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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
DAILY	
Mon-Fri	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday	8:00am
Reconciliation	Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm 5:00-5:30pm

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WEEKEND	
Saturday	7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am at Christ the King 7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
DAILY	
Tuesday	7:00pm at La Guadalupe (Spanish)
Wednesday	4:00 pm at Christ the King 4:00 pm at Holy Days of Obligation

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PARISH LIFE

APRIL 19, 2026 ~ THIRD 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 Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, 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 Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

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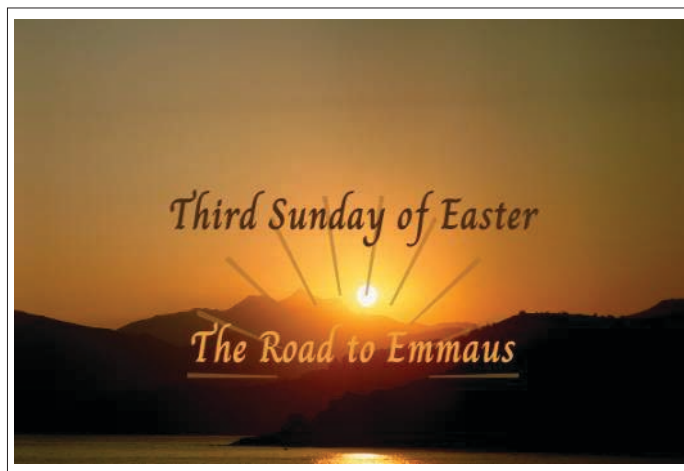
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STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in our midst.

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STEWARDSHIP

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Kerry Ann Bradford

The prison ministry would like to thank Kerry Ann for her generous donations to the women's prison. They are so grateful!

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

Jaime, Ana & Ana Abesada

Scott, Holly, Mason, Lily & Ryley Trombley-Fitzgerald

Michael, Milena & Mika Rodemsky

Baptisms:

Maverick Cade Moore

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Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

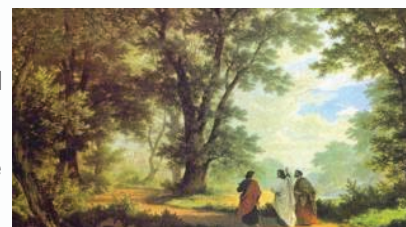
Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered our Lord's empty tomb and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and for their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey toward heaven.



Our Catholic Appeal

We now have received responses from 588 families. We have mailed out letters to all registered families that we have not heard from. If you received this letter by mistake because you already made a response, please let the office know. We need to keep our records current.

Any offering you make to OCA or the church is tax-deductible. The guide line we give (and it is just that—a guide line) is 1% of your gross. As long as you are putting God first, He is fully pleased with our response.

Our assessment is \$331,773.00. If we exceed that, and we hope we will, our parish gets to keep one third for our long range needs and one third for our ongoing present needs.

We are doing well. Thanks for your help.

Life Teen Car Wash

Bring cash or check and help support our youth group students as they fundraise to attend Camp Hidden Lake this July!

You can find us after Mass outside of the King of Kings building portico, and you are welcome to drop your car off in advance, go to Mass and come out to a clean car!



WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

BAKE SALE

FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO BENEFIT UGANDA MISSION SCHOOLS

This Weekend April 18th (Saturday) and April 19th (Sunday) After all weekend masses

PLEASE JOIN US TO PROVIDE MORE TEXTBOOKS TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF OUR MISSION SCHOOLS IN NALWEYO, UGANDA. THE GOAL IS GETTING DOWN TO THREE STUDENTS PER BOOK.

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Dear Blessed Trinity parish,

This is a message from Tara Thompson and Sophia Schlutermann. We wanted to share a special opportunity we have received that means a lot to us. We are hoping to go with Fr. Pat and many other teens on a mission trip to Uganda this summer. We are excited for the opportunity to serve, build relationships, and share the love of Christ with the people there.

As we get ready for this trip, we would truly appreciate your prayers. Alongside this, it is necessary as teenagers to raise money to pay for the flights to Uganda. If you feel called to support us in any way, we are also raising funds to help cover the significant expenses. Any amount, big or small, would mean so much to us.

We will be speaking at all the Masses on the weekend of April 25/26.

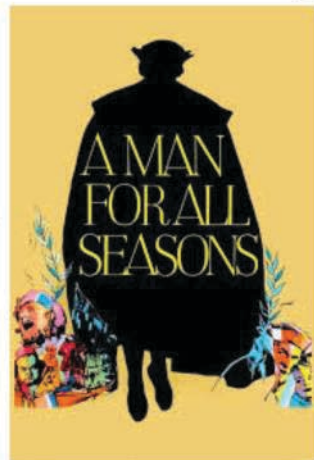
Thank you for being part of this journey with us and helping us get closer to serving God's people! It really means more than we can express! God bless you!

LIFE TEEN

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.

Sunday, April 26th— Edge and Life Teen students, friends, and family, you are invited to our next XLT adoration night. Come experience the true presence of Christ in the eucharist as we adore him in worship and praise. Dinner for students will be on the lawn outside church beforehand (weather permitting), and adoration will begin promptly at 6:45pm.

A Screening Of



Thursday,
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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10



Perpetual Adoration

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Mondays: 3:00pm—4:00pm

Tuesdays: 8:00pm—9:00pm

Wednesdays: 1:00am—2:00am

Fridays: 5:00pm—6:00pm

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Midnight and 5:00am**

Lord Jesus, You invite me to be near You. In the stillness of Adoration, You want to speak to my heart. Help me to respond with love and trust.

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First Night – Monday, April 27

We'll begin with a short **Parent & Student Meeting** in the church at **5:30 PM**, followed immediately by the first training session. We'd love to have **one or two parents** present during each session (fingerprinting required). Even if you can only help one night, please let us know!

