



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 30, 2025

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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,
1:00 pm 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 8:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)

5:00—5:30pm (English)

Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone’s app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

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

Ministers to the Sick

Blessed Trinity Ministers to the Sick are committed to making pastoral visits to the homebound as well as the sick in hospitals and nursing homes to pray with and bring them Holy Communion.

Sister Juliet 352.867.9860 or 352.629.8092

srateenyi@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP

POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord’s coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ’s judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one’s communion of faith, and love for one’s neighbor. Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ’s judgment?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Stewardship Committee Members

The parish would like to thank all the members of our Stewardship Committee for helping to make commitment weekend a great success!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Mark & Ann Priede
Tyler, Danielle & Scarlet Forrey-Tokie

Baptisms:

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation. For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming.

These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences. So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths.”

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent.

How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the “perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let’s go climb the Lord’s mountain!



WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.



Communal Anointing of the Sick

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

The Season of Advent: A Fruitful Time for the Christian Steward

Probably nothing challenges a Christian steward’s use of time as much as the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Each year, we marvel at the irony of it: a time to honor and ponder God’s great mystery, the Incarnation, somehow falls prey to a time of stressful shopping, endless “to do” lists, strained checkbooks, and guilt over what’s not getting done. Sometimes those nonstop Christmas tunes begin to grate on our senses.

How does the Christian steward answer this challenge to devote time to reflection and prayer while incorporating the best and most fruitful of our cultural traditions into this festive season? One suggestion would be to set aside a special time of reflection right at the beginning of Advent for determining what our priorities for the season will be. Set aside an hour and begin by rereading the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke. Ask God to help you know what is the most generous and beneficial use of time in God’s service during this season. Ask for help in setting aside time for prayer each day. Don’t be afraid to cross things off your “must do” list if they add stress to what should be a peaceful time.

Only you and God can determine the best use of your time. For instance, some people find annual Christmas cookie baking a reflective, creative time and a wonderful way to share. For others, it’s a self-imposed burden and a sure-fire way to a messy kitchen and a calorie overload. Likewise, that extra party may be just what someone needs to unwind and commune with friends while for another it may be the gateway to exhaustion or a temptation to overindulge in food or drink. Ask God which traditions are life-giving for you, and be bold enough to leave the others behind.

“I just don’t have time,” is the frequent lament of the holiday season. But the Christian steward is aware that we all have the same amount of time, and to each is given an opportunity of returning the first fruits of that time back to God. The season of Advent offers just such a grace-filled opportunity.



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

Sunday, December 7th— XLT! Blessed Trinity students, friends, and family, you are invited to our next XLT adoration night. Come experience the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist as we adore him in worship and praise. Life Teen dinner for students will be on the lawn outside church beforehand (weather permitting), and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

Year-End Giving

As we reflect on God's blessings this year, we invite you to consider a special year-end offering to Blessed Trinity. Your gift strengthens our parish mission and may also provide tax advantages when given before year-end. We are grateful for your generosity!

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 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12



Blessed Trinity Parish Council

The Blessed Trinity Parish Council is a group of nine to fifteen adult parishioners. Council members are elected or appointed for a 3-year term and may be appointed to one additional 3-year term.

The Parish Council members strive to embody the stewardship way of life, guiding and serving our Blessed Trinity community with its Pastor. Our purpose is to enable the parish community to carry out the mission statement. We help coordinate the ministry efforts of the parish, organize parish-wide events, and serve as a communication hub for the ministries and parish staff.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 9th, 2025.**

If you are interested in getting to know more about the parish council, please let us know:

Bill Kennedy, President –
bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com

Gisela Salas, Vice-President – drgsalas@gmail.com

Emily Vey, Secretary- terrorqueen@cox.net

St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, December 4, at the 5:30pm Mass.

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



BROTHER'S KEEPER VAN IS COMING

December 6/7

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Shaving Cream

We are still in desperate need of personal items and non-perishables for our clients, thank you for your continued support!



