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## PARISH LIFE

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### STEWARSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer *our* cries for help in time of need.

### 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

#### Covenant Mission Team

The Covenant Mission Team is comprised of team members ranging from high school age (14 and older) to adult. The group does community service projects and fundraising prior to its trip to a chosen South American, Central American, or Caribbean location each summer.

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## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In this weekend's readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ's light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ's light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God's mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?

## STEWARD OF THE WEEK

### Barbara Butler

Religious Education would like to thank Barbara for her loving service in helping our catechists in their classes. Her patience, kindness, and attentive care bless children of all ages. Thank you for your generous heart and faithful dedication to help us build the Catholic foundation for our new generations.

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

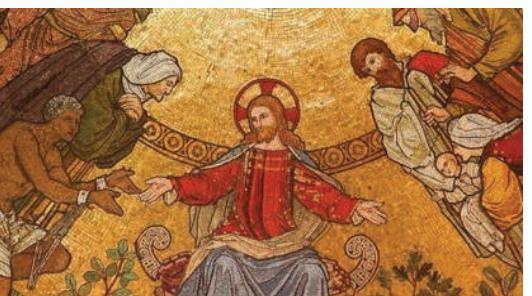
Today's readings are both encouragement and instruction for us as Christian stewards. They offer clear direction on what matters most to God and how He calls us to use the gifts He has entrusted to us.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah gives us straightforward guidance: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." There is no ambiguity here. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is not optional — it is a fundamental responsibility of the Christian steward.

Yet the Lord also reminds us of His generosity when we live this way. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed." When we give of ourselves, we do not lose — we gain. God's grace grows within us, and we experience deeper joy and peace as our lives become more aligned with His will.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks plainly to His disciples — and to us — calling us the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But salt loses its purpose if it goes stale, and light cannot shine if it is hidden. Our faith must be lived, not concealed. We are called to act so that others may see the way we serve, how we care for the vulnerable, how we prioritize our families, and above all, how we love God — and through our witness, give glory to Him.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let us embrace it fully.



## New Parishioners:

### Donald Sinclair

## Baptisms:

### Edwin Yadiel Soliz Saucedo

## Uganda Mission Trip 2026

This year's mission trip to our sister parish in Uganda is scheduled for June 21 to July 5. If you are truly interested in getting on the list to travel, call Katherine in the church office—352.629.8092, ex 3218.

You need to make a deposit of \$300 to get your name on the list. If you change your mind later, then you made a deposit of \$300 to our sister parish.

You need a current passport that is valid for at least 6 months after travel dates.

You need to get the yellow fever shots. You can pick up malaria pills from your doctor before the journey.

The cost for air/ground transportation, food and lodging is approx \$2,500.

If you take in the optional safari, 2 day trip, it will cost you \$400 extra.

There are a lot "talking" about going. We hope to be able to take the first 30 on the list who have paid the \$300 deposit. Your deposit will be used as part of your total cost.

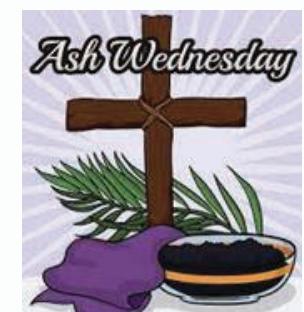
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## Attention: School Stewardship Families

**It is time to re-verify for the 2026-27 school year!**

This year's meeting days will be in the Community Center on Tuesday, February 17th (8am until noon), Thursday, February 19th (6pm until 9pm) and Saturday, February 21st (9am until noon). Letters have gone out to each family indicating the day and time for their meeting, but if you are unable to make that appointment, you can drop in at any of the given dates/times and you will be worked into the schedule. **Each family must attend one of the three meeting days in order to continue as a school stewardship family for the 2026-27 school year.**

All necessary information, including available times, will be in your letter. If you have any questions **after** receiving your letter, or if you did not receive your letter, contact Sue Lanier at [slanier@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:slanier@blessedtrinity.org)

## Perpetual Adoration

Each bulletin we keep inviting people to spend an hour of prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

For a few months now we have vacant hours in the middle-of-the-night. We need a few people to go the extra sacrifice needed to fill those hours.

Can you re-arrange your sleep schedule to fill one of those hours? Our Adoration Chapel has been a huge blessing for over 33 years. We have to keep it going.

If possible try to fill one of the hours that are listed as vacant but we can use you at any time.

Call Carol Blackstock at 352.622.7348 / 352.425.8638 if you can help.





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

**Sunday, February 15th**— No Life Night (President's Day)

### Coming Soon!

HELLO  
my name is

On 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!

### Important Livestream Notice

We regret the recent interruptions to our Mass livestream and apologize for any frustration this caused. To better serve our parishioners, we are introducing a new livestreaming platform that will improve reliability and quality.

Thank you for your patience, prayers, and understanding as we work through this transition.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sir 15:15-20

Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10am and 8:45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Our next one is this Sunday, February 8.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, three different juices and coffee.

All you can eat for only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10.

Please come have breakfast with us.

### BIBLE STUDY : MONDAYS 6:30

Greetings again Bible scholars. We have finished our study of Mary the Mother of God and now we turn to St Joseph. The poor humble carpenter or the Hidden King of the Jews? An elderly widower or a man in prime and the chaste spouse of Mary? The mere legal guardian of the child Jesus or the earthly shadow of the Heavenly Father? This is a 3 week series by Dr Brant Pitre about the popular figure of St Joseph and opens up the mysteries of his hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as earthly foster-father of Jesus. We will learn about how Joseph was the Hidden King of the Jews. Why Joseph accepted Mary's Jewish vow of virginity. How Joseph hid the virgin birth from Satan. The apocryphal legend of the elderly Joseph. The Biblical age of Joseph and much more. This series will run from February 2 through 16. We meet in the K of C hall on Mondays at 6:30 and our sessions are about an hour and a half. You can get free printable outlines at [brantpitre.com/excerpts](http://brantpitre.com/excerpts) and look for "Hidden King". Please come and join us.



