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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)
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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.

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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

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

Uganda Mission Team

During the weekend Masses volunteers will be in the portico to accept your sponsorship renewals and give information to new sponsors. There will be student packets available for you to select children in grade school, high school and university.

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STEWARDSHIP

POSTLUCE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Dr. Truesdale & Beth Eiland

Blessed Trinity School would like to thank Dr. Truesdale and Beth for using so much of their time and talent helping to coach our varsity girls basketball team!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Laenzo, Laurel, Luna & Leanne Lorenzo
Tanner, Shelbi, Kennedy, Emerson & Maddox Tippett
James, Marissa, Madison & Cameron Day
Mark, Ming, Matteo & Mabel Juario
Jairo, Wendy, Keilyn, Jairo & Alan Muralles Perez

Baptisms:

As we begin the season of Lent, the Church invites us into 40 days of renewal and refocusing. Lent is not only about giving something up, but about making room for God. For Christian stewards, this season invites us to reflect on how we are using the time entrusted to us.

In the first reading, Adam and Eve turn their attention away from God and allow doubt to take root. Trust is replaced by self-reliance, and the harmony of the Garden is broken. These same temptations remain familiar when our days become crowded with distractions that pull us away from God.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us a different path. In the desert, He gives time to prayer and fasting, remains grounded in Scripture, and places His complete trust in the Father. By intentionally giving time to God, Jesus resists temptation and remains faithful.

Lent invites us to do the same. By making space in our schedules for prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection, we grow in trust and gratitude. When we place God at the center of our time, stewardship becomes a way of life, and our hearts are prepared to celebrate the joy of Easter.



Our Catholic Appeal

We have 2350 registered families in our parish. Every family is morally required by their baptism to financially support the cost of spreading the Catholic faith in our parish, our diocese and worldwide.

The Catholic church has dioceses all over the world. The only way we can fulfill our duties is to support our diocese.

Even if your finances can not allow you to do anything this year, you still need to send back a reply stating that. Send in your replies with or without a down payment. You can give a pledge that is spread out over 3 or 6 or 10 months. Or you can give a one time donation. The guideline to consider is 1% of your annual gross income.

So far (we just started) we have heard from 90 families.

We have received \$ 73,018.00 in pledges or donations.

This figure does not include those of you who sent in your OCA replies directly to the diocese. Thank you for your response.

Name Tag Weekend

This weekend, February 21/22, Blessed Trinity will host another Name Tag Weekend, a fun event to help all of us get to know each other a little bit better! Name tags and pens will be available in the portico before all the Masses for those who wish to participate. Join the fun, meet and learn the names of those who sit around you each week at Mass! Please arrive a few minutes early so that you can get your name tag and get to your set in time for Mass!



Parish Picnic—Sunday March 8

Florida weather is back.

Come to our annual parish picnic on March 8th.

We will begin with an outdoor Mass at 1pm. You will have chairs to sit on—either under the big tent or outdoors up front beside the altar.

There is no cost, you can give a donation if you want to.

There will be lots of hamburgers and hot dogs and several choices of international foods—including Mexican, Pilipino, Haitian, Polish, German, maybe Italian, etc.

Would you like to help with food from another country? Call 352.629.8092 ex. 3380 and you will be given the details of where to bring your food and when.

All our parishioners and friends are more than welcome to come to the outdoor parish picnic on the soccer field.

Upcoming Confirmation

Dates:

Reconciliation for Candidates, sponsors and family: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors: Friday, March 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Confirmation: Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 10:00am

**We ask that candidates arrive at 9:00am



LIFE TEEN

Sunday, February 22nd— Join us for Life Teen Mass at 5pm, and then Life Night from 6:00-8:00pm in the King of Kings building. Free dinner, games, a bible message, and small groups.

Sunday, March 1st— Join us for an evening of elegance, dancing, and fun at our first ever Life Teen Cotillion! A special meal will be served, followed by dancing and activities. Dress Code is "Sunday Best" or Formal Wear (finger tip length or lower skirts, no sleeveless). Please RSVP by February 27 to ensure we have enough food for everyone. The event is free, bring a friend. RSVP: tinyurl.com/lifeteendance

Confession: Ask Me Anything



Thursday, February 26, 6-7:30 PM

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, King of Kings (Bldg 5)
St. John the Evangelist Room

Get all your questions about confession answered during this "Ask Me Anything" with Blessed Trinity's Father Patrick Sheedy. This is part of Theology on Tap, a monthly series for fellowship and contemplation. A gluten-free meal will be served. Children 10 and under can attend for free.



Space is limited.
Scan to learn more and RSVP.

Questions? Contact Shelby Kearns at 361-449-6896 or shelbylkearns@gmail.com

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Gn 12:1-4a

Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9



21st Annual Long-Sleeve Relief Drive

Americans are all integrally connected to the farmworkers every time they eat. These men and women do some of the most important work in this country—feeding a nation—and deserve support. Caring about farmworkers reveals a care for the inherent dignity and humanity of the people in these communities.

Will you help? You can do this by collecting long-sleeve button down shirts. Bring these items to the church and place in the box provided.

In addition to clean and gently used long-sleeve button down shirts, the Farmworker Association of Florida is requesting the following items:

- Children's clothing
- Diapers and baby supplies
- Blankets
- Food donations, such as: beans, rice, tortillas, maseca, cooking oil and canned soups



Stations of the Cross

Join us every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm and Wednesday evening at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross during Lent.



