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| <b>WEEKEND</b>        |   |
| Saturday              | 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm   |
| Sunday                | 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am<br>1:00pm Spanish, 5:00 pm Life Teen |
| <b>DAILY</b>          |   |
| Mon-Fri               | 7:10 am and 5:30 pm   |
| Wednesday             | 8:15 am (follows school schedule)                               |
| Thursday              | 6:30 pm (Spanish)   |
| Saturday              | 8:00am  |
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| Saturday       | 7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)                             |
| Sunday         | 10:15 am at Christ the King<br>7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)  |
| <b>DAILY</b>   |  |
| Tuesday        | 7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)                                 |
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MARCH 15, 2026 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

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# STEWARDSHIP

## TOP LIGHT

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

### STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

#### Music Ministry Youth

The Music Ministry would like to thank all of our youth that spend so much of their time and talent either playing in the choir or being a cantor!

**Thank you for being faithful stewards!**

#### New Parishioners:

Nyasia Walker, Amethyst McCoy, Ahnyx Green

Ronald, Katherine, Ryder & Ava Gaylord

Antonio Suarez

Wilfredo Guzman

Raquel Nales

Xiomara Thomas

#### Baptisms:

Today's readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with powerful contrasts — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Embracing a stewardship way of life frees us from spiritual blindness, helps us see as God sees, and allows us to reflect Christ's light in our daily lives.

In our Second Reading from Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Through Baptism, the very life and light of the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. Yet amid the busyness and challenges of daily life, it is easy to forget this truth. We may even struggle to recognize whether our actions truly reflect Christ's light.

A stewardship way of life — with its intentional and grateful use of our time, talent, and treasure — provides a daily guide to help us live as children of the light. It encourages us to make choices that reflect Christ in the way we serve, give, and love others.

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, and the man simply testifies that Christ "opened my eyes." During these Lenten days, we too can ask Jesus to open our eyes — to help us see areas where spiritual blindness may still linger, especially in how we use the gifts entrusted to us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us renew our efforts wherever our vision has grown dim, so that by Easter we may truly live as children of the light.



### Our Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all of you who have responded to OCA already. We are doing well.



Your response means you are following through on your baptism. No gift is too small (or too big!). If you cannot give a financial gift this year, pray for the success of our OCA appeal and send in your OCA envelope anyway. It shows us you are involved and it spares a stamp that would otherwise be wasted. It is good stewardship.

To date we have received \$236,371.00 and we have heard from 444 families.

### Liturgical Ministries Day of Reflection

About 150 ministers from our five ministries—lectors, sacristans, choirs, ushers and Eucharistic ministers gathered on March 7 for Mass, a fruitful reflection by Fr. bill, break out sessions and adoration and benediction. It really helped all of us in our preparation for and celebration of each weekend Mass. Thanks to all who came. Next year we will make a little change in that there were too many in the hall for the break out sessions. It was difficult to hear. So next year we will have the break out sessions in the chapel, the church, the hall, the nurses room and the choir room. It will be a much better use of space.

### Go In Peace

If you wait until the last blessing you will feel good about going and you can go in peace.

If you leave while communion is being served you will not feel good about walking out.

We are doing much better. Not too many people are still leaving before the final blessing. I assume they do not mean to turn their backs on the Lord. I assume they do not mean to give a bad example. But...just talk to the Lord about it. He will give you a positive cheerful answer.

If you are one of the ministries serving in the portico after Mass you still must not leave until after the blessing. Please spread the word. All can wait (except emergencies) until after the final blessing. Thanks.

### Parish Picnic

The weather was just perfect. Thank you God. So many people used their time and talents to organize and carry out a really delightful annual parish picnic. I would really like to name many leaders who went above and beyond to make this a happy, joyful day for a few thousand people, but that would not be wise of me. I couldn't possibly cover all leaders. But you know yourselves. You did great work for God. He knows and that is sufficient. We are a very multi-cultured Catholic community. The great variety of international foods, the music, the cultural dances, the costumes, the various languages, etc., gave us a good preview of what makes up God's family. Thanks to all who came and celebrated. This type of gathering brings a little more clearly what God tells us through the church and especially through the bible the real full identity of God's family. All politicians could be helped a lot by this type of gathering.

If you did not make it to the annual picnic this year put next year's picnic on your priority list.

*Thank you!*



**Sunday, March 15th**— No Life Night: enjoy Spring Break!

**Sunday, March 22nd**— No Life Night: enjoy Spring Break!

### Pope Quote

Pope Francis' words during the Catholic Charismatic Renewal's Jubilee, Pentecost 2017: *"Catholic Charismatic Renewal, you are a current of graces in which multiple expressions have been born... inspired by the Spirit, with various charisms, and all in the service of the Church... This current of grace is for all the Church, not just for some... Share with all in the Church baptism in the Spirit."*

What is this "baptism in the Spirit"? It's a release of our sacramental graces which brings us into a spousal relationship with the Holy Spirit –it's Pentecost made Personal!

Let us be encouraged by our holy father to be immersed in the graces of the Holy Spirit that we may find the wholeness and power to be joyful witnesses of his Love.

