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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 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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<b>WEEKEND</b>	
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<b>DAILY</b>	
Tuesday	7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)
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APRIL 12, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**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 and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupe. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

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Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

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## Ministry of the Week

### Perpetual Adoration

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# STEWARDSHIP

POSTSCRIPT

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources—giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

## STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

### Choirs

The music ministry would like to thank the Traditional Choir, Psalt Choir and Handbell Ringers for a big job done well during Holy Week and Easter! You are appreciated!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

### New Parishioners:

Efrain, Ivonne, Jaylanis, Jayven & Jaydee Rodriguez  
Cale Russell  
Joseph & Kimberly Colombo  
Helen Mary Hannigan  
Janine Johnson, Mari & Loren Costa

### Baptisms:

Nicolas Alexander Cortez

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision," rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today's Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had "seen the Lord."

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ's side. Yet Thomas' doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.



## Our Catholic Appeal

We continue to get pledges each week. Close to 600 families have responded. Thanks.

As mentioned already, we are getting ready to mail a letter to all our families who have not yet responded. We will wait one more week. Help us save the cost of a stamp!

Our assessment (fare share) is \$331,773! If we exceed that number we get to keep two thirds of the excess and the other third goes to the care of sick and retired priests. It is all about making the fullness of the Gospel available here locally, in our diocese and worldwide.

God appreciates your active participation.

## Hello!

Our names are Mya and Sophia, and we are students from Trinity Catholic High School. We are very excited to share that we have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Uganda this year! This will be our first time traveling to Uganda, and we feel very grateful and called to serve in this way.

During this trip, we will be helping support local communities, serving alongside the church, and growing in our faith. As we prepare for this journey, we are working to raise the funds needed to make the trip possible.

If you feel led to support us through prayer or a financial donation, we would be truly thankful. Your generosity will help us be able to go, serve, and make a meaningful impact. We will be at all the Masses this weekend April 11/12.

WORSHIP

APRIL 12, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Divine Mercy Sunday celebration

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th celebration: The Holy Hour of Mercy will be after the Spanish Mass from 2:30-3:30pm in the church.



## Life Teen & The Living Stations

Our parish wants to recognize and thank the 20+ teenagers and their leaders for the very moving and very spiritually uplifting Living Stations of the Cross. It was very prayerful. The message of each station was dramatized effectively and easily moved and had the full attention of all present. It was obvious that everyone present got a much deeper appreciation for the love of Jesus on His journey to His death on Calvary. The role of Mary, His mother, easily gave us a deep appreciation of her love for her son and her desire to move all of us to keep on moving closer to her son.

The Living Stations are prayerfully acted out twice each year on Wednesday of Holy Week—once with the students at Blessed Trinity Grade School and once for the community at 6:30pm. I know it would be great if the Living Stations could take place on Good Friday but schools are all closed by then and the teens need to be with their families.

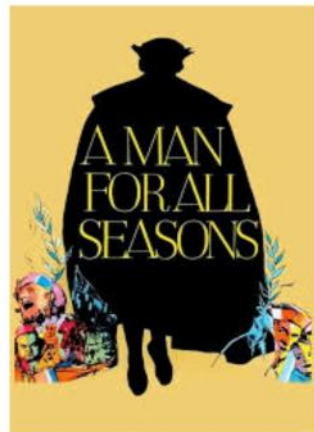
Could I respectfully suggest, plan ahead. Put the Living Stations on your calendar for Wednesday of Holy Week next year. All ages, youngest to oldest will be uplifted.

# LIFE TEEN

**Sunday, April 12th**— We know what the eucharist *is*, but why did God *make* the eucharist? This is the question we will explore during this Life Night as we learn more about the ways Christ meets us on earth in the sacraments, and why specifically he comes in the form of what appears to be bread and wine. We'll have dinner, games, a special talk, and small groups in the King of Kings building from 6-8pm.

**Sunday, April 19th**— Bowling Night at Bowlero West Meet us at Bowlero West after Life Teen Mass for pizza, games, and bowling. \$15 must be paid by 4/15 to secure your spot; includes 1.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza, drinks and 20 arcade credits (\$10 value). Payments can be brought to the church office or dropped in the church office mail slot.

