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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)
Wednesday	4:00 pm at Christ the King 4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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PARISH LIFE

MARCH 1, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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.

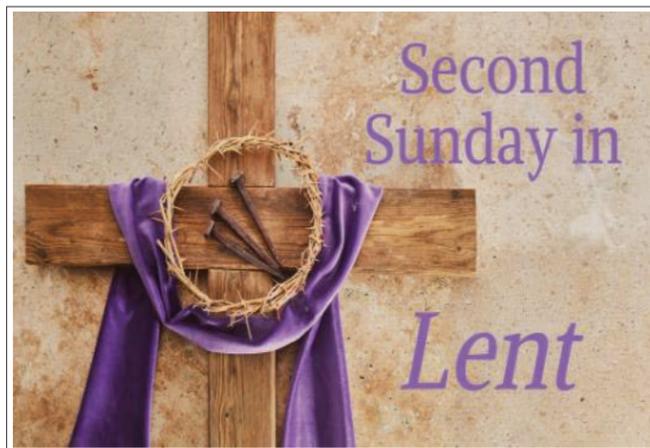
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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

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STEWARDSHIP

POSTLUCE

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Michael Starling & Mike Losito

Blessed Trinity School would like to thank Michael & Mike for using so much of their time and talent helping to coach our varsity boys basketball team!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Janice Rodriguez Lopez

Brandon, Katherine & Brody Delk

Wajch Bouyounes, Samantha Daccache, Ivan & Aiden Bouyounes

Baptisms:

Olivia Luz Diaz

Aria Isabella Cerminara Hance

Massimiliano Gilchrist Cerminara Hance

Martina Alessia Echeverria Martinez

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him, saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.



Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have heard from 149 families. Our donations or pledges to date amount to \$ 99,029 . We have received word from the diocese that 163 of our families have mailed in their OCA donations in the amount of \$83, 185.00 . That brings our total to date to \$182,214.00. Our assessment is \$331,773.

If you did not receive a OCA pledge envelope, you can pick up one in the vestibule or stewardship room.

Drop your OCA donation at any weekend Mass in the collection basket or at the church office.

We appreciate and thank you for your donations to OCA.

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**



WORSHIP

MARCH 1, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00pm(church), Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (church) and Friday evenings after the 5:30pm Mass (prayer garden, weather permitting) for Stations of the Cross during Lent.



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.

LIFE TEEN

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). The event is free, bring a friend.

Sunday, March 8th— How do I have healthy relationships with my friends, family, and while dating as a catholic in high school? This is the question we will be exploring this week at Life Night. Join us for dinner, games, and an engaging talk on relationships and how the church offers wisdom to us on how to manage them.

Sister Parish—Grades

The school year in Uganda ends in December. All the students in P7 (same as our 8th grade) do a state set exam if they expect to go to secondary (high) school. They have to pass to be eligible.

Blessed Trinity grade school had 54 students sit for the exam. There are only five grades—1,2,3,4 and 0. One is top honors, two is honors, etc and 0 is a failure. So 29 students got top honors and 25 got honors and 0 failed. They can all go to secondary (high) school.

We had 25 village school students take the exam. Remember, they do not have certified teachers. But we have been providing text books to them. That has made a big difference. We got results from 20 of the village schools and 206 students qualified for secondary schools. Not long ago most of the village schools had no one qualify.

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for March

Lord Jesus,

We journey with you this
Lenten season,
through prayer, fasting and
almsgiving, ever closer to Jerusalem,
ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your words:
“Deny yourself,
take up your cross
and follow me,” but we are unsure
of their meaning, or anxious about
their true intent.

Through the power of your Spirit,
give us the strength
to deny the “self”
that keeps us from being
good stewards
of those who need our love
and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness
of the cross in our own lives
so that we may embrace it
and join our sufferings with yours
and a world in need of your
redemption.

And give us the confidence to
follow you
no matter the cost;
knowing that if we die with you,
we will also live with you
and eternally rejoice in your
resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you
who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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February 28 / March 1:

No Flowers—Lent

March 7 / 8:

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ROSARY MAKERS GENERAL MEETING

On Saturday March 7th, 2026, 9:00am -10:30 am in the BT. Community center will be the general meeting for all Rosary Makers.

Instructions for learners will be available. Join us to spread the rosary of Our Blessed Mother.

Call Sr. Juliet 352- 629-8092 Ext 3211.

Monday Bible Study News

We know that you have been waiting and wondering for the latest updates for Monday Bible study. Here they are. The subjects and dates through Easter. The topics are all from Dr Brant Pitre, no requirement to sign up, and you can download free outlines at brantpitre.com/excerpts. Come and join us anytime - Mondays at 6:30 K of C Hall.

3/2—Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
3/9— The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes
3/16—The Jewish Roots of Holy Week, part 1
3/23—The Jewish Roots of Holy Week, part 2
3/30—No class, Communal Penance
4/6—The Road to Emmaus



Monday, March 2	7:10am 5:30pm	Ssemudo Family L/D O'Brien & Rothfus Families L/D
Tuesday, March 3	7:10am 5:30pm	Ben Drongosky, Jr † Joseph Blackwell †
Wed, March 4	7:10am	Doris & Charles Goodwin †
	8:15am 5:30pm	James Romano † Richard & Patricia Bianculli †
Thursday, March 5	7:10am 5:30pm	Mary Thompson † Margaret Cadigan †
Friday, March 6	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Nellie Vanderburgh †
Saturday, March 7	8:00am	Anne Roberta Decesare †
	4:00pm	Jay D. Smith †
	6:00pm	Bill, Billy & John Viglione †
Sunday, March 8	7:10am	Margaret Clark †
	8:45am	Christine Corrigan Baker †
	11:00am	Tom Hinds †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	Tom Hinds †

Please pray for Milton Smith & Eugene Dake who have recently passed away.

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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.

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Weekend Total:	483	\$ 24,037.00
Electronic Offering Total:	454	\$ 59,023.41
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 5,308.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 429.00
Non Sunday:	64	\$ 10,303.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 99,100.41
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00
Difference		\$13,309.41

Year to date collection: \$ 2,605,429.98
Year to date budget: \$ 2,916,894.00
Year to date deficit: **(\$311,464.02)**

"Thank you for your donations."

Reminder: Do your best to put your envelope number on the "memo" line of your check.

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. The next one will be March 8.

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

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The Parish Council members strive to embody the stewardship way of life, guiding and serving our Blessed Trinity community with its Pastor. Our purpose is to enable the parish community to carry out the mission statement. We help coordinate the ministry efforts of the parish, organize parish-wide events, and serve as a communication hub for the ministries and parish staff.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10th, 2026.**

If you are interested in getting to know more about the parish council, please let us know:
Bill Kennedy, President – bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com

Gisela Salas, Vice-President – drgsalas@gmail.com

Emily Vey, Secretary- terrorqueen@cox.net

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 March 7, following the 8am Mass.

Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screening in the parish nurse's office in the parish hall from 8:00am—1:00pm, Sunday, March 1.

Blessed Trinity Council of Catholic Women

Invites all women of the parish to a Morning of Reflection

“Walking with Jesus through Lent”

Presented by our spirituality commission

Blessed Trinity Community Center
Saturday, March 14th

Beginning with the 8:00am Mass in church
8:30am-9:00am light morning refreshments
9:00am—11:00am spiritual journey

RSVP to: Marty Duesel by March 9th at
marty10455@gmail.com or 352.362.8657

There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted

CMT Lenten Fish Fry is back!

Come join us! 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.

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For more information please contact Lori Berndt at lberndt@blessedtrinity.org or 352.671.2823

Half 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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