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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!



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 28, 2025



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<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING</b>		<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY</b>	
<b>WEEKLY</b>		<b>WEEKEND</b>	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)	Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
Wednesday	5:30 pm	<b>DAILY</b>	
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)	Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
First Fridays		Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm	Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
		Saturday	8:00 am
		<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>		Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Wednesday	5:15 pm	Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment		

# PARISH LIFE

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

## 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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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

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

Weekly Offering  
December 21, 2025  
\$1,5701.34

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

## 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.



**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN**

**December Menu**

- 12-2 Turkey Soup
- 12-9 Surprise
- 12-16 Ham Dinner
- 12/23 Closed
- 12-30 Closed

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

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 31 The Holy Souls  
Sunday, January 4 Roy Gaudet †

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](http://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 Bureson 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

### Bible Study

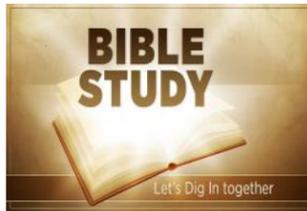
Continue with us to explore the book of Matthew.

**12/28/25**

Matthew 9: New Wine, new Wineskins

**1/4/2026**

Matthew 10: Jesus Commissions the Twelve



### Father Pat's 3rd

#### Sacrament Meeting



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

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.

#### *"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

### 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.

#### Perpetual Adoration Homilist

We will have a special weekend homilist at Blessed Trinity Church, 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.

# Antioch Retreat

January 17-18, 2026

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

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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

## 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](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) under sacraments.

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

## ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

First Friday

Communion of Reparation Prayer Vigil

January 2, 2026

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

5 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala FL 34471

Fr. Edward Murphy

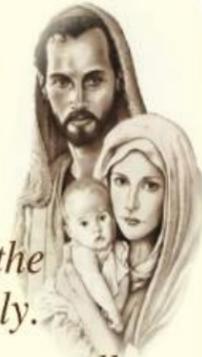
Celebrant

7:00pm Holy Rosary

Ongoing Confession during this time

8pm Holy Mass

## Prayer to the Holy Family



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

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

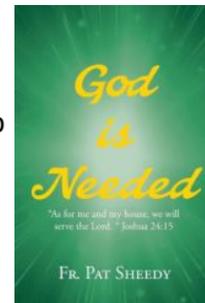
*Loving Infant Jesus, help us to be pure of heart.*

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

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## 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.

## "Attention all Cursillistas!"

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

## 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 up lift 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 ( and Christ the King and La Guadalupana) alive and well and Christ like.