



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 24, 2026



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US ON

Pastor	Father Patrick J. Sheedy	x 3209
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MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm 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 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)
5:00—5:30pm (English)
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm (Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

MAY 24, 2026 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY

MISSION STATEMENT: *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.*

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Tammie Vassou	Principal	

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or online at www.blessedtrinity.org, click on join us.

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.

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 the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts for the common good?

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Miguel & Rosa Berdecia

Brother's Keeper would like to sincerely thank Miguel & Rosa for sharing their time and talents with our ministry. God bless you!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Maureen Ward
 Harry & Janet Fritz
 Angel & Cindy Rodriguez
 Joe Gomez, Pamela Hormazabal & Meghan Gomez

Baptisms:

Beckham Reece Phillips

Throughout our readings today for Pentecost Sunday, we see the powerful truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a deeply personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ — each in our own unique way.

In our first reading from Acts, we hear of the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A strong driving wind filled the house, and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.

Notice how personal this moment is. The Spirit came upon each individual, equipping them in a unique way to share the Gospel. The same is true for us today. Embracing the stewardship way of life means allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in using the unique gifts He has given to each of us for the mission entrusted to us.

In our Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples forth: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." This is our mission as well. But we are not sent alone. Jesus gives us His peace — "Peace be with you."

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace and resolve to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit as our guide through the stewardship way of life.



Our Catholic Appeal

The number of replies coming in have slowed down. We have done well with the 659 families who have responded. That is still only a small percentage of the registered families. Because you are a baptized member of God's family, you owe Him a response.

There are only six precepts (laws) in the Catholic faith. One of the six is you are morally bound to financially support the spread of the gospel world wide. The world is divided into dioceses with the pope as the chief shepherd. Many people (Catholics) do not support the diocese. Don't be fooled by them. Make up our own mind. It is all God's plan. Feel good to be part of His plan.

Help Our Teens Serve in Uganda—Your Gift Will Be Doubled!

Our parish teens have been given a beautiful opportunity to serve in Uganda, sharing their faith and supporting communities in need. However, there is currently a financial shortfall that is preventing some of them from covering the cost.

The good news: a generous donor has offered to match every dollar donated—doubling the impact of your gift!

Please consider making a donation to help send our teens on this mission. No amount is too small, especially with the matching gift.

Donations can be made to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church with "Uganda match" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

Eucharistic Minister Training

We have scheduled a training for new eucharistic ministers on Saturday, June 27 from 9am-1pm in the King of Kings building.

If you are interested in becoming a eucharistic minister, please contact Dee McNeal at 352.390.0091 to register.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

May 2026

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Help Wanted!

Elder Care is looking for a full-time LPN.

Hours would be 8:30am—5:00pm M-F.

Please contact Lori Berndt at 352.671.2823 or lberndt@blessedtrinity.org for more information or with any questions.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18



Maintenance Truck Needed!

We are still looking for someone to donate a pickup truck for our maintenance department. If you are able to help please contact Katherine Baker at 352.629.8092.

****Also always looking for donated cars****



Join Us for VBS: Adventures with Saints!

Calling all children in kindergarten through 3rd Grade!

Dates: Monday, June 8th through Friday, June 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Get ready for a fun-filled week of faith and adventure! At *Adventures with Saints*, kids will discover what a saint is and dive into inspiring stories of brave and holy men and women who loved God with all their hearts.

Through engaging activities, games, crafts, and storytelling, children will learn how they, too, are called to be saints in their everyday lives!

Space is limited - come be part of the adventure

Registration is OPEN and can be done in the parish office, by filling out the registration forms.

Can't wait to see your children there!

Questions? Email avanegas@blessedtrinity.org, or call Ana Vanegas at 352-629-8092 Ext. 3221

May 23 / 24: In memory of Marc Mercer
From Ann Mercer

May 30 / 31: In memory of Tom Hinds
From Joe & Jan Sowa

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



Perpetual Adoration

Be a "Buddy Adorer" for:

Sundays: Midnight—Monday 1:00am

Tuesdays: 4:00am—5:00am

Thursdays: 11:00am—Noon

Fridays: 5:00am—6:00am

Saturdays: 10:00pm—11:00pm

Also in need of substitutes, especially between 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.

Show me the hour you are asking of me and give me the grace to offer it freely and faithfully. May this small gift of time draw me closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen

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.



 LIFE TEEN

WATER WARS

BRING YOUR OWN WATER GUN!



FREE DINNER & LOTS OF FUN!

