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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.



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 12, 2025

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## 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**

Sunday

DAILY

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen

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### 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

Spanish Community

Immigration Help

Travelers' Information

### OCTOBER 12, 2025 — TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

#### OFFICE - 352.595.5605 Father Patrick Sheedy Blessed Trinity 629.8092 397.4919 Father Joe Maniangat Christ the King Deacon Stephen Floyd Administrator 484.5619 Melinda Gunn 629.8092 Office/Bulletin Sandra Hajal Mass Intentions 867.1810 Bereavement Sacristans, SME's Kathie Bellamy Readers 875.6288 Alilce Hawk Altar Servers 419.566.3463 Sandie Maguire Ministry to the Sick 466.3977 Sose Gaudet Flowers, Decorations 622.3589 Kitchen, Soup Kitchen 466.3977 Sandie Maguire Legion of Mary Mobile Home Tenants 239.1299 Glen & Ethel Alder 817.7447 **Brothers Keeper** Salvador Tobar Ushers 512-5800

### **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

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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?

Weekly Offering

October 5, 2025

\$2,731.57

### 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 week of October 22nd.



### **Uganda Orphans**

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

### 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.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ex 17:8-13



Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, October 15 Mae & William Votino †
Sunday, October 19 Edna & Larry Aeschilmann †

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— Beth Sobecki

### 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

### **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.

### 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

# Father Pat's 2nd Sacrament Meeting

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.



If you missed this meeting, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, October 18th at 9am in the chapel at Blessed Trinity.

### **Saints and Sweets**

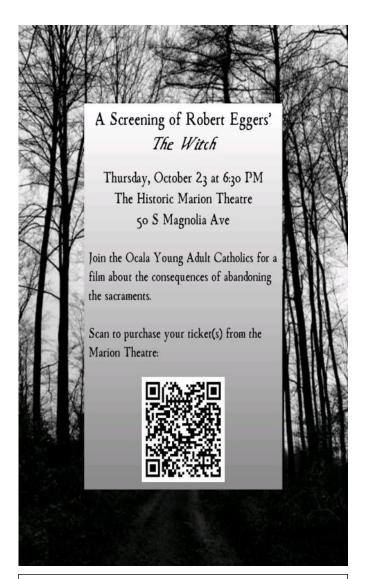
Life Teen is proud to present "Saints & Sweets Luminary Walk" on October 25, from 6:30-8:00pm on the Blessed Trinity School Soccer Field.

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."

WOLUNTEERS: 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





### **BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us this morning after mass for the next Bible Study of the book of Matthew. We will be meeting at the parish hall classroom.

October 12, 20252. Matthew 1: Jesus The Son of David, the Son of Abraham October 19, 20253. Matthew 2: The King in Exile

October 26, 2025No meeting this date.



# 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.



### 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?

### Popes Leo XIII & XIV

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 Blessed Trinity church at 7:00pm.

### **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.

### **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.

