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Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
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<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>DAILY</b>	
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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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## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

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## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's gospel reading the twelve hear Jesus speak these words: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is the first time Matthew mentions the word "cross" in his Gospel, and it is not in direct reference to Jesus' crucifixion but as a prerequisite to following him. Good stewards recognize that the call to discipleship requires them to "take up the cross" and align their goals in life and their fate with that of Jesus, that is, with suffering, opposition, resistance and even death. Reflect this week on the crosses you need to take up daily in order to comprehend the way of Jesus Christ.

## STEWARD OF THE WEEK

**Jen Zylis**

The parish music ministry would like to thank Jen for spending so much of her time and talent helping with our Novena and Mass for the consecration of the Diocese of Orlando to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

**Thank you for being a faithful steward!**

## New Parishioners:

Rachel Farmer  
Rosa Morales

## Baptisms:

Micah Joel Rivera Villegas  
Amara Claire McDaniel  
Bradford Russell Pierce  
Theo Victoria Palacios  
Penelope Jae Palacios  
Phoenix Isabella Palacios

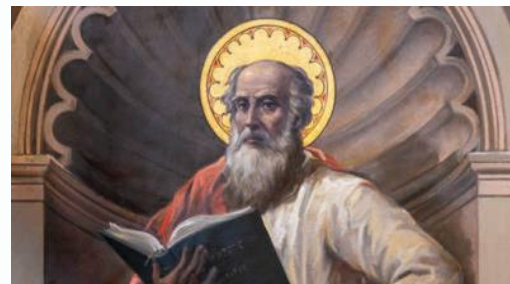
Today's readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living and demonstrate the genius of this way of life.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. It recounts the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome and was rewarded in an extraordinary way.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how this sacrament makes us disciples. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: "You must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: "Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." But how do we lose our life? Precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward."

The simple brilliance of stewardship living — only our infinitely creative and compassionate God could conceive it!



## Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

## Rosary Rally For America

Please join Knights of Columbus at a public rosary rally taking place at 12 noon, Saturday July 11 at the Ocala Police Department on Pine Ave.

On this country's 250th birthday, we will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother.



For God and country, come and pray with us.

## Funeral Announcements

It is not possible to list upcoming funerals in the bulletin due to timing issues etc., so we have added a box on the front page of our website that is titled "Upcoming Funeral Masses".

You can click on the "read more" button and that will list any funerals that we have scheduled. Nothing listed? That means nothing is scheduled at the time.

Our website is [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org)

## We Need Slide Operators!

We need some new slide operators for the weekend Masses. Please see Colleen Rabe at the end of any Mass to sign-up! Or call me in the church office at 352.629.8092 or email [crabe@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:crabe@blessedtrinity.org)

It's easy to learn and a great stewardship opportunity!

Mass times:

Saturday 4pm (critical need for slide operators)  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 7:10am  
Sunday 8:45am  
Sunday 11am (critical need for slide operators)

## New Youth Director Needed!

Our very own youth director, Lydia Ross, has to move in mid-July to Colorado.

Her husband got a decent job there. She also got a job in the new parish the family will be attending.

Lydia has done an excellent job as parish youth director. She has been very open and helpful on all aspects of our Catholic teens lives. Under her leadership the parish teen activities have grown. Not only with teens, she also worked well with the parents, the parish staff, the schools and the diocese. She also was a positive part of Edge. She taught two teen confirmation classes and one adult OCIA class. Our parish will truly miss her.

The Youth Ministry Director is responsible for fostering the spiritual growth of our parish youth by developing, organizing, and leading programs, events, and activities that encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Christ and actively participate in the life of the Church.

Now we are open to accepting applications for parish youth director. If anyone needs a job description, please call Kathryn or Melinda at the church office.

**Fr. Emmanuel Akalue will be our visiting missionary priest next weekend, speaking at all the Masses.**

**Missionary Cooperation Case for the Diocese of Issele-Uku, Nigeria.**

**2026 UPDATED DIRECTORY INFO:**

The Diocese of Issele-Uku was created on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 1973. Located in Delta State, Nigeria, it covers a total area of about 3011 square kilometers (1871 square miles). Currently, the diocese has a total population of 2,805,300 people, of which Catholic population is 950,000. We have 115 parishes, 251 diocesan priests, 127 women religious from different congregations and 103 Major Seminarians. Our present Bishop is Most Reverend Dr. Michael Odogwu Elue.

