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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

OCTOBER 12, 2025 ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH 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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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.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (ten percent) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord—indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

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

BTS Fall Festival Committee

This committee is involved with all the planning of the BT Fall Festival. This is a separate, voluntary committee and is different than the mandatory 4-hour shirt that all school families are required to work.

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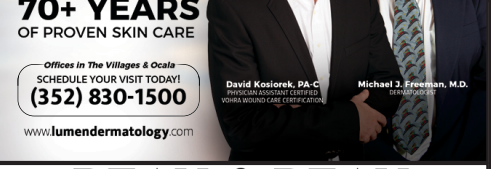
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STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions change one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, offering the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Scott O'Leary

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

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Jeffery, Leighanne, Greysyn, Everleigh & Lawsyn Neal

Baptisms:

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals ten lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the ten recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual) that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him, and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often, we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.



WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 2025 ~ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER

Our annual Stewardship Appreciation Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 in the Parish Hall. This is a FREE dinner to say thanks for all you do for Blessed Trinity. We only have one rule: You need to sign up in advance and get a free ticket. This allows us to have an accurate count and avoid wasting food --- or not having enough! If you plan to attend, please get a ticket --- and if you get a ticket, please plan to attend!

You can sign up and get a free ticket after the Masses the weekends of Oct. 25/26 and Nov. 1/2. If you have questions, please call Jim Ross at 352-208-1960. See you at the dinner!

Father Pat's 2nd

Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat's 2nd Sacrament meeting will be this 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.

New Parish Church in our Sister Parish

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$ 107,087.95.

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.

Drinks in Church!

You are welcome to bring water (and water only) to church services.

Catholic churches are for prayer and worship, they are not for food and drinks.

More and more people are bringing regular drinks (coffee, soft drinks, etc.) to Mass. We know other churches allow that—even some encourage it. We do not.

Now, many use containers which do not indicate what drink is involved. Starting in November we will not allow any "containers" to Mass unless it clearly indicates "water" only.

We encourage people to come together for food and drinks outside of Mass, such as at coffee and donuts.

Please advise your family and friends not to bring any drinks other than water to Catholic worship.

Thanks.

Mission Office Annual Collection

October 18-19, 2025 will be the annual Mission Office collection in support of our Sister Diocese in San Juan de La Maguana.

We are working diligently to raise the necessary funds to continue supporting our brothers and sisters in the mountains of San Juan de La Maguana.

Your past assistance has been invaluable, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing support.





Sunday, October 12th—Prepare your hearts for the end of the month when we celebrate All Saints Day! We will learn about patron saints and their intercession in our lives. Come for free dinner and a great chance to make friends in small groups.

Sunday, October 19th— This Life Night focuses on one of the wildest topics within the Catholic faith: incorruptible saints. At this Life Night we hope to gather a better understanding of what the church teaches about these amazing men and women while also learning more about how our bodies and our souls are integral to who we are as people. Free dinner, games, and worship too!

PRISON MINISTRY

Blessed Trinity's prison ministry brings the Catholic faith to inmates in local correctional facilities through Mass, communion services, retreats, bible studies, faith sharing, educational activities and one-on-one counseling.

We are sorely lacking people, particularly on the men's side.

If this is a ministry that the Lord may be calling you to help with, please reach out so I can give you more information!

Contact Mason Proco at 352.777.5293 or masonproco1@gmail.com / masonproco@proton.me with any questions or to help.



...I was in prison and you came to visit me. -Matthew 25:36

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ex 17:8-13

Tm 3:14—4:2

Lk 18:1-8



November remembrance of those who have died

With November being a month to remember those who have died, remembrance sheets are available for families to list their loved ones who have gone before them.

Blank sheets will be provided in the bulletin next weekend, October 18/19 and extra sheets will be available after that in the vestibule of the church.

A book of the filled out sheets will be placed in the sanctuary for the month of November to honor all those listed and prayers will be offered for them at all November Masses.

Please return your filled out sheets to the basket provided in the vestibule.

The Remembrance Mass will be on Sunday, November 2nd at the 5:00pm Mass.

"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.

Pope Quote

St. John Paul II, in 1979, in an audience with Cardinal Suenens and the International Charismatic Renewal Office, stated "...This is my first meeting with you, Catholic charismatics . . . I have always belonged to this renewal in the Holy Spirit. . . . I am convinced that this movement is a sign of his action. The world is much in need of this action. . . . Through this action, the Holy Spirit comes to the human spirit, and from this moment we begin to live again, to find our very selves, to find our identity, our total humanity. Consequently, I am convinced that this movement is a very important component in the total renewal of the church, in this spiritual renewal of the church."

Come visit BT's charismatic prayer meeting on Thursdays in the Adult Care center, 7 -8:30pm. Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 and 8:45am Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, October 12.

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.



October 11 / 12: In memory of Fred & Fran LaSelva
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October 18 / 19: In memory of Ray Hitson
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Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 PM
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Tuesday, Oct 14	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Steve Hoesterey †
Wed, Oct 15	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Virginia Phillips † Thomas A. Burns † Steve Hoesterey †
Thursday, Oct 16	7:10am 5:30pm	Craig, Scott, Gary & Brian Wicks † Janette Simpson †
Friday, Oct 17	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Darrell Shoupe †
Saturday, Oct 18	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Steve Hoesterey † Lawrence Bjonnes † Steve Hoesterey †
Sunday, Oct 19	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Mike Furjanic † Emilio & William Canganelli † Ray Hitson † Spanish Community Fr. Pat Sheedy (L)

Please pray for Kathy Suter and Teresa Kazek who have recently passed away.

