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JULY 19, 2026 ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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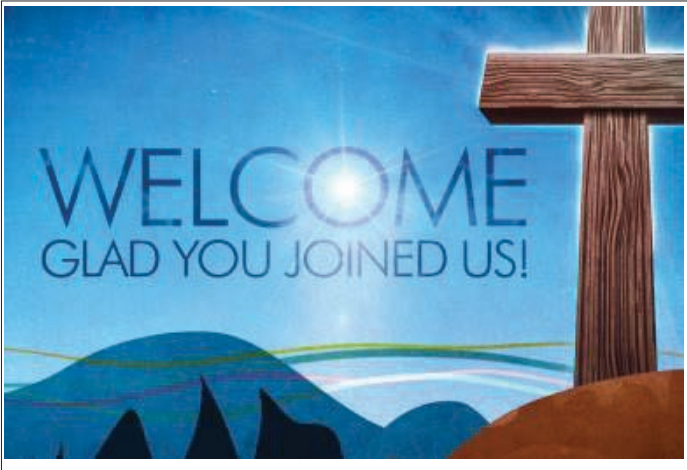
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“Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

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POTENTIAL

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

Ann & Mark Priede

The Adopt A Parking Lot Island Ministry would like to thank Ann & Mark for spending so much of their time and talent helping to keep Blessed Trinity looking so beautiful!

Thank you for being faithful stewards!

New Parishioners:

Joseph & Christina Roberts

Brett & Suzanne Wasilewski

Thomas Senick

Baptisms:

Lydia Joan Vilanova

Bella Rose Montgomery

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew contains several parables that offer both challenge and encouragement to the Christian steward as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven and our role in helping to build it.

First, He compares the Kingdom to a field where both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. Only then are they separated — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds destroyed. It is a sobering reminder that our choices matter and that God, in His justice, will one day call each of us to account for how we have lived and used the gifts He has entrusted to us.

But Jesus also offers great encouragement. He compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into a large plant. He also compares it to a small amount of yeast that quietly transforms an entire batch of dough.

These images are especially consoling for Christian stewards. So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, and the gifts we share can seem small compared to the needs around us. Yet Jesus reminds us that God works powerfully through even the smallest acts of faithfulness.

God sees and treasures our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. When placed in His hands, they can bear far more fruit than we could ever imagine.

In gratitude for all He has given us, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of His Kingdom.



WORSHIP

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New Youth Director Needed!

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.

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

“Let the little children come to me” - Matthew 19:14

Our **Religious Education Program** begins **Sunday, August 16**, and we invite children, youth and adults to grow in their love of Jesus Christ and His church.

We offer classes for **kindergarten through 8th grade**, as well as Sacramental Preparation for children and adults.

Registration may be completed at the parish office, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. The **last day to register is Wednesday, August 12**.

Faith is the greatest gift we can share with our children and one of the greatest treasures we can continue to discover as adults. Come be part of a joyful faith-filled journey where hearts grow closer to Christ as our parish family grows together. We can't wait to welcome you!

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Vanegas at 352.629.8095, ex 3221 or email at avanegas@blessedtrinity.org

Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity with our disaster relief collection for Venezuela.

Envelopes are still available in the vestibule if you did not have a chance to help last week.

A Stewardship Parish Is More Than Stewards In A Parish

If a parish desires to grow into a stewardship parish, the starting point is not a plan, a program, or a pledge card. It is an interior posture. It is peace.

From the beginning, one truth must be firmly held: there is no parish that does not already have stewards. No parish anywhere is without faithful lay men and women who, in communion with their pastor, quietly carry the daily responsibilities of parish family life. In every parish there are those who pray, serve, give, sacrifice, and remain steadfast. No community begins from absence. What already exists is giftedness.

And yet, simply having stewards in a parish does not, by itself, make a stewardship parish. A stewardship parish is more than a gathering of generous individuals. It is more than isolated acts of service or personal devotion. Stewardship concerns not only who is doing the work, but how the parish as a whole recognizes, invites, forms, and coordinates the giftedness God has already entrusted to His people.

So what, then, is a stewardship parish?

A stewardship parish is one with intentional structures, clear leadership, and a coherent articulation of mission that creates genuine pathways of invitation and participation for all its members. These pathways allow parishioners to do what St. Paul describes so beautifully: to “carry one another's burdens” (Gal 6:2).



Stewardship of Leisure Time: Refreshing Our Spirits

In a 2016 newspaper essay titled, In Defense of the Three-Week Vacation, the writer makes the case for longer American respites from work. Jynne Dilling argues for trips that take us away from cell phone coverage and internet, and urges relaxation that includes reflective walks at dawn and time to get lost in a foreign habitat (New York Times, 9 June 2016). Many of us have neither the time nor the resources for long overseas sojourns, but all of us can resonate with the need to really “get away” from work or the daily grind or the constant demands of social media. Good stewardship of our bodies, minds and souls obliges us to get away on a regular basis (see Luke 5:16).



As Christian stewards, we aren’t just encouraged but obligated to consider how we approach our stewardship of leisure time. Stewards are aware of their need to be busy doing God’s work, but often forget that downtime is equally important to spiritual growth. Leisure time, whether it’s our evenings, our weekends, or our vacation, provides spiritual, physical, mental and emotional recharging. Leisure is necessary for human wholeness. Leisure reconnects us to the wider mysteries of our world and our God. It helps us daydream, imagine, pray. It refreshes our spirit.

Today, connectivity has become almost an obsession. People check their emails, their messages and calls with alarming repetitiveness. Accidents, both pedestrian and automobile, happen because people can’t put down their phones. Employers expect their workers to be available for evening emails. The lines between work and free time increasingly blur, as do the lines between solitude and always being present “online.” We can’t imagine putting aside screens for a two-week vacation. But we must give ourselves time to renew and recharge, not just two weeks of the year, but each day and each week.

July offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of God and nature. We need to take time off from screens and phones, and practice giving undivided attention to the things before us. When we pray, we commit time and silence. When we enjoy time with our friends and family, we practice being totally



present. When we sit on the patio or at the beach, we give ourselves wholly to the wind or the waves. Be a good steward of your body, mind and soul. Don’t overschedule your time off. Listen to the quiet whisper of God encouraging you to relax.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44–52



NEED YOUR HELP!

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Friday, July 24	7:10am 5:30pm	David Swiderski † O'Brien & Rothfusz Families L/D
Saturday, July 25	8:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Anne Roberta Decesare † Bertha Weiss † Fran Harwas †
Sunday, July 26	7:10am 8:45am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Norma & Richard Pesola † Fr. Micheal O'Keeffe † Zoraida Reinaldo † Spanish Community John Morrissey †

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JULY
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Loose Cash / Votives Total: \$ 4,010.00

School Mass Offering: \$ 0.00

Non Sunday: 64 \$ 6,613.00

Grand Total for Week: \$ 75,937.34

Amount needed for Operating Expenses: \$ 85,791.00

Difference (\$9,853.66)

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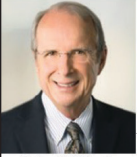
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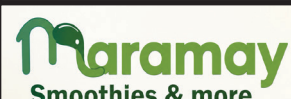
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