**MEETING THE CHALLENGE**

The situation of widespread poverty, hunger, and desolation in Nigeria and Africa is an open secret. Unemployment rate for youths alone is over 38 percent, but general unemployment is about 50 percent. If you advertise for one job position, you'll have thousands of people outside vying for the job. The present inflationary trends only made matters worse. Most of our people survive on petty trading and subsistence farming. Nevertheless, because of the current challenges of insecurity: kidnapping for ransom, Islamic terrorism and reckless ravaging of farms with their cattle by armed Fulani herders, people's lives have been adversely impacted. Yet our people remain very resilient in their faith and support to the church, especially in time and talent. Most of our churches are built through direct labor – no construction zones. Parishioners carry pans and buckets supplying water, gravel and sand to help reduce the cost of construction.

**2026 MISSIONARY CO-OP PRIORITY: Training of Major Seminarians**

Our needs are enormous: ongoing rehabilitation of the Catholic Schools returned to the Diocese by the State Government, after thirty years of structural neglects and moral decadence in schools. We need improvements in our non-profit Mission hospitals and mini-Health Facilities, Caring for the Orphanages and Homes of the aged. However, our priority for this year's Mission Appeal is the Training of Seminarians (future priests). We have 103 Major Seminarians, and the cost of training continues to rise. Presently, it costs about \$800/Year to train one seminarian, and they undergo studies in Philosophy and Theology for 8 years. Besides, the seminarians themselves engage in manual work such as farming, using cutlasses, shovels and hoes to subsidize their entire cost of training. Our priests are not just for local use but for wherever there is need in the Church; right now, some are on missions within and outside Nigeria: 22 in other dioceses of Nigeria, 20 priests in the USA, 2 in Germany, 4 in the Uk, 2 in Burkina Faso, and 1 in Canada.

St. Paul encouraged support for mission churches, telling the Church in Corinth to emulate the churches of Macedonia, testifying: *"They gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints"* (2Cor 8:3-4). Kindly support the Missions of Issele-Uku Diocese generously in the **Second Collection**. Anything helps! Please, if you are writing a check, make it payable to your parish and on the memo, indicate: **"For Nigerian Mission"** On behalf of my home diocese, thank you in advance for your generosity and May God bless and replenish you. Amen.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Zec 9:9-10**

**Rom 8:9, 11-13**

**Mt 11:25-30**



**Facilities Calendars**

It's that time of year again to submit your calendar request for meeting locations.

ALL ministries and organizations need to submit a calendar for July-December 2026 indicating the name of the organization/ministry, the facility requested, starting and ending times and name and phone number of the contact person making the request.

Calendars will be available in the church office. Please return these completed calendars to the church office, attention Melinda Gunn.



**Prayer and Action**

Prayer and Action is coming! During the week-long retreat, high school teens experience God's love and serve our community. During the week, we pray, worship, work and have a lot of fun!

Our service projects include the soup kitchen, thrift store, church grounds and service parishioners. If you're elderly or low income and have a project like yard work or painting, please call. We work in teams of 10, and we expect about 60 campers.

Our dates are July 27-30, 9am to 3pm. Also, we need chaperones and drivers. If you're available and over 25, please consider giving a rewarding day or two to help us.

Call Marianne at 352.875.7456 for more information.

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**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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Friday, July 3	7:10am 5:30pm	O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D JD & Darleth Raftis †
Saturday, July 4	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Al Frederick † Adolph D'Ambrosio † Gordon & Christine Oliveros †
Sunday, July 5	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Angelo Zappulla † Carlos De La Ossa † William & Helen Nagy † Spanish Community Jaime Martinez †

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

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Weekend Total:	427	\$ 23,333.26	Year to date collection: \$ 3,882,348.77
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Non Sunday:	38	\$ 4,936.00	
<b>Grand Total for Week:</b>		<b>\$ 62,787.30</b>	Father's Day: \$3,324.00
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 85,791.00	
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$23,003.70)</b>	

"Thank you for your donations."

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

### Bereavement

A huge "thank you" to all who cooked and baked to help refill bereavement freezers once again....your continued generosity is amazing!



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**Scrip Gift Cards available Sundays after the 8:45 – 11:00 Masses in the Portico**

**with exception for holiday weekends.**

**No Sunday Scrip June 21 (Father's Day) and July 5 (July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend)**

Ordering Scrip

Orders can be dropped off at the church office anytime during the week

and we will fill them on the next scrip office day that we are open.

(Order forms outside of Scrip Office)

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

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 drop off or pick up orders.

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

You can pay online or pay when you pick up from Church Office.

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.



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### St. Peregrine Mass

Please join us in praying for a cure for cancer. The monthly devotional Mass to St. Peregrine, the patron saint of cancer patients, will be Thursday, July 2, at the 5:30pm Mass. Medals and holy cards are available before or after Mass. Please come and pray with us.

### First Saturday Devotion

All members of the parish are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The next devotion will be on July 4, 2026 following the 8am Mass.



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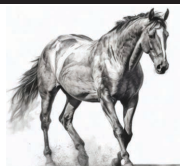
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