Come visit BT's charismatic prayer group on Thursdays in the Adult Day Care, 7-8:30pm. Call Richard for details, 352-342-2982 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

### Support Catholic Relief Services

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### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45



### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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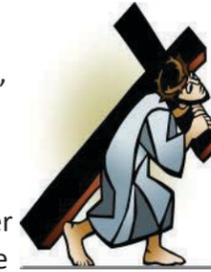


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### Stations of the Cross

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.



March 14 / 15:

No Flowers—Lent

March 21 / 22:

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.



### ALMSGIVING: An Important Lenten Exercise

When we look at the three traditional "disciplines" of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving: *Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life (Tobit 12:8-9).*

A central part of our faith is the practice of almsgiving. It is a practice described in our Catholic Catechism thusly: *The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God."*

To be a Christian steward includes having compassion towards others, especially the most vulnerable in our society. Almsgiving is an act where we imitate the love and mercy that God has for these people by providing for their most basic and fundamental needs.

Almsgiving is also an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just about "me and God." It is fundamental to being a good steward of our community. For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us. It urges us to share what we have been given by God with others in love and justice. It reminds us that Jesus blesses those who seek to be "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3).

Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. We see God in the life of Jesus, and we see Jesus in all those who are in need of our care. Look around, see those who are in need, and ask God to take away those obstacles and distractions that keep us from being generous with them. In turn, we will receive God's blessing in ways we cannot even imagine.





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| Monday, March 16   | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Ed Hamilton †<br>Loretta Lang †  |
| Tuesday, March 17  | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D<br>Thomas A. Burns †   |
| Wed, March 18      | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Helen & Fred Wisneski †<br>Herbert Hurley †  |
| Thursday, March 19 | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Janie Kearns (L)<br>Monsignor Thomas Loughlin †  |
| Friday, March 20   | 7:10am<br>5:30pm                                | Mr. & Mrs. John Cadigan †<br>Jerry DeMeola †   |
| Saturday, March 21 | 8:00am<br>4:00pm<br>6:00pm                      | Sisters of IHMR L/D<br>Nick Izzard †<br>Fran Harwas †  |
| Sunday, March 22   | 7:10am<br>8:45am<br>11:00am<br>1:00pm<br>5:00pm | Thomas Hinds †<br>Edward Morgan †<br>Tom Hinds †<br>Spanish Community<br>Fred & Frances Colosimo † |

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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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## 2024-2025 Statistics

**5,942**

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**12,725**

Catholic school students

**29,113**

Total students under Catholic instruction



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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| Weekly Offering                       | March 8, 2026 |                     |   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|
| Weekend Total:                        | 451           | \$ 24,511.41        | Year to date collection: \$ 2,773,282.95    |
| Electronic Offering Total:            | 478           | \$ 48,716.88        |   |
| Loose Cash / Votives Total:           |               | \$ 2,711.00         | Year to date budget: \$ 3,088,476.00        |
| School Mass Offering:                 |               | \$ 134.00           | Year to date deficit: <b>(\$315,193.05)</b> |
| Non Sunday:                           | 69            | \$ 13,058.00        |   |
| <b>Grand Total for Week:</b>          |               | <b>\$ 89,131.29</b> |   |
| Amount needed for Operating Expenses: |               | \$ 85,791.00        |   |
| <b>Difference</b>                     |               | <b>\$3,340.29</b>   |   |

"Thank you for your donations."

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

### 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.

### Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, April 25 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.



Register on the Blessed Trinity website, [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) under sacraments.

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will be Saturday, October 3.

### Brother's Keeper Lenten Soup Suppers

Get those taste buds ready! Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen will be serving its fabulous Wednesday night Lent Soup & Bread Supper on Wednesdays in Lent, come have the best tasting soup in town in the Parish Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.



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### Trinity Catholic High School, Uganda

Our sister high school in Uganda had 177 students in the 2025 school year.

The results of the state test they took in late November to qualify for college or university went as follows:

172 students got A's (exceptional achievement)

3 students got B's (outstanding achievement)

1 student got a C (satisfactory performance)

1 student got a D (basic achievement)

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### Adopt A Parking Lot Island Ministry Needs Your Help!

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Please contact Dee Mazzurco for more information, 352.266.5008 [deemazzurco@gmail.com](mailto:deemazzurco@gmail.com)

### Join us on Holy Saturday at 12:00pm for a beautiful and moving rosary procession in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Let's walk together as one faith-filled community, reflecting on Mary's love, sorrow, and unwavering trust in God. It will be a multilingual gathering welcoming all—families, children, and parishioners of every background—to pray united in heart and voice.



Let us get together in prayer, hope, and unity as we prepare for the joy of Easter. All are invited—bring your family and your rosary!

### Uganda Mission Team Members

Will be having a Lily Sale  
on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
and Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

*After all the masses*

The cost will be \$15.00  
for a 6" pot with 5 to 7 blooms

Please Support our ministry as the members  
Prepare to help the communities in  
Nalweyo, Uganda

*Thank you!*



### 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](http://brantpitre.com/excerpts). Come and join us anytime - Mondays at 6:30 K of C Hall.

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



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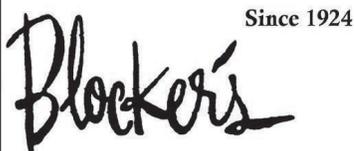


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