

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 28, 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

DECEMBER 28, 2025 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

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.



STEWARDSHIP

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). "Whatever you do" that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything "in the name of the Lord." Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Church Decorators

The parish would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to decorate the church and parish grounds for Christmas. Everything is beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, today's feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the gift and calling of family life. The Church calls the family the "domestic church," the place where our faith takes root — and where the stewardship virtue of hospitality begins.

Why is hospitality vital to family life? Because our homes should be a place of love, welcome, and restoration. We can't expect to grow in prayer, service, or faith if our home atmosphere is disconnected or tense. Though no family is perfect, we must intentionally create homes where everyone feels loved and valued.

Our readings offer practical wisdom. In the Book of Sirach, we hear about the blessings that come when children respect their parents — and when adult children lovingly care for their aging parents. Respect and tenderness build a home filled with unity and peace.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians offers even more insight. He reminds us that each family member is "God's chosen one," and urges us to "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, and patience — even when we may not feel like it. These small, daily acts of love foster true hospitality at home, which then extends to the wider community.

The Holy Family, too, knew hardship. As today's Gospel reminds us, they faced danger, displacement, and uncertainty. Yet Mary and Joseph remained faithful, trusting in God's plan. They are powerful intercessors for our own families today.

On this feast, may we recommit to making our homes places of love and welcome. Let's honor God through the way we treat each other at home — with patience, forgiveness, and care.

Happy Feast of the Holy Family to all who live the stewardship way of life!



New Parishioners:

Baptisms:

DECEMBER 28, 2025 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Double Your Donation!

Fran Marino & Steve Farrell, who established the "Marino Endowment" here at Blessed Trinity, and which now stands at \$1,321,972.99, have given us a new incentive to grow this fund. They will double, yes double, any donation you put into the Marino Endowment. Your \$5,000 automatically will become \$10,000—your \$50,000 will become \$100,000 etc.

The interest raised each year from this fund is used to help TC students who cannot afford the tuition and fees.

Thank you Fran & Steve for this enticing offer.

Perpetual Adoration Homilist

We will have a special weekend homilist, Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., January 10/11, 2026, that will be speaking on the topic of Adoration.

Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., a member of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Our Franciscan province has as its mission the care of the Christian shrines in the Holy Land and the pastoral care of the local Christians in that same land. I professed my solemn vows in Washington, D.C. in our monastery church on September 1, 1985, and was ordained a priest in the same church on May 22, 1999, by Cardinal Hickey. The Holy Land was my home for nine years, including three years in Bethlehem, three years in Jerusalem, and almost three years in Tiberias. For most of the last 35 years, I have been organizing and guiding pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Europe. Presently, I'm the director of the pilgrimage office at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C.

Father Pat's 3rd Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat's 3rd Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, January 11th at 9:55am in the gym.

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

Please try to make it to this meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, January 17th at 9am in the chapel.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31: 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, January 1: 7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm



SOLEMNITY OF MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD

Children's Offerings

It is time to encourage parents to encourage their children to bring a gift for God each and every week and bring it up to the altar while adults are being passed the collection basket. It does not have to be money. It really should be their gift. At present it is mostly preschoolers who come. But the plan was for all youth—grade school up to and including 12th grade—to come to the altar. Encourage them. It is a real life learning experience.



Sunday, December 28th—No Life Night due to Christmas break. Come to the 5:00pm Mass with your families and celebrate God's gift of the eucharist!

Sunday, January 4th— No Life Night due to Christmas break. Come to the 5:00pm Mass with your families and celebrate God's gift of the eucharist!

Blessed Trinity Year-End Giving Opportunities

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to prayerfully consider a special gift to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. There are several **tax-beneficial ways** to give:

- IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) for those 70 1/2+
- Gifts of appreciated stock, allowing you to avoid capital gains
- Donor-advised fund grants
- Employer matching gifts

These non-taxable giving options help you support the parish while being good stewards of the blessings God has given you.

We are grateful for your continued generosity.

YEAR-END GIVING



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



Facilities Calendars

It's that time of year again to submit your calendar request for meeting locations.

ALL ministries and organizations need to submit a calendar for January-June 2026 indicating the name of the organization/ministry, the facility requested, starting and ending times and name and phone number of the contact person making the request.

Calendars will be available in the church office. Please return these completed calendars to the church office, attention Melinda Gunn.



“Be Still, And Know That I Am God.”

What's at BT's Charismatic Prayer Group?

- Friendly Smiles
- Songs That Lift Your Heart
- Worship To Express Your Love
- Scripture To Light Your Path
- A Deep Quiet To Feed Your Soul
- Time For Healing And Prayer
- A Touch Of God's Presence!

Come ... Add to our Joy: Thursdays 7-8:30pm in the Adult Day Care. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Community

Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?

Saturday, February 7 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana

Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, www.blessedtrinity.org under sacraments.

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will be Saturday, April 25.



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 January 3, 2026 following the 8am Mass.

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, January 8, at the 5:30pm Mass.

Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come pray with us.

December 27/ 28:

January 3 / 4: In memory of Christine Baker from the Blessed Trinity 3A Class

January 10 /11:

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



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL First Friday

Communion of Reparation Prayer Vigil

January 2, 2026

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

5 SE 17th St., Ocala FL 34471

Fr. Edward Murphy

Celebrant

7:00pm Holy Rosary

Ongoing Confession during this time

8pm Holy Mass

"Attention all Cursillistas!"

Join us for our first Ultreya of the New Year on January 8th at 6:45 PM in the St. Theresa Parish Hall. We will discuss the piety leg of the tripod through a Divine Mercy activity.



