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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.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 19, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<u>WEEKLY</u>	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	3:45 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
<u>WEEKEND</u>	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

JULY 19, 2026 — SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ’s teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God’s unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Travelers’ Information		410.676.6000
Immigration Help		800.411.0714

NEW PARISHIONERS and **WINTER VISITORS** are requested to register soon after arrival. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. Completed registration forms should be placed in the collection basket.

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 at Blessed Trinity and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at La Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married 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 Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 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 506.0282 and key in your number or contact Blessed Trinity office at 629.8092. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

HALL RENTALS: Having a Baby Shower, Birthday Party or Anniversary Party? The hall is available for rental. Please call 352.484.5619 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

“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.



LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.



JOIN US FOR...



RSVP FOR JULY 19



MOST SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER
KING OF KINGS / 6-7:30PM

Collection for The Catholic University of America

This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887.

Catholic University is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

The collection will be this weekend, July 18/19.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 22 Garth & Gabby Cabral—
Happy Birthday
Sunday, July 26 Betty Wallace †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email nhajal@aol.com to request a Mass for a loved one.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK
We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member’s family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

Recently deceased—

CTK ONGOING EVENTS
Legion of Mary meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977
Rosary is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am
Online Rosary - Visit www.comepraytherosary.org
Coffee/Donuts served after Sunday Mass in the hall.
Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.
Altar Flowers contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.
Bulletin Advertising contact Melinda Gunn at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.
Parish App: myparishapp.com or the app store
Hall Rental: Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619



**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

July Menu

- 7/7 Minestrone Soup
- 7/14 Roasted Chicken & Mac and Cheese
- 7/21 Pasta with Meat Sauce
- 7/28 Surprise

Assorted desserts, coffee and various soft drinks.

Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

Perpetual Adoration

Be a "Buddy Adorer" for:

Mondays: 1:00am -2:00am

Tuesdays: 4:00am - 5:00am

Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursdays: 11:00am - Noon

Fridays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Also in need of substitutes, especially between
Midnight and 5:00am**

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

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

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.



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

Our Religious Education program begins on August 16 from 9:00am to 10:00am.

We're offering First Communion preparation for students who will be in the 2nd grade. The deadline to register is August 12 to allow time to order class materials. If you have a child entering the 2nd grade this school year, please take a registration form home and return it with your registration fee as soon as possible, but no later than August 12. The registration forms are in the church narthex to pick up.

If there are younger or older students in the family and parents are interested in classes for them, please put their names on the sign up list for future classes. Sign up sheets are also in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Kathie Bellamy at 352.875.6288.

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?

**SUMMER
2026**

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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.