Our Catholic Appeal

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We invite all parishioners to support **The Our Catholic Appeal** by using the **Our Catholic Appeal giving option** rather than the "Give Online" button on the Blessed Trinity website. Gifts made directly through the Our Catholic Appeal ensure your donation is properly credited to our parish and helps Blessed Trinity reach its annual appeal goal.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish and diocese.

When making your donation to Our Catholic Appeal please **DO NOT USE** the Blessed Trinity website "GIVE ONLINE" option. All Our Catholic Appeal donations must be made using the "Our Catholic Appeal" option on the Blessed Trinity website or scan the QR code.



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February 21 / 22:

February 28 / March 1: No Flowers—Lent

March 7 / 8:

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Tuesday, Feb 24	7:10am 5:30pm	Grace Weiting † Rose Bilancio †
Wed, Feb 25	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory Dr. John Kilgallon † Fr. James McManus †
Thursday, Feb 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Asantiato Alonso † Karen Taylor †
Friday, Feb 27	7:10am 5:30pm	Marie & Michael Garvilles (L) Charlie Kirk †
Saturday, Feb 28	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Dr. Arturo & Leticia Stable † Joanne Everard † Helen, Lathon, Larry Rushing †
Sunday, March 1	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Angelo & Anna Zappulla † Rodriquez & Salas Families † Tom Hinds † Spanish Community William & Nelda Francis †

Please pray for Cona Caputo who has recently passed away.

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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 adorers.

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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vz• **890 residents** were assisted with affordable housing
- **4,392** no-cost medical and dental appointments provided



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Our Catholic Appeal

CMT Lenten Fish Fry is back!

Friday, February 20th is the first Fish Fry of the season. It is a great opportunity for family and parish fellowship. We serve fried and baked fish, clams, shrimp, ziti and fish Tacos with your choice of 2 sides. There is something for everyone at a great value of only \$11. If you are a "Frequent Fryer" and joining us almost every week, you can purchase a fryer card you pay for 6 meals and get the 7th FREE.

Please join us in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent from 3:45—7:30pm.



Brother's Keeper Lenten Soup Dinners

Get those taste buds ready! Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Wednesday night Lent Soup & Bread Dinner. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing on Wednesdays in Lent, come have the best tasting soup in town in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Volunteers Needed: If you'd like to assist and serve the Lenten Soup Dinners, please contact Jason at 622-5544 or jason@bkocala.org.



Good Stewards Live the Beatitudes

Three weekends in our February liturgical calendar will turn our attention to Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Matthew explaining what is to be expected of those who choose to follow him. This is the familiar Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1 - 7:29), the most quoted part of the Bible. Jesus' sermon begins with messages of comfort, the Beatitudes (Matt 5:3 - 12).

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

The word "Beatitude" refers to a state of deep happiness or joy. But these sayings are paradoxes. They turn our normal expectations upside down. Jesus is bringing us a new law, new expectations on how to live. He is bringing forth the Kingdom of God. As the United States bishops wrote in their 1992 stewardship pastoral, "Jesus does not waste time proposing lofty but unrealistic ideals; he tells his followers how they are expected to live. The Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount prescribe the lifestyle of a Christian disciple."

Each of these "blesseds" is a statement about an important aspect of how we exercise stewardship of our lives. Each of them offers us an ideal of how to live and how we find God living within us. Learn the Beatitudes, memorize them, make them part of your daily prayer life, and ask the Lord for the wisdom and strength to follow this stewardship way of life, a path that follows in the footsteps of Jesus.

Dear Blessed Trinity family,

We are Katherine Toone and Ryan Toone. Today, we are asking you to consider an opportunity for stewardship that reaches far beyond our parish walls. This year, we, and a few other teens, will be traveling to our sister parish in Uganda, Africa—not as tourists, but as servants, learners, and witnesses to our shared faith.

This trip will allow us to pray alongside our brothers and sisters, to serve in humility, and to see the Catholic Church alive in a very different part of the world. It will form us spiritually in ways no classroom can—deepening our compassion, gratitude, and responsibility for the global Body of Christ.

Travel costs are significant, we and many of the teens cannot go without help. Your generosity of treasure and prayers today directly supports our journey of faith and service.

Thank you for helping to invest in the next generation of Blessed Trinity Catholic disciples.



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Pope Quote

St. John Paul II, in 1979, in an audience with Cardinal Suenens and the International Charismatic Renewal Office, stated "...This is my first meeting with you, Catholic charismatics...I have always belonged to this renewal in the Holy Spirit...I am convinced that this movement is a sign of his action. The world is much in need of this action...Through this action, the Holy Spirit comes to the human spirit, and from this moment we begin to live again, to find our very selves, to find our identity, our total humanity. Consequently, I am convinced that this movement is a very important component in the total renewal of the church, in this spiritual renewal of the church."

Come visit BT's charismatic prayer meeting on Thursdays in the Adult Care center, 7-8:30pm. Call Richard for details, 352.342.2982 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

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Holy Day of Reflection for all ministries involved in the Mass

On March 7th we will have a half day of reflection and prayer for all ministries involved in the celebration of the weekend Masses:

That includes all ushers, all sacristans, all readers, all ministers of the eucharist and all choirs.

We will begin with the regular 8:00am Mass, followed by light food in the parish hall.

Fr. Bill will address the group at 9:00am with special emphasis showing that each minister plays a big part in the over all celebration of each Mass.

Then each of the five ministries involved will break up into their own group for an hour of dialogue, questions, input etc. for that ministry.

After coming back together for a brief recap, we will end with a short time of adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and benediction.

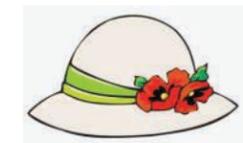
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