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The following hours need to be filled:

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Sundays: 6:00pm– 7:00pm

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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.

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Pope Leo XIII was the spiritual leader of the Catholic church from 1878 until his death in 1903. His pontificate of 25 years is the fourth-longest reign of any pope, surpassed only by St. Peter the Apostle, Blessed Pius IX and St. John Paul II.

His encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, which bears the English title, “On the Condition of Labor,” was the first time a pope had written a comprehensive encyclical concerning social justice. At the time it was issued, on May 15, 1891, it was considered “progressive” and “ground-breaking.”

The fact that Cardinal Robert Prevost of Chicago took the name Leo XIV invites us to revisit the great encyclical written by his predecessor. It also suggests that the new pope will be eager to apply at least some of the principles that guide *Rerum Novarum*, with a special focus on assisting the poor.

On Wednesday, October 22, Dr. Barry Meehan will lead a discussion on this landmark encyclical in the chapel in church at 7:00pm.



If you still have an Alpha Center baby bottle, you may turn it in to an usher before or after Mass, or at the church office during the week. Because of your generous giving, the ministry of Alpha Center will continue to help save unborn babies and provide emotional, spiritual and material support to moms and dads in need. Thank you for partnering with us in this life-affirming ministry.

May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

Uganda Orphans

So far we have received 91sponsors. The cost is \$250 to feed, shelter and pay school fees per year, per child. We need over 150 sponsors.

Camino Walk Pilgrimage

There will be an information meeting for all those interested on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00pm in the St. John meeting room in the King of Kings building.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

October 5, 2025

Weekend Total: 483 \$ 23,084.93
Electronic Offering Total: 454 \$ 46,709.76

Loose Cash / Votives Total: \$ 2,274.00

School Mass Offering: \$ 141.00

Non Sunday: 61 \$ 6,942.00

Grand Total for Week: \$ 79,151.69

Amount needed for Operating Expenses:\$ 85,791.00

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Benedictine Stewardship Integrates Prayer and Work

For more than 1500 years, the women and men who follow the Rule of Saint Benedict have shown themselves to be generous, grateful, and responsible stewards of all God’s spiritual and material gifts. The Benedictine motto, *Ora et Labora* (prayer and work) is itself a stewardship commitment. Benedictines promise to integrate their spiritual lives with their material existence. In his Rule, Saint Benedict urges his followers to treat the goods of the monastery with the same reverence and care as they do the sacred vessels of the altar.

Care for creation is an essential component of Benedictine life. So is hospitality, care for the poor and vulnerable, and profound respect for all human persons made in the image and likeness of their Creator. The followers of Saint Benedict know that every spiritual and material gift belongs, first and foremost, to God alone. We are but stewards of God’s bounty, called to take care of, and share generously, the spiritual and material blessings we have received from God’s goodness.

Benedictines pray always because they combine their formal prayers (both personal and in community) with all their daily activities. Ora et Labora means integrating these two essential dimensions of their lives—prayer and work. As a result, what they do is less important than how they do it or why they do it. If every hour of the day and night is consecrated to the praise of God, then everything that a Benedictine does becomes an expression of the Opus Dei (the Work of God).

In a recent homily, Pope Leo XIV, who clearly understands the importance of integrating our spiritual and material lives, said:

We should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today. We must make room for silence, for listening to the Father who speaks and sees in secret (Mt. 6:6).

Benedictines “make room for silence.” In their prayer and work they strive to take the gifts they have been given, cultivate them responsibly, and share them generously with others. Benedictine spirituality teaches all of us how to be good stewards, how to care for creation, and to share God’s gifts with everyone we encounter, especially the poor and vulnerable.



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



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STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR OCTOBER

ST. TERESA OF AVILA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Teresa of Avila founded the Discalced Carmelite religious community of women and was one of the first two women to be named Doctor of the Church (with Catherine of Siena) because of her extraordinary contribution to Christian mysticism and spirituality.

Born in 1515 to a large, aristocratic Castilian family in Avila, Spain, Teresa entered the Carmelite monastery when she was 20 years old. She spent a number of relatively average years in the convent before she experienced a vision that changed her life forever.

In 1554, while praying before a statue of the crucified Christ, Teresa underwent a profound spiritual conversion. She later wrote: “When I fell to prayer again and looked at Christ hanging poor and naked upon the cross, I felt I could not bear to be rich.” She prayed that she might be as poor as Jesus. Teresa had a number of mystical experiences centered on Christ’s passion. She was motivated by these visions to reform her religious community which had relaxed the observance of its original rule.

In 1562, Teresa established a convent in Avila with thirteen other nuns where she felt the primitive Carmelite Rule could be strictly observed. Their communal life was marked by prayer, poverty, manual work, abstinence from meat and solitude. This convent would become the model for 16 other Discalced convents she would establish between 1562 and 1582 while traveling across the rugged Castilian countryside by mule. In 1567, she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite community.

St. Teresa was a prolific writer on the spiritual life and left a substantial body of writings on Christian mysticism. These works include the Way of Perfection and Meditations on the Song of Songs. For St. Teresa, the test of growth in the spiritual life was the extent one responded to Christ’s stewardship call to love one’s neighbor.

Teresa died on October 4, 1582, and was canonized in 1622. She is the patron saint of Spain. Her feast day is October 15.

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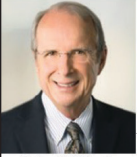
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