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The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 19, 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
<u>DAILY</u>	
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

OCTOBER 19, 2025 — TWENTY-NINTH 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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Spanish Community		622.4500
Travelers’ Information		410.676.6000
Immigration Help		800.411.0714

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

Today’s theme is perseverance—Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God’s gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

Weekly Offering
October 12, 2025
\$1,469.52

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 37 families and have received \$14,185 in pledges.

Thanks to all of you who have responded.

We are still \$1,175.67 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 106 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

This weekend 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



Sir 35:12-14
Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, October 22 George W. & Migdalia Lopp †
Sunday, October 26 Mary Brock †

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



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

If we want to know what Jesus’ parable is about in today’s Gospel, it seems that we don’t need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus’ time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Jesus embraced with great compassion the poor and the marginalized. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

Dear Father Patrick and Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish family,
My heart overflows with gratitude, and I can barely find words adequate to express how much you all mean to me.
It is with profound joy that I share with you that I graduated from medical school just last Monday, a dream that seemed so far away once, but became reality because of your love, kindness, and unceasing generosity.
Fr. Patrick and all the Parishioners of Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish, Ocala-Florida, I truly have no words that can capture the depth of my gratitude. Your generosity has sustained me through medical school and brought me to this joyous day. You have been the wind beneath my wings, and I am forever thankful. Because of you, my dream is a testimony of the goodness of God expressed through you.
I remember it all began in June 2019, a moment that will forever be etched in my heart. My father, who was my only benefactor at the time, was battling gastric cancer, and later would pass on 2 years later on the second of March 2021. It was then that I first met Dr. Richard Weeder and Ms. Theresa Gross, two incredible souls who breathed hope into me when I had almost none left. Your kindness lit a path that has led me here. Dr. Lydia, our belief in me gave me strength when my own belief faltered.
I hold dearly the memory of Deacon Jim, whose life and family have been a source of immense blessing to me. His example of faith, love, and service continues to inspire me every day. Thank you for your unwavering support throughout my academic journey. There isn’t no way my story would be the same today without you as a major part of it. You all changed my life.
I hope to one day become a great cardiothoracic surgeon, and I know that that day is not far ahead. But beyond the profession, I hope to live out a life that reflects all the love and support I’ve received from each one of you.
I pray for you, for your health, for your happiness, and for the work of your hands to be richly blessed. And God willing, I will spend my life extending the same kindness, support, and opportunity that you have given me. I hope the seeds you planted in me will bear fruit, not just in my lifetime, but long after those I will serve and uplift.
Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for walking this journey with me. May God bless you all with greater days ahead.
With deepest love and gratitude,
Joseph K. Mukiibi.
Doctor of Medicine.



Joyful Again, Orlando! Retreat

Widows and Widowers

November 5-6, 2025 (Wed. - Thurs.)

San Pedro Retreat Center

This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope & joy again.

Space is limited – register early.

Call: Debra at 609-902-9760 or Rita at 352-239-2523 for more information.

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 at Blessed Trinity.

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 19, 20253. Matthew 2: The King in Exile
October 26, 2025No meeting this date.



Looking For a Prayer Meeting?

Here at BT, we have been meeting on Thursday nights since 1978! Giving thanks to God in prayer & song; Listening to Him in the quiet of our hearts; Hearing shared stories of Faith; and Interceding for each other & the Church -It never gets old!

We look forward to God blessing us with your presence. Please join us this Thursday in the Adult Day Care center, 7-8:30pm. Questions? Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Community

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!

For the men please contact Sam Rodriguez at 786.683.4800 and for the women contact Laurel Wilson at 352.426.2328 or laurelwilson40@aol.com



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



Help Wanted

Blessed Trinity After-Care is hiring!

Staff is needed, Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri from 2:45pm—6:00pm and Wednesday from 1:45pm—6:00pm

If interested, please contact Kathy Watts at kwatts@btschool.org or 352.843.9268

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 \$ 110,596.41.

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.

Free Clinic for Children and Teens

La Guadalupana Clinic

November 4, 2025

By appointment only

Caring for children, supporting families!

Please note: If you experience symptoms of an urgent nature, contact your primary care physician or go to your nearest hospital.

Who We Serve:

- Children and teens ages 0–18
- Children must not have health insurance or Medicaid benefits
- All services are free and confidential
- Eligibility is based on family size and income

🕒 Services We Offer

- Well-baby, child, and teen checkups, routine exams
- Sick visits
- Sports physicals
- Health education for children, teens, and parents

****The Pediatrician will be visiting the clinic once a month, on a designated day.**

📍 Location

La Guadalupana Clinic

11185 W Hwy. 40

Ocala, FL 34482

352-509-6996

📞 Contact us to schedule an appointment:

352-509-6996

🌱 Because every child deserves a healthy beginning and a future full of hope.

Stewards of a Missionary Church

The month of October is an ideal time to focus our prayerful reflections on the world and to see its people as a gift from God. The global community is a gift to be received with gratitude and held in stewardship. With the celebration of World Mission Sunday, October is a month that offers Catholics world-wide the opportunity to renew their commitment to proclaim the Gospel and to give a greater missionary focus to parish activities. It is time to reflect on the global context of our stewardship, and to express our gratitude to missionaries who bear witness to Christ in the most remote and challenging places of the world, often with their lives.

The month of October can remind us that being witnesses to Jesus Christ is a stewardship responsibility of us all. In a world experiencing increasingly disturbing forms of alienation and indifference, our communion of faith can offer signs of hope and work to make the planet a home for all people.

We are “communion” because of the gift of the Eucharist. And this gift that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with everyone. That is one reason the missionary impulse of our church has always been a sign of vitality in its unique witness of unity around the world.

There are a number of ways you can focus on the missionary activity of the church:

- Include petitions for the church’s missionary work in your daily prayers.
- Increase your awareness of the wider global mission of the church.
- Discover ways to participate in specific missionary activities taking place in your parish or diocese—especially our sister parish here at Blessed Trinity.

The church’s work around the world is as important as the work in our own neighborhood. Let us be mindful this month that we are stewards of the Gospel, called to proclaim it to the ends of the earth, bringing hope to a world that hungers for Christ’s peace.