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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

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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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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Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel we hear of the rulers who sneered at Jesus, the soldiers who jeered at him, the criminal who reviled him, and the people who just stood by. At our own parish church the cross stands high. Yet, every Sunday there are those who sit in front of it and are not moved by it. There are people who walk right by the cross, unmoved by it. Perhaps they’ve walked by it so many times they no longer give it a second thought. Could it be they are unmoved because the heart of this unbelieving thief is in them? Good stewards walk by the cross, notice it and ask themselves: “All this you did for me, what have I done for you?”

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Kiara Feliciano

The parish would like to thank Kiara for all of her hard work and time putting together our parish video again this year. You captured the beauty of stewardship at Blessed Trinity!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Cesar Rivera, Yaileen Villegas & Lukas Rivera

Austin & Jane Zimmerman

Mark & Patty Schiefer

Jessica Day

Baptisms:

Elliana Rose Kirkpatrick

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. “All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.” It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That’s our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. “if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.



WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Thursday, November 27th—
English Mass at 9:30am and
Spanish Mass at 11:00am



Before you spend the day enjoying friends and family, and turkey, join us for Mass to start your day!

Stewardship Renewal

The parish thanks all of you who so far have renewed your annual stewardship pledge of time, talent and treasure. The new pledge of finances starts the first weekend of January.

If you are a registered parishioner and have not yet sent in your 2026 stewardship pledge please try to send it in before January.

Stewardship materials are always available in the vestibule and the stewardship room.

Annual Stewardship Dinner

Once again we had a very relaxed stewardship Thanksgiving dinner in the parish hall. Well over 300 people gathered and we could have fed about 100 more.

The parish really owes a big thank you to our dinner coordinator Jim Ross. He has been taking care of this parish dinner for 17 years. He had great help from his committee of 7 or 8 people and from covenant mission team and from Life Teen.

The dinner was also a big birthday party for the pastor.

Advent Wreath Sign-Up

Want a great way to involve your family in the liturgy? Sign up in the vestibule to light the newest candle on the Advent Wreath at the beginning of the Masses during Advent.



Renewal Thanks

The parish wishes to thank the parish staff, all our witness speakers, our stewardship committee, Kiara and her helpers for the parish video and many other volunteers who took care of all the various aspects of the 3 week-ends of stewardship renewal. It is all so helpful to us as we stay committed to our journey together with Christ. Thanks.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, December 6, at the 4:00pm Mass there will be Communal Anointing of the sick and the elderly.

New Parish Church in our Sister Parish

So far we have received donations or pledges in the amount of \$177,970.76

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.

Uganda Orphans

Thanks to many of our generous parishioners, all the orphans have been taken care of!

Many thanks to all that helped make it possible.



Sunday, November 23rd—No Life Night—Enjoy Thanksgiving break with your families

Sunday, November 30th— Service night! Come help engage with the local community and serve those most in need at the start of the Advent season. Free dinner to students, and Life Night goes from 6-8pm

Angels is Hiring!

Blessed Trinity Angel in Arms Day Care Center is hiring for a Full Time Director. Bachelor's Degree and experience in an early learning center required. Visit the Diocese of Orlando website to apply or call the Center at 352-622-6167 or email sbolton@btaia.org for more information.

Please join us for the 25th Annual Trinity Catholic High School Open House

Sunday, December 7, 2025
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

We invite you to come learn about our Celtic Institutes and Nationally Recognized Academic Programs.

Spend the afternoon with our faculty, administration, athletic coaches, and guidance team.

We look forward to welcoming your student and your family to high school!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44



TRAINING NEW MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND

On Saturday November 29th at Queen of Peace Church there will be a diocesan training for New Ministers to the Sick and the homebound.

If you are interested, please call Sister Juliet for details at 352 629 8092 ext 3211.

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Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant

Calling all children to sing, act, or read in the story of Jesus’ birth during the 3pm Mass!

3 Saturday rehearsals in church on 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 from 1:30-2:30pm.

Signup at crabe@blessedtrinity.org or 352.629.8092 ex. 3202



St. Therese Lay Carmelite Community

St. Therese Church

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Meeting—4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30am

Contact: Daisy K—718.619.9217 or Mary B—631.664.8148

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary is lay people responding to the call of God to live in His presence by following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and living according to the examples of Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Saints..

November 22 / 23: In memory of Tom Wagner from the Zamecki family and Nancy Wagner

November 29 / 30: No flowers—Advent

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Monday, Nov 24	7:10am 5:30pm	Lilia Cruz † Steve & Christopher Browne †
Tuesday, Nov 25	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Lorinda Kennedy †
Wed, Nov 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Deceased Legionaries Steve Hoesterey †
Thursday, Nov 27	9:30am	Ed Hamilton †
Friday, Nov 28	7:10am 5:30pm	Semudo Family L/D Maria D'Ambrosio †
Saturday, Nov 29	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Homer Rothfusz † Gail Ann Elliott † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, Nov 30	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Denny Wiedeman † Sr. Irene Fugagy & Fr. Coyne † Vivian Behler † Spanish Community Joe & Gail O'Brien †

Please pray for Barbara Spencer and Adrian Ascencio who have recently passed away.

