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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!



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 30, 2025



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	5:30 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	
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
DAILY	
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

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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
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Sose Gaudet	Flowers, Decorations	622.3589
Sandie Maguire	Kitchen, Soup Kitchen	466.3977
	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
	Brothers Keeper	817.7447
Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
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

“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.

Weekly Offering
November 23, 2025
\$1,368.30

LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.

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.

Children’s Christmas Eve Pageant

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

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



Immaculate Conception

Mass will be at 5:30pm on
Monday, December 8

Communal Anointing of the Sick

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 3 Ed Maguire † & the Lavan family L/D
Sunday, December 7 Jean Harrington †
Monday, December 8 Nelly Advernado (L)

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.

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

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.



Come join us for Bible Study!

Meet us in the hall after Mass on Sundays, dates and topics below.

November 30, 2025, Session 8—Matthew 7: Choices in the Kingdom

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!



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN

November Menu

11-4 Tuna Cassesole
11-11 Chicken + Roasted Potatoes
11-18 Pepper Steak
11-25 Turkey Dinner
12-2 Turkey Soup

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks.
Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

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



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.

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.



Truck Needed for Maintenance Department

Our maintenance department at Blessed Trinity 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!



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?

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 at Blessed Trinity. Please come and pray with us!

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