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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.



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 15, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	
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
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
<b>WEEKEND</b>	
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
<b>DAILY</b>	
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
<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

## PARISH LIFE

MARCH 15, 2026 — FOURTH 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

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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.

### 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.

Please spread the word. All can wait (except emergencies) until after the final blessing. Thanks.

### Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have heard from 18 families. Our donations or pledges to date amount to \$8,470.00. 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



Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 18 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 22 Bill Votino, Jr. †

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](http://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

### 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?

Weekly Offering

March 8, 2026

\$2,510.00

### LEGION OF MARY

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

## 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



**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

## 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.

## 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?

## ROOM for RENT

A senior male parishioner and homeowner has a rental which includes a furnished bedroom with a large walk-in closet and a handicapped shower. Home is located off SE 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Baseline Rd.) South of Silver Springs. Rental also includes a clubhouse with a free-swimming pool, a state-of-the-art exercise room and sauna. If renter has a problem with transportation, the owner may be able to provide transportation. Handicap or disabled are encouraged to apply. Candidates must consent to a full background check. Brothers Keeper is assisting with the applicant screening. If interested, please contact Jason at Brothers Keeper: 352-622-5544 or e-mail [jason@bkocala.org](mailto:jason@bkocala.org).

## Support Catholic Relief Services

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)



## 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](mailto: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

Our Catholic Appeal is critical to conversion! We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard His Good News and until every person has become His disciple.

## 2024-2025 Statistics



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

Pray and Donate at [ourcatholicappeal.org](http://ourcatholicappeal.org)



Our Catholic Appeal



### 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

### 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.

### 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 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.



### 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.

Join us on Holy Saturday at 12:00pm at Blessed Trinity 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!

### Bible Study

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

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

BLESSED TRINITY LIFE TEEN PRESENTS

# Brunch with the Bunny

SATURDAY  
APRIL 4  
BEGINS AT 9:30  
WITH BLESSING OF BASKETS



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