## A Screening Of



Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

The St. John Paul II room in Blessed Trinity's King of Kings Building

The Ocala Young Adult Catholics invite you to watch *A Man for All Seasons*, a film that dramatizes the martyrdom of St. Thomas More, who refused to legitimize the English Reformation in the 16th century.



Because a catered gluten-free meal is provided, please scan the QR code to learn more and RSVP.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35



### Perpetual Adoration

The following hours need to be filled:

**Tuesdays: 1:00am—2:00am**

**Fridays: 1:00am—2:00am**

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Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel.

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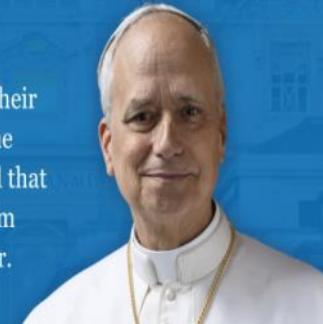
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## Pope Leo XIV's Intention April

### For priests in crisis

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### BIBLE STUDY

Happy Easter Bible scholars. Here's the latest schedule for our final sessions of study before our summer recess on May 25. All DVD sessions are presented by Dr Brant Pitre and are about an hour in length. A free outline can be downloaded from (brantpitre.com/excerpts) Look for the subject material. We start this study period with some Passion and Easter themes and finish our studies with "Why We Worship". Many Catholics know what to do at Mass but don't know why. There are Biblical roots and traditions that define our worship today. Dr Pitre does a masterful job of explaining the "why's" of worship. Please come and join us and be completely amazed at the information that Dr Pitre shares. We meet every Monday at 6:30 in the K of C hall and there's no fees required. Join us whenever you can.

April 13 - Jewish Roots of Jesus Death and Resurrection

April 20 - May 18 Why We Worship

April 11 / 12:

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Tuesday, April 14	7:10am 5:30pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Mark Immel †
Wed, April 15	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Scott, Brian, Gary & Craig Wicks † Dominador Ellacer † Alan Fuller †
Thursday, April 16	7:10am 5:30pm	O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D Fr. Michael O'Keeffe †
Friday, April 17	7:10am 5:30pm	Helen & Fred Wisneski † Steve & Christopher Browne †
Saturday, April 18	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Edgar & Dora Thompson † James R. Smith † Jim & Brenda Flotkoetter (L)
Sunday, April 19	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Noe Reyes † Steve Reynolds † Tom Hinds † Spanish Community Jolene Gonzalez †

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Our Catholic Appeal



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Electronic Offering Total:	464	\$ 46,782.73	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 7,044.00	Year to date budget: \$ 3,431,640.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 0.00	Year to date deficit: <b>(\$346,285.60)</b>
Non Sunday:	35	\$ 2,122.00	
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 95,874.15</b>	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00	
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$10,083.15</b>	

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### Ordering Scrip

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You can email orders to us at [btscrip@btschool.org](mailto:btscrip@btschool.org) or order online through Raise Right Scrip. (See link below)

2. Filled orders can be picked up anytime **Monday through Friday** from 8am to 5pm in the church office.

The scrip office does not have to be open for you to pick up or drop off orders.

Scrip Office Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 – 11:00

We rely on volunteers so days and times may vary.

Create an online account to order directly through Raise Right Scrip.

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Scan link to sign up. Enrollment code is listed to join our program so funds will be credited to Blessed Trinity. Include name of BTS student if you would like family registration credit.



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10 and 8:45 Masses on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, April 12.

The meal consists of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, three different juices and coffee.

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### 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.



### 19 Random Stewardship Ideas for the Month of April

- 1) Write a note of encouragement and prayer to someone entering the church
- 2) Make a blood donation
- 3) Join or start a bible study group
- 4) Keep the Sabbath holy. Make a pledge not to work on Sunday
- 5) Plan an outing with your family
- 6) Re-examine your commitment to the parish's offertory collection
- 7) Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar
- 8) Celebrate Earth Day 2026 by prayer and commitment to curb pollution
- 9) Help a neighbor who is physically unable to clean their yard
- 10) Invite someone to attend a weekend liturgy with you
- 11) Don't text when you drive
- 12) Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise
- 13) Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time
- 14) Take time to pray each day
- 15) Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum
- 16) Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort
- 17) Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal
- 18) Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a part or other location
- 19) Donate gently used clothing





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