Monday, Dec 29	7:10am	Grace Rinaldi †
	5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Dec 30	7:10am	Maxine VanSant †
	5:30pm	Homer Rothfusz †
Wed, Dec 31	4:00pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	6:00pm	Edward Berton †
Thursday, Jan 1	7:10am	Sisters of IHMR L/D
	8:45am	Karen Taylor †
	11:00am	Ben Drongosky †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Cecelia & William McTighe †
Friday, Jan 2	7:10am	Teresa Kazek †
	5:30pm	Allen Griener †
Saturday, Jan 3	8:00am	Alves Family L/D
	4:00pm	Lucy Paoletta †
	6:00pm	Carmen Cristina Torres †
Sunday, Jan 4	7:10am	Paul Arnold †
	8:45am	Carmen Lopez †
	11:00am	Joseph DeMartino †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	JD & Darleth Raftis †

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

**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

Key Scales Ford
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Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

Antioch Retreat

January 17-18, 2026

RETREAT BEGINS 9AM SAT & ENDS 6:30PM SUN

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5 SE 17TH STREET OCALA, FL 34471

COST PER STUDENT: \$40 (INCLUDES 4 MEALS)
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, CONTACT LYDIA ROSS

**Register
online:**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JANUARY 11

CONTACT: LYDIA ROSS, LROSS@BLESSEDTRINITY.ORG



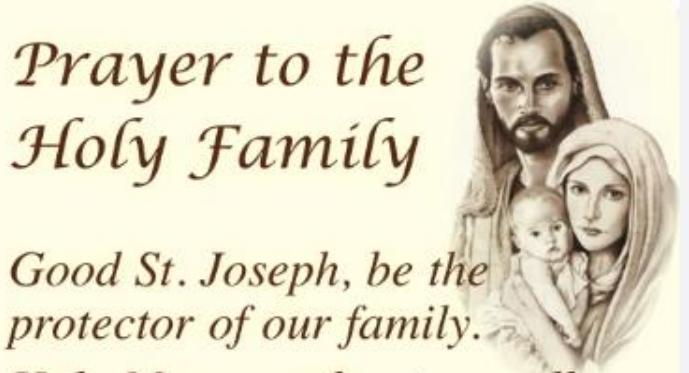
BROTHER'S KEEPER VAN IS COMING

January 3/4

We are still in desperate need of personal hygiene items:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes

Thank you for your continued support!



Good St. Joseph, be the protector of our family.

Holy Mary, mother to us all, guide us to your Son, Jesus.

Loving Infant Jesus, help us to be pure of heart.

Bind our family with pure love, trust, peace and joy.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Catholic Appeal

Please get ready for our new donations / pledges to our annual Diocesan Catholic Appeal.

This year's parish assessment has been revised from \$184,191 to \$331,773.

This is a major increase for our parish. The increase is due to the fact that this past year we paid \$541,499 less to our Catholic schools, especially to T.C., because of the scholarships available to each family from the state. All funds paid by the parish to our Catholic schools are deducted by the Diocese from our total offertory collection.

We pay 20% assessment on the remainder and, this year, that comes out to \$331,773.

So we need all of you to pray about your donation (pledge) to our Catholic Appeal. Especially this year so we can make our assessment of \$331,773.

Together we can do it. With God on our side and you listening to God, it will happen.

Thanks.

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 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.



An Army of Stewards for Christmas

Merry Christmas season to all.

We, Blessed Trinity, are indebted to so many for making our many Christmas celebrations come alive and uplift us.

We appreciate and thank Colleen Rabe all the parish choirs and musicians under her direction.

We thank all our lectors, ministers of the eucharist, sacristans, ushers and church decorators.

We thank Mr. Scott Bolton, director of Angels in Arms, Mrs. Megan Losito, Principal at Blessed Trinity School, Mr. Lou Pereira, President of Trinity Catholic High School and all their staff, students and volunteers for all their Christmas spirit and great work.

We thank Brother's Keeper, under Mr. Jason Halstead, and all the many, many volunteers who feed the hungry and homeless daily; who spread Christmas joy giving toys to many hundreds of poor children, meals to shut-ins, and donations to make all this possible.

We thank Ms. Lori Berndt, director of Elder Care and her staff for providing a safe and spirit filled daily life for up to 30 frail, elderly five days a week.

We thank our Life Teen community, under Mrs. Lydia Ross, for inspiring so many of our teens to grow in Christ's love and spread it to their peers.

We thank Ms. Anna Vanegas and all her volunteer staff, Spanish and English, for their good work in passing on the Catholic faith to all our little ones.

We thank all our volunteers who keep the parish phone answered daily at the front desk and do so many other volunteer jobs.

We thank our parish building committee, under Mr. Chuck Pigeon and our parish maintenance staff under Mr. Maurizio (Moe) Curto, for overseeing, repairing and beautifying all our parish buildings and grounds.

We thank all our parish ministries, too many to name, for supporting and building the Kingdom of God, for keeping us in permanent prayer and for challenging us to stay connected.

We thank our parish stewardship committee, under Mr. Matt Ivers, for inspiring us to be growing faithful stewards.

We thank all our ministers to the sick, under Sr. Juliet, for visiting and bringing communion to our sick, hundreds of them, every week.

We thank the 1000 or more involved in so many ways in the growth of our sister parish, Blessed Trinity, Nalweyo, Uganda—building village churches, village schools, catechist houses, dormitories for thousands of boarders, staff houses for teachers, providing fresh deep water wells, providing a home for 150+ orphans, building and supporting two medical clinics and sending hundreds of students all the way from kindergarten to university.

And lastly we thank our deacons and priests and parish staff for all the great work they do publicly and behind the scenes to keep our parish alive and well and Christ like.