**MAY 31 6-8PM
KING OF KINGS**

RSVP





Monday, May 25	7:10am 5:30pm	Ssemudo Family L/D Librada Porciuncula †
Tuesday, May 26	7:10am 5:30pm	Helen & Fred Wisneski † Bridget Marsh †
Wed, May 27	7:10am 5:30pm	O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D Corazon Sarinas †
Thursday, May 28	7:10am 9:15am 5:30pm	Ssemudo Family L/D Peter Grabowski † Julia Maria & Ramon Henriquez †
Friday, May 29	7:10am 5:30pm	Steve Reynolds † Bishop Howard Hubbard †
Saturday, May 30	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Allan B. Goodwin † Albert Barnett † Don Dumke †
Sunday, May 31	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Sisters of IHMR L/D Carmen Tovar Diaz † Teresa McGreevy † Spanish Community Andrea Montelvo (L)

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

Mobile Device Giving

Scan the QR code to donate online.

Thank you for your donation!



Save The Date May 30th (Saturday) and May 31st (Sunday)

SIDEWALK SALE 2026

Uganda Mission

Donations Needed - Household items, religious articles, jewelry, clothes, games, books, toys. We cannot accept major appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, air conditioners etc.), construction materials or upholstered furniture.

Items may be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Saturday May 30th between 10am and 2pm - Volunteers are welcome to help set up for the sale.

Sale Days - May 30th after the 4pm Vigil Mass and after all Masses on Sunday May 31st - Items may be purchased in the Parish Hall and on the sidewalk between the church and the hall.

100% of the proceeds will be used to purchase textbooks and school supplies for the Uganda students in the 33 Mission Schools.



ADS OF THE WEEK

Perspective 3000 Inc.
perspective3k@gmail.com
352.307.4250

Phoenix Veterinary Services
Dr. Sara Jo Charles, DVM
352.816.3020

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

Stewardship Saint for May

Saint Bede the Venerable

Saint Bede the Venerable, an English saint more popularly known as the "Venerable Bede," was born in Sunderland, England in the year 673. Educated from the age of seven, he entered the monastery of Saint Peter in Jarrow, Northumberland, England, was ordained a deacon at age 19 and ordained a priest at age 30. The monastery at Jarrow would become the center of Anglo-Saxon learning in England, and from that monastery Saint Bede, who would remain there his entire life, became the greatest of the Anglo-Saxon scholars.

Saint Bede sought to exercise good stewardship by a balanced life of prayer, scholarship and manual labor. He rarely traveled, but attended faithfully to his monastic duties, working in the fields surrounding the monastery and being partly responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the large abbey church.

His communal prayer life was complemented by meditation, chanting of psalms and writing prayers, prose and poems that reflected his deep faith.

Saint Bede devoted himself to the study and teaching of Sacred Scripture, and to writing Biblical commentaries based on the Biblical commentaries of the Fathers of the Church and to the lives of the saints. He also taught Latin to those who entered the monastery or came for an education.

The term "A.D." (Anno Domini, Latin for "year of the Lord") for the years of the Christian era was popularized by Saint Bede. His Ecclesiastical History of the English People, completed in 731, was widely read throughout England and Europe and became a classic. His book is still reprinted and studied.

The Venerable Bede passed away on May 26, 735. In the final weeks of his life, he completed the translation of the Gospel of John into Old English (his native tongue) by dictating to the young monk who served as his scribe. It is said that he passed away chanting the doxology "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit."

Pope Leo XIII named Saint Bede a Doctor of the Church. He is renowned as the most important historian of the church in England and is the patron saint of scholars. His feast day is May 25.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	May 17, 2026		
Weekend Total:	447	\$ 26,110.49	Year to date collection: \$ 3,540,073.59
Electronic Offering Total:	397	\$ 34,236.89	
Loose Cash / Votives Total:		\$ 2,734.00	Year to date budget: \$ 3,946,386.00
School Mass Offering:		\$ 178.00	Year to date deficit: (\$406,312.41)
Non Sunday:	81	\$ 9,189.00	
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 72,448.38	Catholic Communication
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00	Campaign: \$1,400
Difference		(\$13,342.62)	

"Thank you for your donations."

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

Catholic Communication Campaign

Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit
www.usccb.org/cc.