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**February 7/ 8:** Happy birthday Elizabeth Hurley and Mary Lydon from Jane Hurley

**February 14 / 15:**

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Tuesday, Feb 10	7:10am	Wanda Dianne Sutton †
	5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D
Wed, Feb 11	7:10am	Ben Drongosky †
	8:15am	Barbara Spencer †
	5:30pm	Mildred Watson †
Thursday, Feb 12	7:10am	Robert Clark †
	5:30pm	Thomas A. Burns †
Friday, Feb 13	7:10am	Alan Fuller †
	5:30pm	George & Loraine Wittenburg †
Saturday, Feb 14	8:00am	Ssemudo Family L/D
	4:00pm	MaryAnne Milne †
	6:00pm	Gerald Bamberg †
Sunday, Feb 15	7:10am	Christine Byrnes †
	8:45am	David Nettles †
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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.

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**O God,** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breath of our being!**

**You name us the beauty of Your perfection, Blessed.**

**You gift us the Bread from Heaven to refresh our soul for this holy pilgrimage.**

**Hear our Yes resound through all ages. May Your wisdom guide us to keep Your word.**

**Open our eyes to see the wonders of Your covenant. Grant our spirit firm within Your generous mercy.**

**Receive our heart as we pour out Your love until the end. We pray all will know You by our abundant care for one another.**

**O God, Breath of our being! You name us Blessed and so we are.**

**Amen.** \_\_\_\_\_

#### STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Weekly Offering** **February 1, 2026**

Weekend Total: 421 \$ 21,784.76

Electronic Offering Total: 399 \$ 41,266.83

Loose Cash / Votives Total: \$ 578.00

School Mass Offering: \$ 166.00

Non Sunday: 42 \$ 26,471.00

**Grand Total for Week:** \$ 90,266.59

Amount needed for Operating Expenses: \$ 85,791.00

Difference \$ 4,475.59

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If you have already received your packet and pledge form in the mail, please complete the pledge form and mail it in the envelope provided or bring it to Mass with you next weekend. You may also go online to [ourcatholicappeal.org](http://ourcatholicappeal.org) to make your pledge or gift. For those who prefer to give later in the year, please share your intent on the pledge form. This will help us track our progress earlier so we can budget appropriately for the new fiscal year beginning in July.

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## Twenty Ways to Exercise Good Stewardship of Lent and Easter

Are you looking for ideas to help you with your Lenten experience? Don't worry, you have the end of February, the month of March and the beginning of April to be a good steward of the gift of Lent and the Easter Triduum. Here are 20 ideas to fill the days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season.

- 1) Attempt a more intentional prayer life—start a habit in the morning and before bedtime. Also, embrace periods of silence each day.
- 2) Read a book on Christian spirituality, one that will enrich your spiritual journey. Also consider keeping a journal during Lent to reflect on your spiritual highs and lows.
- 3) Attend a weekday Mass.
- 4) Pray the rosary.
- 5) Make a point of experiencing the sacrament of reconciliation at the beginning and end of Lent at minimum.
- 6) Give up meat on Fridays but don't substitute lobster. Make fasting something that is truly sacrificial.
- 7) Resolve to stop engaging in rumors, gossip, and negative chatter that devalues others.
- 8) Begin and end each week with an e-mail thanking someone for all that they do.
- 9) Be sure to say grace at any restaurant you frequent (don't dodge making the Sign of the Cross either).
- 10) Reconcile with someone you've hurt or aren't speaking to.
- 11) Invite someone who's been away from the church to attend Mass with you.
- 12) Make a gift to a charitable cause. Make it a sacrificial gift, not what's "left over."
- 13) Thank a bishop, priest or member of a religious congregation for their public witness. Invite them out for coffee or a meal.
- 14) Visit someone who's alone.
- 15) Reflect on the most pressing challenges confronting our church and pray for a spirit-filled response.
- 16) Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- 17) Find out if there is a person participating in your parish's OCIA program and send a note of encouragement.
- 18) Discover the ways your diocese is ministering to the poor and see how you can help.
- 19) Attend your parish's Good Friday liturgy.
- 20) Invite someone you know will be alone to Easter Sunday dinner.



## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

for February

### Merciful God,

We embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement.

But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine.

We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience the true joy of Resurrection.

Teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to your son at all times, even during these times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with him and each other.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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During the weekend Masses February 14th - 15th and Feb 21st - 22nd, mission 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.

Thank you for considering being a sponsor and helping to lift these children out of poverty through education. Last year there were 150 students who did not have sponsors plus we have 250 new students. We appreciate all donations including multiple sponsors sharing costs to ensure all students get an opportunity to attend school.

## Pope Quote

Saint Pope John XXIII prayed for a "New Pentecost" as he convened Vatican II. Soon after its conclusion, the Charismatic Renewal spontaneously erupted throughout our Catholic Church as it manifested Gifts of the Spirit such as healing, prophecy & tongues just as after Pentecost.

When Pope Paul VI was slow to embrace this *Pentecostal Renewal*, but encouraged by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), he did warmly embrace this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, saying, "the Church and the world need more than ever that 'miracle of Pentecost should continue in history'....Nothing is more necessary to this increasingly secularized world ....How then could this spiritual renewal not be good fortune for the church and for the world?"

Come, visit BT's charismatic prayer group. We meet every Thursday, 7-8:30pm in the Adult Day Care. Find the "more" that God is offering! For info: Richard@352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

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