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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.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 28, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<u>WEEKLY</u>	
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	
<u>WEEKEND</u>	
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 28, 2025 — TWENTY-SIXTH 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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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

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?



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.

Daily Mass Time Change

Please note that our Wednesday English Mass time will change to 5:30pm starting the weekend of October 22nd.



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



Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, October 1 Maguire & Lavan Families L/D
Sunday, October 5 Migdalia 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

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** at Blessed Trinity. 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

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

WEAR YOUR SUNDAY BEST!

Are you a reader? Usher? Eucharistic Minister? This is just a friendly reminder to come to church dressed in your Sunday best! While everyone should already come to church dressed appropriately, it's especially important if you will be serving during the Mass.

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 Blessed Trinity 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



Father Pat's 2nd Scarament Meeting

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



Did you know Christ the King has a gift shop?

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



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.**

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



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?

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!

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 at Blessed Trinity.

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.

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

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

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.