Gift Shop News

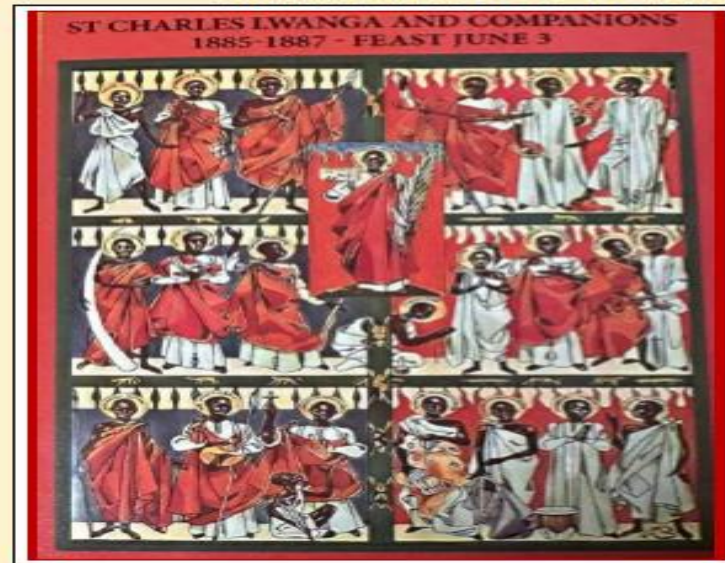
Congratulations to all the graduates from Pre-K through College!

Check out the various gift ideas for all levels of grads as well as for weddings and anniversaries

We have bibles for all ages in both English and Spanish! With new items arriving weekly!

Stop by the gift shop before or after weekend Masses or on select Wednesdays 3:30-5:30pm or Thursdays 5:30-6:15pm—all times subject to availability of volunteers

CELEBRATING THE AFRICAN SAINTS MARTYRS OF UGANDA



St Charles Lwanga
St. Mulumba
St Joseph Mukasa
Balikuddembe
St Denis Ssebuggwawo
St Andrea Kaggwa
St Ponsiano Ngondwe
St Kizito
St Gyavira Musoke
St Anatoli Kiriggwajjo
St Archileo Kiwanuka
St Adolph Ludigo-Mukasa
St Ambrose Kibuuka
St Atanasius Bazzekuketta
St Gonzaga Gonza
St James Buuzaabalyaawo
St Luke Baanabakintu
St Mbagwa Tuzinde
St Mugagga Lubowa
St Mukasa Kiriwawanvu
St Noah Mawaggali
St Bruno Sserunkuuma
St John Maria Muzeeyi
Blessed Daudi Okello
Blessed Gildo Irwa

Please join us for the annual celebration of the African Saints
"The Martyrs of Uganda."

Friday May 29th, 2026,
at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church,
5. SE 17th Street, Ocala FL 34471

The Celebrant will be Rev. Fr. Peter Okojie Chaplain for African and Black Catholic
Community, Diocese of St. Petersburg FL.

The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at 6.00pm in the church.

Dinner will follow in the King of Kings building. Come and pray with us, enjoy our African food and more...

Hosted by Uganda - IHMR Sisters of Blessed Trinity- 352-867-9860.

Pentecost: A Stewardship Feast to Celebrate

A challenge for the Christian steward is accepting, and even rejoicing in, the fact that our commitment to faith is often a counter-cultural one. Perhaps this is nowhere more striking than in the quick cultural "end" of the Easter season, and our own belief that Easter is leading us through May to the great feast of Pentecost on May 24.

We see this discordance in many Christian celebrations adapted by the popular, commercial culture. While we are still enjoying the season of Christmas and looking forward to Epiphany, most American homes have taken the Christmas tree to the recycling center and moved on to thoughts of Valentine's Day. During the sacrificial early days of Lent, there's something jarring—yes, just wrong—about all those pastel Easter eggs and bunnies appearing in stores. And all that chocolate!

So, as Christian stewards, we feel no surprise that as we break our Easter fast and begin our meditation on the Resurrection, we find that the stores have tucked those chocolate bunnies away on discount shelves, and we're off to the next commercially competitive venture. And as the great feast of Pentecost beckons us, we realize that the society around us gives this occasion hardly a passing nod. Apparently, there's no money to be made from Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came among the apostles and imbued in them the courage to be true followers of Christ. Courage, strength, faith, the Spirit—these are hard to market in the public square, aren't they? The willingness to live and ultimately to die as martyrs for Christ, as the apostles did, these are things that are hard to package in bright paper. They don't fit well in the greeting card aisle.

Perhaps during these days of May when we as Catholic stewards continue to celebrate the season of Easter and look forward to Pentecost, we might examine our own willingness to step outside the culture in our celebration of great Christian feast days. Keep the reminders of the Resurrection around you. Let your family prayer reflect the marvels of the season. Help your children to be aware of the liturgical calendar. Explain to them the meaning of the changing colors of the priests' vestments. Dress up in red for Pentecost Sunday. But most importantly, educate yourself and your family on how powerful it is to understand and celebrate the great markers and mysteries of our shared faith experience.

