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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
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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)
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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.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

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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

Music Ministry

There are many different groups and opportunities for those looking to be a part of the music ministry! PSALT group, Cantors, Adult Choir, Handbells.

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

At the conclusion of today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a “great crowd” that”...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” A few of Jesus’ immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus’ call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one’s possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Religious Education Teachers

The parish would like to thank all the Sunday morning catechists that give so much of their time and talent to help prepare our youth for their sacraments!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Kyle, Priscilla, Noah, Matteo & Josiah Mendoza
Norman & Fatima Nazano Hernandez
Richard, Aninely & Olivia Diaz
Joseph, Francis, Maria, Joseph & Sophia Concepcion
Matthew, Betzy & Mary Elizabeth Woodruff
Victor, Vividiana, Emy, Elisandra & Javier Yanez Jaimes

Baptisms:

Today’s readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” In other words, it’s all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! “Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.



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.

Father Pat’s 1st Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat’s 1st Sacrament meeting will be this 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.

New Parish Church in our Sister Parish

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$ 81,650.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for September

Heavenly Father,
September is a month that offers hope
for things to come:
our daily life has a new rhythm,
there are new beginnings
and new encounters,
and a new energy is seen in the
parish community.

In this month of accelerating activities,
keep us mindful that we live for Christ
and not for ourselves.
Give us the strength and
the wisdom to be
“Doers” of Your Word,
and not just listeners;
to be good stewards of
the Gospel each and every day.

In this month of transition
help us find a deeper spiritual
balance in our lives
that takes time for you,
listens to the promptings of your Spirit
and gives us hope that
the body of Christ
has well begun the transformation of
a troubled world.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.



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.

Sunday, September 14th— 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARION COUNCIL 5960 BLUE MASS - 2025

The annual Blue Mass celebration in honor of our first responders and military will be held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on **September 14 at the 8:45 Mass**. All first responders, law enforcement, firemen, EMT, and military are cordially invited to attend the service. We appreciate all that you do for our safety and welfare and would like to show our respect and thank God for the jobs you do. Please join us in uniform if you can. Knights of Columbus will be serving a free breakfast for all those in uniform after the Mass. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17



Parish Leaders Half-Day Retreat

Our annual retreat for all board members—all boards include, Brother's Keeper, Elder Care, Angels In Arms, Blessed Trinity School, Parish Council, Parish Finance, Religious Ed, Stewardship, Long Range Planning, Life Teen Board, ministry heads, and school and parish staff is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th.

We will begin at 8:00am with Mass in the church, followed by a light breakfast in the King of Kings building.

After breakfast, Fr. Beau Schweitzer from Belize will be joining us to offer two reflections and lead us in Adoration and Benediction. We hope to see you all there for this very special morning!

Adult Inquiry Class

The 1st class for adults who wish to renew their Catholic faith or who wish to prepare for confirmation or who might be interested in becoming Catholic, took place last Wednesday at 6:30pm in the "cry" room (chapel) in church.

You are still welcome to join us.



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 **this weekend, 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.

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Have you attended a CRHP retreat? Are you wondering what has happened to all those people that attended with you? Come and see! CRHP invites **ALL Past Participants** to come to the 1st Annual CRHP Reunion Celebration.

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Time: 6:30pm to 8pm

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Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screening in the parish nurse's office in the parish hall from 8:00am—1:00pm, Sunday, September 7.



September 6 / 7: In memory of the Hartmann Family
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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10am and 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be next Sunday, September 14.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee and three different juices. All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

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Tuesday, Sept 9	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Kathie Conner †
Wed, Sept 10	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Ed Hamilton † Souls in Purgatory Joseph DeMartino †
Thursday, Sept 11	7:10am 5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz † Juanito Ballesteros †
Friday, Sept 12	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Sara Cunningham (L)
Saturday, Sept 13	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	School sisters of Notre Dame L/D The Blanchette-Leary Family L/D Hugh Haggerty †
Sunday, Sept 14	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Mary Millwater † Florence Wetzal † Cecilia & William McTighe † Spanish Community Mueller & Family L/D

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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.

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.

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The Blessed Trinity Parish Council is a group of ten adult parishioners. Council members are elected or appointed for a 3-year term and may be appointed to one additional 3-year term.

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 –

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Gisela Salas, Vice-President –

drgsalas@gmail.com

Emily Vey, Secretary-

terrorqueen@cox.net

JOIN THE CHOIR! OR....PLAY AN INSTRUMENT FOR MASS! TALK TO COLLEEN TO GET INVOLVED!



During the weekend of **September 20/21**, baby bottles will be available after each Mass. All donations will benefit **Alpha Center for Women**, an Ocala pregnancy resource center that offers life-affirming alternatives to abortion, material support during and after pregnancy, post-abortion recovery and a mentoring program for parents in need. From 2006 to present, the generous parishioners of Blessed Trinity have contributed over **\$136,000.00!** Last year we ministered to **181 new clients** providing pregnancy tests and meeting material needs through our Bridges program. Nearly **1,900 client visits** took place and we assisted our moms and dads **with over 24,000 closet items** (diapers, wipes, clothing, food, and furniture, as well as utility assistance, gas and grocery gift cards). In addition, your support has allowed us to continue our sponsorship of two Uganda students and the Uganda Orphanage.

Thank you for your partnership with Alpha Center for Women. It is truly a ministry serving the poor in our community and helping them say **“YES” to life.**



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September: New Beginnings In Your Parish

New Year’s resolutions are famously made on January 1, and infamously broken by the end of that month. But for many stewards, the real time of renewal and recommitment comes as we turn the calendar page into September, and the resolutions have a longer and greater impact. Why? Because good Catholic stewards realize that the parish is often times the place where people encounter Christ’s presence in their lives, and in the fall, everything kicks into high gear at the parish. Opportunities abound for growth, for giving, for community. It’s now that we ponder and make our decisions for how we will make a disciple’s response during the coming year through our commitment to the life of our parishes. Here are a few tips for maximizing a grace-filled year:

- Make Mass your top weekend priority, ahead of sports, school activities, or other temptations.
- Consider how best to use your talents in the service of the parish. Pray over the ministry which calls to you the most.
- Serve the poor through activities in your parish, in the spirt of Pope Francis. All parishes have some kind of outreach to the poor.
- Consider taking an adult faith formation class.
- Visit your child’s faith formation class and introduce yourself to the teacher. Let your children know religious education is a priority to you, and be sure to thank in some way the parishioners who give of their time and talent to this ministry.
- Review your financial giving. Were you a faithful giver during the summer? Find out if your parish has online giving, or automatic withdrawal, and sign up so your year-round support helps provide a stable parish income.



Angels in Arms ELC still has openings for its VPK program for the 2025 – 2026 school year. We are accepting children for both part time and full time. Please contact the front office at 352-622-6167 or email Tracie Wilson at twilson@btaia.org. Children need to be age four (4) by September 1st 2025 to be eligible.

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Uganda Orphans

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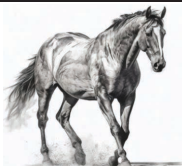
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