. A script will be provided as well as any costume materials the student might need. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, take down, and welcome people into the walk in an orderly fashion. For more information on the specifics of how you can get involved, contact Lydia Ross at lross@blessedtrinity.org



BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER Training Series

Mondays

October 6, 13, 20 & 27

5:30pm-7:00pm



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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**.

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