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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 22, 2026



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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 22, 2026 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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!

Weekly Offering

February 15, 2026

\$1,312.55

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 12:1-4a

Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, February 25 The Holy Souls

Sunday, March 1 Tonya Hawk †

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

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.

Holy Day of Reflection for all ministries involved in the Mass

On March 7th we will have a half day of reflection and prayer at Blessed Trinity 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.

Help Wanted!

Elder Care is seeking a part-time personal care attendant and a part-time nurse—LPN or RN.

Elder Care takes care of up to 30 frail elderly every day. Nursing care is an essential part of that care. Even if you are already a retired LPN or RN, could you consider giving a few hours (with pay) while our regular RN is out on leave?

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



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?

Bible Study

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

2/22/26: Matthew 17: The Transfiguration

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

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.



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.



Questions? Contact Shelby Kearns at 361-449-6896 or shelby1kearns@gmail.com

Your Gift Makes a Difference

The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to love our neighbors and serve those in need. Our Catholic Appeal helps support Catholic Charities of Central Florida in embracing those in need with hope, transforming their lives through faith, compassion, and service. Catholic Charities' mission is rooted in Sacred Scripture and the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching.



2024-2025 Statistics

- **186,408** people helped with food assistance
- **10,795 households** received case management through the family stability program
- **\$782,419** was distributed for rent, utility, and mortgage financial assistance
vz• **890 residents** were assisted with affordable housing
- **4,392** no-cost medical and dental appointments provided



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

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 at Blessed Trinity from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

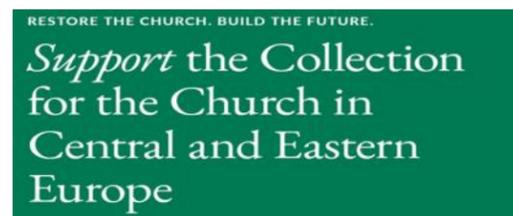
Volunteers Needed: If you'd like to assist and serve the Lenten Soup Dinners, please contact Jason at 622-5544 or jason@bkocala.org.



The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week!

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee



Joyful Again, Orlando! Retreat For

Widows and Widowers

February 28 to March 1, 2026

San Pedro Retreat Center

95 Bishop Grady Lane

Winter Park, FL 32792

This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope & joy again.

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



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 2:00am - 3:00am

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

