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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.



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March 1, 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

MARCH 1, 2026 — SECOND 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.

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	Legion of Mary	
Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
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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

"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?

Weekly Offering

February 22, 2026

\$2,618.42

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.



Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have heard from 11 families. Our donations or pledges to date amount to \$5,360. Our assessment is \$14,734.

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

Drop your OCA donation at any weekend Mass in the collection basket or drop in the mail.

We appreciate and thank you for your donations to OCA.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 4 Ed Maguire & Landan Family L/D

Sunday, March 8 Jeanette Marshall †

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



**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

March Menu

- 3-3 Mac & cheese
- 3-10 Potato soup
- 3-17 Eggplant Parmesan
- 3-24 Veggie soup
- 3-21 Tuna salad

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks.

Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

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.

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**

**** All at Blessed Trinity**



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?

**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.

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 at Blessed Trinity.



Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

- Sundays: 2:00am - 3:00am**
- Mondays: Noon - 1:00pm**
- 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

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Catholic Charities of Central Florida works to protect all human life from conception to natural death through every ministry. The Culture of Life Office seeks to transform and build a society where every human being is valued and protected.

- Pro-life pregnancy services
- Care for the elderly, sick and dying
- Walking with Moms in Need
- Care for prisoners and victims of violent crime
- Post-abortion healing and reconciliation



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



Rosary Rally

Our Lady of Good Counsel Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will host a rosary rally at Christ the King Catholic Mission Church on March 21st at 12noon.

We will gather around the pond for a community rosary to defend the traditional marriage between one man and one woman.

We invite everyone to join us.



Bible Study

Come join us as we continue to study the Book of Matthew during March.

3/1/2026 Matthew 18: Characteristics of the Christian Community

3/8/2026 Matthew 19: Marriage—A demonstration of God's love

3/15/2026 Matthew 20-21: Stepping down into greatness

3/22/2026 Matthew 22-23: "Let's get real"

3/29/2026 Matthew 24-25: Jesus predicts the end of an era

Decorating / Flower Help

We are looking for help with decorating the altar, flower arranging, etc.



We would love to merge the English / Spanish communities in this effort!

Let's come together to beautify the church!

If you are interested in helping, please let Deacon Steve know and he will point you in the right direction.

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.

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.



Looking For a Prayer Meeting?

Here at BT, we have been meeting on Thursday nights since 1978! Giving thanks to God in prayer & song; Listening to Him in the quiet of our hearts; Hearing shared stories of Faith; and Interceding for each other & the Church -It never gets old!

We look forward to God blessing us with your presence. Please join us this Thursday in the Adult Day Care center, 7-8:30pm. Questions? Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email i2bxtn@gmail.com.

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Community

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

