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One of the aspects of our stewardship should be a desire to understand and appreciate the significance of many of the celebrations, feasts, and solemnities we as Catholics observe and experience. Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena; the construction and dedication of churches by Helena's son the Emperor Constantine on the site of Mt. Calvary where Christ was crucified; and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius II.

As Catholics, we need to remember the Cross every time we make the Sign of the Cross. We make that sign often and almost always at the beginning and the end of our prayers. However, that sign in itself is a prayer. Sometimes we do it automatically without really considering its meaning and importance. Rather than a hurried sign, we should make the Sign of the Cross with reverence, respect, and the constant reflection of how vital the Cross is to our salvation. Stewardship invites us to practice our faith with this deference and appreciation to the Lord, truly in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 14, 2025



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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 — THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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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

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today’s first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God’s gifts show that I know from whom they came and am grateful?

Weekly Offering
September 7, 2025
\$2,056.00

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 35 families and have received \$11,838 in pledges.

Thanks to all of you who have responded.

We are still \$3,522.67 short of our \$15,360.67 assessment.

God is Needed

You may still purchase Fr. Pat’s 2nd book, God is Needed, at the religious gift shop at Blessed Trinity or the Blessed Trinity church office between 8:00am—5:00pm. The cost is \$15 and the proceeds go to our sister parish in Uganda.

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 at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website under “Sacraments”.

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



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Am 8:4-7
Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Sept 17 William Votino †
Sunday, Sept 21 George W. Lopp †

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 Class for
Parents & all
Confirmation Students**



This class is scheduled for 9:55am, September 21st in the gym at Blessed Trinity. 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) at Blessed Trinity.

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.

Feel good, not guilty, when you leave church.

**Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend
Marriage Retreats**

Rebuild communication in your marriage—Most marriages don't fail from lack of love, but from lack of communication. If your conversations lead to frustration or silence, Retrouvaille can help. The Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat teaches practical communication skills to bring you back together.

Choose your location: Orlando—Sept 26-28, Miami—Sept 26-28, or Jacksonville—Oct 10-12. Accommodations and meals included. Register at MarriageLifeline.org or call 866.470.2243

Visiting Priest

Fr. Beau Schweitzer will be preaching at all of the Masses at Blessed Trinity on the weekend of September 20-21.

Fr. Beau is a priest with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) and is currently Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Benque Viejo, Belize.

He has visited Blessed Trinity several times before and we are pleased to welcome him back!

Fr. Beau will be the spiritual director for our half day retreat on Sept 20th from 8:00am—12:00pm for all parish leaders. That includes the heads of each parish ministry, the members of each parish board (there are 12 boards), all parish staff and all teachers, whether in our Catholic schools or volunteer teachers of religion. It is a God given opportunity to advance our spiritual journeys.

So come and join us.

**Did you know Christ
the King has a gift
shop?**

Come and discover the new items in the shop located in the parish hall!



Steward of the Week

The parish would like to thank Edith Day for cleaning and painting the church front door. It looks amazing!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

Got Love??...

Do you ever feel the need to personally respond to God's gift of Love? Ephesians, chapter 1 reads, "*Before the world was made, he chose us, ... to make us praise the glory of his grace ...*" God does not need our praise, yet we have been chosen to exalt Him—it is *us* who needs to praise God!

Like the women who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, God knows we *need* to express our love for Him with a tender, personal intimacy.

This is the essence of the praise and worship found at the center of charismatic prayer meetings. The Gift of Praise we offer is our intimate response -the offering of our love for His Love.

If, when we sing to God we pray twice, so too then, must our songs of praise be made double! Join us as we gather each week to offer God the gift of our love and praise. Your presence will add to our offering, and increase our joy!

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

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Uganda Orphans

So far we have received 47 sponsors. The cost is \$250 to feed, shelter and pay school fees per year, per child. We need over 150 sponsors.

Uganda School Tours

We have 22 schools—each one requesting a school tour. The cost per tour is \$2,000.

We are not even close to granting this request.

We will wait and wait until we have a sponsor for each school.

It is important but it has to wait it's turn. Thanks.

**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

September Menu

- 9/2 Pea Soup & Salad
- 9/9 Hot Dogs & Salad
- 9/16 Chicken Wrap
- 9/23 Shepard Pie
- 9/30 Surprise

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


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:

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



Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift (CCC 1243)

As a parent, as a father, there is nothing that I desire more than the good of my children. To provide them with a loving home. To provide them with a quality education. To provide for them the opportunity of a bright future. Above all, to provide a path to sainthood. The path to sainthood runs through the sacraments. The sacraments all start with God's most beautiful and magnificent gift, baptism.

We welcome our children into the church and to God's family through the gift of baptism. Baptism isn't just a symbol or some tradition we do. It is the real forgiveness of our original sin for all and personal sins for those above 2nd grade. It is our new birth in Christ. It imprints an indelible spiritual sign on our soul. It consecrates us for Christian worship. It brings us into the priesthood of believers. It gives them true freedom in Christ. It is God's greatest gift He gives us. These are the most important gifts we can give our children. They all come through the sacrament of baptism.

If your child has not yet been given these gifts through baptism, please join us for a baptism preparedness class every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at Blessed Trinity. In this class, we will better understand our roles as parents, the roles of Godparents and the sacrament of baptism.

Logan Jergens, Catechist

Priest Retirement & Priest Care Collection

This collection, happening this week, supports the needs of senior diocesan priests. The funds are needed to attend to the spiritual, pastoral, and human needs of senior priests by providing opportunities for them to participate in priest gatherings, retreats, convocations, and assist with their growing medical needs.

The priesthood is a lifelong gift and your gift will be a blessing to the senior priests of our diocese.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Among the primary themes in today's Gospel when we hear Jesus' well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrong doing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them?

Volunteer Opportunities at La Guadalupana Clinic

Volunteers Make a Difference!

La Guadalupana Clinic is seeking **volunteer dentists, medical doctors, bilingual nurses, and bilingual English/Spanish translators** to help provide essential dental and medical care for underserved members of our Ocala community.

Our clinic depends on the generosity and dedication of volunteers to continue serving those in need. Whether you're fulfilling service hours or simply giving your time, volunteering is a meaningful way to touch lives and make a real impact.

Retired physicians and dentists without an active Florida license are also encouraged to apply! We can assist you in obtaining the necessary volunteer licensure through the Florida Department of Health and the Board of Dentistry in Tallahassee.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact us today:

La Guadalupana Clinic

Phone: 352-509-6996

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