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Today's readings for this Third Sunday of Lent center on the theme of thirst, reminding us that a stewardship way of life both satisfies our own longing for Christ and helps us respond to Christ's thirst for souls.

In our first reading from Exodus, the Israelites complain in their thirst for water, despite all God has done to free them from slavery. Yet when Moses cries out for help, God provides abundantly, bringing water from the rock to satisfy His people. The Lord's generosity did not end there. He continues to provide for us today, patiently meeting our needs again and again.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, beginning with His simple request: "Give me a drink." He then tells her that He can offer living water — water that truly satisfies.

These words speak directly to us as well. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing the gifts we have received with Him and with others for His sake. Yet it is Christ Himself who fills us, offering the living water of His grace.

God invites each of us to play a part in bringing others to Him through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, may we respond to that invitation with renewed commitment, offering our time, talent, and treasure so that many may come to know Christ. In doing so, we help to quench His thirst for souls.



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 8, 2026



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<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING</b>	
<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

<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY</b>	
<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 8, 2026 — THIRD 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	Ministry to the Sick	466.3977
Sose Gaudet	Flowers, Decorations	622.3589
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

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Weekly Offering

March 1, 2026

\$2,477.00

### 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.



### Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have heard from 14 families. Our donations or pledges to date amount to \$6,560.00. 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

Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41



### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 11 Mae Votino †

Sunday, March 15 Phillip Hajal - Happy Birthday

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

## Catholic Funerals

Anyone can have a Catholic funeral Mass as long as someone in the family is Catholic and comes by to plan the Mass. It could be for your non-Catholic spouse or your non-Catholic parents etc.

If you are Catholic and you want someone in your family to arrange a funeral Mass for you, make sure you put it in writing. Give written instructions for your family to follow. Don't just presume they will. We have had some very active Catholics die without any Catholic service. And a few have had a service conducted by another church.

A Catholic funeral Mass should be top priority. It will be a good spiritual uplift for your family and friends, even if most are not Catholic. It will be your big opportunity to get them to Mass especially if they have stopped going to Mass.

Failing having a funeral Mass, you can arrange a Catholic funeral service in one of the funeral homes.

If you do not want a wake service in the funeral home the day before the funeral, you can arrange a viewing in our chapel (cry room) an hour or so before the funeral Mass.

Apart from paying the organist either through the funeral home or directly, Blessed Trinity has no fees for the church, the priest or a lunch after the Mass. Most all families give a donation depending on the family finances.

Cremation is acceptable. Most families plan the funeral service after the cremation takes place and bring the cremation urn to the Mass.

The priest or deacon is always available to conclude with a short service at the graveside.

**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

### Don't be Shy or Silent

If you come to a funeral Mass and you seem to be one of the few Catholics at that funeral, try to respond much louder than you do at a weekend Mass where most all are Catholic. My experience is that Catholics tend to blend in and not respond to the parts of the Mass that require participation. From my experience, I tend to conclude there are few or no Catholics present because I hear nothing or just a quiet whimper when I say "The Lord be with you" or "The Our Father" etc. And yet when it comes to communion, well over 20 Catholics come to holy communion. Please don't blend in. Speak out. It will encourage others to follow your lead.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

### Upcoming

#### Confirmation Dates:

Reconciliation for  
Candidates, sponsors and  
family: Monday, March 9,  
2026 at 6:30pm

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



### Support Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most

in need. 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 helps the Finance Office administer the temporal (worldly) goods of the diocese under the authority of the diocesan bishop and in accordance with a budget determined by a diocesan finance council. Enough income is to be provided to meet the expenses that have been legitimately authorized by the bishop. An account of all receipts and expenditures must be rendered to the finance council each year.

- Fiscal management of parishes and schools
- Collective buying power for insurance and employee benefits, making them more affordable
- Proper care/upkeep of church and school facilities
- Administrative services for hiring and professional development of diocesan employees



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



## 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.



## 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



## Bible Study

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

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

## CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

---What's In a Name?

**Charismatic:** a divinely conferred gift or power.  
**Renewal:** to make like new: restore to freshness, vigor, or perfection. The Charismatic Renewal is a gift from God to today's Church, to bring Restoration & Freshness. It is not a movement started by men. It is simply God's invitation to rediscover our true identity as: Children Of The Father; as Witnesses Of Christ; & Vessels Of The Holy Spirit... We are branches that bear the fruit of Blessed Trinity! By embracing the gift of His *Spirit*, we find our lives being lived out with *His Power & His Love*. Our natural talents produce *supernatural* results; our ordinary limits when yoked to the Holy Spirit yields *extra-ordinary* fruit! This isn't just for saints of history, this is for *all* of us ordinary, everyday Catholics committed to His Extraordinary Path!

...May we grow in faith together!

Blessed Trinity's Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Thur, 7-8:30pm, in the Elder Care center. Call Richard Swiderski, 352-342-2982, for info.

## 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](mailto:jason@bkocala.org).



## 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.