November 29 / 30:

December 6 / 7: No flowers—Advent

December 13 /14:

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Looking to sell this set that is currently at Christ the King. If interested please contact Melinda Gunn at 352.629.8092 for more information.





Monday, Dec 1	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Shirley Greenwood & Grace Gil †
Tuesday, Dec 2	7:10am 5:30pm	Steve Hoesterey † Homer Rothfusz †
Wed, Dec 3	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Eddie Arroyo † Harold Horton † Virginia Everard †
Thursday, Dec 4	7:10am 5:30pm	Donald Nettles † George & Clemencia Florez †
Friday, Dec 5	7:10am 5:30pm	Paul & Rose Phillips † Linda Helfrich-Krzyz †
Saturday, Dec 6	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	James & Janice English † Ruth Morris † Robert Liiro †
Sunday, Dec 7	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Barb Kurien † Mario Lipari (L) Jennifer Workman † Spanish Community Steven McGreal †

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Thank you for your donation!



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 2:00am - 3:00am

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.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."
- St. Mother Teresa



ADS OF THE WEEK

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LIFE TEEN PRESENTS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13
AT THE PARISH HALL
9:00AM - 11:00AM**

Ticket: \$8 per person (early bird ends 12/7)

TICKET INCLUDES: ENTRY TO THE EVENT, DELICIOUS BREAKFAST,
PHOTO WITH SANTA, STORYTIME, & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM LIFE
TEEN STUDENTS

Purchase your tickets:

**BT CHURCH OFFICE, FRIDAY FLYER
FORM, ANGELS IN ARMS, OR ONLINE:**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: LROSS@BLESSEDTRINITY.ORG



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

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.

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 December 6, 2025 following the 8am Mass.

What Happens In A Charismatic Prayer Meeting?

It is...

- ...Where the Ordinary encounters the Extraordinary;
- ...Where 2 or 3 gather in that Holy Name and find themselves clothed in His Presence; ...
- Where exhalant praise opens our hearts to receive His Love;
- ...Where a deep quiet unlocks the Still Voice of God;
- ...Where Sacred Scripture comes alive;
- ...Where Communal Faith unleashes the Fire & Healing of the Holy Spirit.

Please, come join us Thursday nights in the Adult Day Care, 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

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



The Blessed Virgin Mary: Our Model of Stewardship

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we have a number of opportunities to reflect on and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is not only the greatest saint in our Catholic family of faith, but the model of stewardship par excellence. Mary teaches us the meaning of stewardship by her own life witness.

On Monday, December 9, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This happens to be the patronal feast day of the United States of America. On this feast day we celebrate the conception of Mary in her mother’s womb without the stain of original sin. Pope Pius IX proclaimed this truth on December 8, 1854, that Mary’s preservation from original sin was a ‘singular grace and privilege’ given her by God. In anticipation of what God did for all in Christ, she alone was preserved from original sin “from the first moment of her conception.”

On December 12 millions of Catholics in the Western hemisphere will celebrate the Feast of Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe, who Saint John Paul II declared as the Patroness of the Americas. This year we observe the Third Sunday of Advent on December 14. So many parishes will celebrate this Marian feast on Saturday, December 13. In 1531 she appeared to Juan Diego on a hill outside Mexico City. A life-size figure of the Virgin as a young, dark-skinned American Indian woman with the face of a mestizo was imprinted on his cloak. The image gave the indigenous people of the Americas assurance that our Blessed Mother was loving and compassionate toward them.

On December 25, when we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, we celebrate the birth of Jesus through his mother, Mary. The Incarnation took place through Mary’s own flesh, and the infant Jesus was nourished by Mary’s own body. Mary, of course, plays a uniquely pivotal role in defining the reality of Jesus. Since all baptized Christians are members of Christ’s mystical body, we too are children of Mary.

On January 1, Mary is honored as the “Mother of God,” which is the greatest of her titles. This title is the foundation for every other title attributed to her as she became the mother of God from the instant Jesus was conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. The title was formally announced by the church in the fifth century.



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.

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.