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The following hours need to be filled:

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Sundays: Midnight - Mondays 1:00am

Mondays: 1:00am - 2:00am

Mondays: 2:00am - 3:00am

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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There will be a box outside the Stewardship Room until November 30th. Any questions contact Laurel Wilson 352-426-2328 or laurelwilson40@aol.com. Thanks so much for your generosity...the women greatly appreciate it.

God Is Needed

Many of you have read "God is Needed." Some of you keep reading different chapters over and over. You may want to consider giving "God is Needed" as a Christmas gift to family members or friends.

Many of you have not yet purchased "God is Needed." It would be a good choice on your part to get it. It will inspire different aspects of your spiritual life.

Poinsettias are here this weekend!

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering

November 16, 2025

Weekend Total: 468 \$ 22,190.61

Electronic Offering Total: 393 \$ 34,764.13

Loose Cash / Votives Total: \$ 1,518.00

School Mass Offering: \$ 33.63

Non Sunday: 59 \$ 4,965.00

Grand Total for Week: \$ 63,471.37

Amount needed for Operating Expenses:\$ 85,791.00

Difference (\$22,319.63)

Year to date collection: \$ 1,475,493.92

Year to date budget: \$ 1,715,820.00

Year to date deficit: (\$240,326.08)

Catholic Charities \$3,449.00

"Thank you for your donations."

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Looking for new decorations!

Please help us purchase new Christmas decorations for the church!



Monetary donations can be given in the wrapped collection box in the vestibule. Thank you!

Be Part of the Live Nativity!

Hey teens and kids—we need YOU to help bring the Christmas story to life!

Join the Live Nativity at Blessed Trinity and be part of something truly special. Whether you want to act, sing, or help behind the scenes, there’s a place for everyone!

Come share your talent, your faith, and your Christmas spirit as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together.

Rehearsals start soon—don’t miss out! Sign up through the Religious Education office at avanegas@blessedtrinity.org or by calling 352.629.8092 ex 3221

Truck Needed for Maintenance Department

Our maintenance department is in need of a functional pickup truck to help with hauling, equipment transport, and daily upkeep of our facilities. If you have a vehicle to donate, please contact Katherine Baker at the church office, 352.629.8092.



We appreciate your generosity!

Pope Quote

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI addressing the participants in a meeting sponsored by “Renewal in the Holy Spirit”:

“Dear friends of Renewal in the Holy Spirit, do not grow weary of turning to Heaven: the world stands in need of prayer. It needs men and women who feel the attraction of Heaven in their life, who make praise to the Lord a new way of life. And may you be joyful Christians! I entrust you all to Mary Most Holy, present in the Upper Room at the event of Pentecost. Persevere with her in prayer, walk guided by the light of the living Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Good News of Christ.”

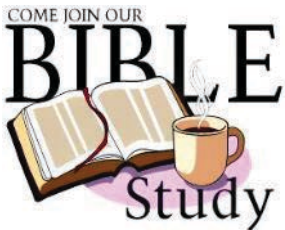
Join us every Thursday, 7-8:30pm in the Elder Care center, as we turn our faces to heaven in prayer and praise. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains Of Living Water Prayer Group

BIBLE STUDY

For all you Bible scholars out there, this is the schedule of topics for the rest of the year for the Monday night Bible Study group. The topics and presentations are all presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. Meeting times are Mondays at 6:30pm in the Knights of Columbus hall. If you are just curious, come anytime you like. No registration or commitment required.

Nov 24th - Dec 8th—
Jewish Roots of Advent
Dec 15th—Jewish Roots
of Christmas
Dec 22nd-29th—No
meetings



**Stewardship Saint for November
Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

For six centuries, Saint Catherine was one of the most venerated of women saints in Christendom alongside saints Agnes, Barbara and Lucy. Saint Catherine’s was one of the voices Saint Joan of Arc said she heard. She is famous for her extraordinary gifts to evangelize and exercise stewardship of her faith.

Born in the late 3rd century C.E., Catherine was the daughter of a wealthy governor of Alexandria, Egypt, the renowned Christian center of scholarship, and at the time, second only to Rome in size and wealth. She possessed a great love for learning and became exceptionally well educated in philosophy and science. She also showed a keen interest in religion and while still a teenager became a Christian.

In early 4th century Rome, Christianity was growing but continued to endure persecution. Eager to share the faith she had embraced and lobbied for religious freedom, Catherine was granted an audience with the Roman Emperor Maxentius who was not much older than the young scholar.

Impressed by her boldness and taken by her beauty, the emperor arranged a debate between Catherine and some fifty of Rome’s philosophers and orators who promoted the official state religion. Reportedly, Catherine prevailed and succeeded in converting them all to Christianity. Maxentius ordered his pagan advocates executed, and then tried to make Catherine his mistress. When she rebuffed him, he had her imprisoned.

The emperor’s wife, however, was fascinated by Catherine; and while her husband was away on military matters, she went to visit this extraordinary young apostle in her prison cell. The result was that Catherine converted the empress and eventually two hundred of the palace soldiers. News of these recently baptized Christians infuriated the emperor, and he had his wife and soldiers executed as well.

Maxentius tried yet again to win Catherine over by proposing marriage to make her his new queen. When she again refused him, the emperor had her tortured and beheaded. Not long after, he himself would die in an historic battle against Constantine in October 312. It is Constantine, who, upon becoming the new Roman emperor, made Christianity the dominant religion of the Roman Empire.

Saint Catherine is the patroness of Christian philosophers and her Feast Day is November 25.



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