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Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and a way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the Book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us the freedom to make this choice — "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."

The concept of stewardship helps us live out this fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise that we participate in on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life — a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, "You have heard that it was said ... you shall not kill ... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts and ask whether we have allowed stewardship to shape the way we live each day. When we do, we open ourselves to its deeper meaning and its power to change our hearts. The choice is ours.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

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, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today’s readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God’s law that makes our offering acceptable.

Weekly Offering
February 8, 2026
\$2,096.00

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



ONLINE DONATIONS TO OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

We invite all parishioners to support **The Our Catholic Appeal** by using the **Our Catholic Appeal giving option**. Gifts made directly through the Our Catholic Appeal ensure your donation is properly credited to our parish and helps Christ the King 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 all Our Catholic Appeal donations must be made using the “Our Catholic Appeal” option on the Blessed Trinity website or scan the QR code.



Angel in Arms Day Care Center Hiring Full-Time Secretary

This position will provide administrative support by managing front-office operations, answering phones, greeting families, maintaining student records, processing enrollment paperwork, and assisting with basic accounting tasks—all while supporting the school’s faith-based mission and values.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 18 Angela & Robert Sheppard †
Sunday, February 22 Nolan Hajal †

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
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 Burleson 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

Join us as we continue to study the Book of Matthew. You can join the group at any time.

2/15/26: Matthew 16: Jesus Establishes the Church

2/22/26: Matthew 17: The Transfiguration

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 at Blessed Trinity.



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law," it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

Collection for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of church properties, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee.

TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD! Psalm 34:8

God has blessed our Church with the gift of the Charismatic Renewal -giving rise to prayer groups throughout the world.

Here at BT, the *Fountains Of Living Water* prayer group has been meeting weekly since 1978. It is a testimony of God's Power and Love in the lives of everyday people -where his Holy Spirit has provided so much Healing & Restoration.

This community gathering has been a Well Spring of Faith, Hope & Love. Come, "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord!"

We meet Thursday nights in the Adult Day Care from 7-8:30pm. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Our Catholic Appeal supports the Bishop's Office. Bishop John Noonan sees his ministry as a priest and bishop as a mandate from God. His episcopal motto "God before me and God with me" originates in Exodus when Moses was leading the chosen people out of slavery and into the Promised Land. That same prayer was spoken by St. Patrick as he preached the Gospel in Ireland. Like Moses and St. Patrick, Bishop Noonan, fifth bishop of Orlando, is following God's call to serve His people.



Not everyone can give the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

Pray and Donate at ourcatholicappeal.org



Our Catholic Appeal

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 shelbytkearns@gmail.com

Metanoia: The Challenge of Lent

As we prepare ourselves for the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 18), we might consider a Greek word that resonates during the season: metanoia. Just the sound of it is challenging and commands our attention. Literally, the word means “to change one’s mind.” In our Christian tradition it has come to be connected with repentance and more importantly, to conversion. But perhaps the online Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it most beautifully: metanoia—a transformative change of heart. To Catholic stewards, that phrase perfectly defines our yearning during Lent. We yearn to be transformed by a change of heart. Actually, that kind of change can be a scary proposition. It sounds risky. It’s certainly life-changing. If metanoia actually took place within us, if we allowed that kind of heart-based transformation into our lives, would our lives be different?

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11) the Gospel reading revealed to us that Jesus walked down to the Jordan River and asked John the Baptist to baptize him. There were two men, utterly transformed. John would call others to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus would be led by the Holy Spirit into the desert before embarking on a ministry that proclaimed the Kingdom of God. John would be beheaded for his ministry; Jesus would be crucified.

Are we ready to be transformed during this Lenten season? Yes, we want to be good during Lent, attend extra Masses, lay off the chocolate, make sure the family attends Holy Week liturgies. But metanoia?

Transformation alters us, opens our hearts in radical ways. We witness it in the doctor who travels to Sierra Leone to take care of Ebola patients during his vacation time; in the couple who adopted, with very little time for discernment, three kids who had been orphaned and needed to be kept together; in the family that makes a decision to tithe despite their financial worries. Transformation requires courage. It is not a thing casually approached.

Perhaps our Lenten resolve shouldn’t be limited to the usual small sacrifices or token pieties, but to a deep commitment to a daily prayer that asks for the courage to be transformed by a change of heart. Let this simple prayer suffuse our Lent: “Even if it takes time, Lord, make me smaller in the world, bigger in the kingdom.” Metanoia—let us rise to the challenge of the Christ who beckons us to follow him this Lent into the desert.



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February 28 to March 1, 2026

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95 Bishop Grady Lane

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Space is limited – register early.

Call: Debra at 609-902-9760 or Rita at 352-239-2523 for more information.

Christ the King Catholic Church Fish Fry

Beginning Friday, February 27th through March

Dinner:

Your choice of one serving of 2pcs of baked or fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, cheese grits, and a drink

Additional pieces of fish may be purchased

Dessert available for a donation

Adults: \$13.50

Kids under 10: \$5.00 (1pc of fish and one side)

Fridays 4:00pm —7:00pm

Dine in or take out



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The following hours need to be filled:

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Sundays: Midnight - Mondays 1:00am

Mondays: Noon - 1:00pm

Tuesdays: 3:00am - 4:00am

Wednesdays: 8:00am - 9:00am

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!

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