Important:

- Space is **limited to 12 students**.
- Attendance is **required for all four training sessions**.
- Next training series may be offered in **October**.

If you want to serve but can't attend these dates, email us—we'll do our best to work something out.

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April 18 / 19: In memory of Tom Fuller & the De La Cuesta Family
From Sandy Fuller

April 25 / 26:

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All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us for our General Meeting and Trivia

Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 PM

Community Center

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Monday, April 20	7:10am 5:30pm	Steve Reynolds † Shirley Greenwood & Grace Gil †
Tuesday, April 21	7:10am 5:30pm	Ssemudo Family L/D O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D
Wed, April 22	7:10am 8:15am 5:30pm	Goodwin / Blake Family † Oscar Munevar (L) Michelle Ivers †
Thursday, April 23	7:10am 5:30pm	Steve Reynolds † Jeanne Pinizzotto †
Friday, April 24	7:10am 5:30pm	RJ Sumner † Owen Henderson †
Saturday, April 25	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Janette Simpson † Luke & Julie Rackamp † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, April 26	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Pablo Munevar (L) Alfonso Urbina † Alice Swiderski † Spanish Community Sr. Mary Pauline Bilbrough, RGS †

Please pray for Luigi Mastroserio who has recently passed away.

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Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions



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 20 - May 18 Why We Worship

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Weekly Offering	April 12, 2026		
Weekend Total:	500	\$ 27,468.01	Year to date collection: \$ 3,162,863.38
Electronic Offering Total:	402	\$ 35,271.97	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,845.00	Year to date budget: \$ 3,517,431.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 219.00	Year to date deficit: (\$354,567.62)
Non Sunday:	61	\$ 11,705.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 77,508.98	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00	
Difference		(\$8,282.02)	

"Thank you for your donations."

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



BLESSED TRINITY PARISH NALWEYO

April 7, 2026

Dear Fr. Pat, the Christian Community of BT- Ocala
And all our esteemed sponsors.

RE: EASTER MESSAGE

We realize Easter season has a way of feeling especially **joyful**, and Easter day carries that unmistakable sense of **hope** (1Corinthians 15: 14-19). Indeed Easter is a sacred celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the true reason the day is filled with such meaning.

For this Easter season we are with you in Prayer. We prayed that the Risen Lord be in control of all the programs. In our Easter Triduum, we made sure we had Mass for Christians to experience the Paschal mysteries. On Holy Thursday, we conducted Mass at zone level including Nalweyo, Our Lady of Fatima - Kabaale, St. JohnBaptised – Kisenyi, and St. Joseph Kinunda. On Good Friday for the way of the cross, Christians walked from their various subparishes and all converged at Blessed Trinity Parish where we learnt about St. Faustina and Divine Mercy Devotion.

For Holy Saturday, Vigil Masses were held at Blessed Trinity Nalweyo, St. Peters Katikara, Sts. Peter and Paul Buruko, St. Luke Buhungiro, St. Joseph Kinunda, St. Francis Xavier Bukiriro, and St. Alice & Stanslaus Buturwanyange and on that night we had a heavy down pour. On Easter Sunday all the Sub-Parishes were covered by the resident priests and also we sought for External Priests.

Allow me also say Thank you for all the support, May the Good Lord be the very answer to you.

As Blessed Trinity Parish – Nalweyo, we wish you Fr. Pat together with the entire community of Blessed Trinity Parish – Ocala, our esteemed Sponsors a healthy and fruitful Easter Season filled with peace, joy, and fresh inspiration

Yours in Christ,

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Let's Teach Our Children to Be Good Stewards of the Earth!

April 22 marks the celebration of Earth Day 2026. This annual event, which began in 1970 and launched the modern environmental movement, reminds us all that the care and protection of our earth and natural environment is of urgent concern. Let us celebrate Earth Day by cultivating a deep sense of environmental stewardship in our children.

Like many aspects of parenting, creating healthy habits involves repetition and teaching our children the values and reasons behind why we do things. We can explain the importance of recycling or why composting keeps material out of landfills. We can also teach our children about the importance of keeping our parks and beaches clean to protect the ecosystem. Here are a few tips to help raise your children's consciousness of being good stewards of the earth.

- Create your own family recycling center: Teach children to always pick up after themselves and to dispose of trash in the proper containers. This can easily be done by having separate storage bins for trash, recycling and compost that are labeled accordingly. Children love placing things in containers, and they will figure out the system pretty quickly.
- Get children into the outdoors: The best way to get children connected to the planet is to take them outdoors and let them experience nature first-hand. This can be done by taking hikes or visiting a lake or river. Having a picnic in the park is also a great way to experience nature.
- Teach children how to care for plants and animals. Taking care of plants and pets is an easy way for your children to learn how to care for living things. This will also teach them responsibility.
- Teach children to respect nature. When we spend time in nature, our presence often impacts the health of the plants and animals we come into contact with. While spending time outdoors, take the time to teach your children why staying on the trails is important in order to protect sensitive ecosystems, or while at the beach or in a park, teach them to clean up any trash before leaving, or not to disturb the wildlife.
- Set a good example for kids: This is the best way to each children to be eco-friendly as children look up to their parents and mimic their behavior. The key is to not just talk about being good stewards of the earth, but to actually practice it.

The earth and all its resources are a precious gift from God. Let's teach our children to show their respect and appreciation for this wondrous gift by diligently caring for it. Let's make it a priority to teach our children the importance of showing gratitude to God by being good stewards of His creation.





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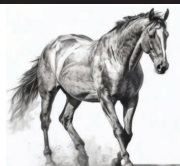
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