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Today's Gospel from Matthew reminds us to trust the Lord even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God desires to lead us to the joy of heaven and eternal life with Him. To prepare us for that day, He calls us to grow in faith and to live each day as a grateful response to His goodness. In other words, He is forming us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to accomplish. At times that process is difficult. Often, it stretches us beyond our comfort.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. She cried out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was tormented by a demon. How did Jesus respond to this desperate mother's plea? At first, He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, she continued to seek Him, and He continued to test her faith.

She responded with such remarkable trust that Jesus proclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words spoken to us by our Lord. There could be no greater affirmation of a life lived in faithful discipleship.

The stewardship way of life will test our trust in God at times. But those are often the moments when He is doing His greatest work within us. Let us persevere in faith, trusting that His plan is always leading us toward the joy He has prepared for us.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 16, 2026



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

AUGUST 16, 2026 — TWENTIETH 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

In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, “God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Weekly Offering
August 9, 2026
\$1,623.00

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

Adult Catholic Inquiry Class

These classes begin the 1st Wednesday of September.

They are held in the chapel (cry room) in church. Classes start every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

There is no need to pre-register. Classes are free. You will receive two small books on the full teachings of the Catholic church and the prayers that Catholics are normally familiar with.

There is already a long list of people who have expressed interest. Some are already Catholic but feel they really need to renew their Catholic faith. Some have a spouse that is catholic and have a desire to see if they can commit to the Catholic faith. Many have walked in on their own because for various reasons, they believe they belong in the Catholic church.

All are welcome.

Our Catholic Appeal

So far we have heard from 35 families. Our donations or pledges to date amount to \$12,111.00. Our assessment is \$14,734.

If you did not receive a OCA pledge envelope, you can pick up one in the vestibule.

Drop your OCA donation at any weekend Mass in the collection basket or drop in the mail.

We appreciate and thank you for your donations to OCA.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 19 The Holy Souls
Sunday, August 23 Paul Hajal - Happy Birthday

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**

August Menu

8/4- Closed
8/11- Swedish Meat Balls
8/18 Chicken Wraps
8/25- Lunch Meat
Sandwiches with Fries

Assorted desserts, coffee
and various soft drinks.
Meals are free every Tuesday
12pm-2pm

Perpetual Adoration

Sundays: 2:00am - 3:00am

Mondays: 1:00am - 2:00am

Perpetual Adoration is urgently in need of a committed adorer for the Sunday, 2:00 a.m. hour and Monday, 1:00am hour. Please prayerfully consider spending this quiet hour with Our Lord and helping ensure that He is never left alone. Your “yes” would be a tremendous blessing.

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.



Father Pat's 1st Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat's 1st Sacrament meeting will be on **Sunday, September 13th at 9:55am in the gym at Blessed Trinity.**

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this first meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, September 19th at 9:00am in the chapel.



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgement against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?

Saturday, October 3 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity

Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, www.blessedtrinity.org under sacraments.

Please note: this is the last Pre-Cana program this year.



Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection.

To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america.

Sponsor Orphans

Our orphanage in our sister parish in Uganda now has 87 orphans. There are over 100 more orphans scattered throughout the various villages where we have a church and a Catholic school. These orphans are taken in by relatives who need help to feed them and pay school tuition.

The average cost for a full year to feed an orphan and pay their total tuition for the year is only \$250. We see to it that each orphan is fed, has a bed to sleep in and has full security either with another family or in the orphanage. Each orphan has the opportunity to go to Catholic school through grade school, high school and college or university if they have the grades. They have a choice of four trade schools if they do not have the academic grades to qualify for college or university. We already have orphans who graduated from college and now have good jobs teaching or nursing, etc.

Would you like to sponsor an orphan? If so, make your check out to Blessed Trinity for \$250 and write "for an orphan" on the memo line. Not a cent will be wasted. It has great spiritual value for your donation. Thanks so much.

Our Vocation: Responding to Christ's Call

We all have a vocation. But as Catholics, we often use the word “vocation” narrowly, speaking of vocation to the priesthood or religious life, especially when we speak with children and teens about discerning their vocation. The root of the word “vocation,” however, is “vocare,” which means, “to call.” When considered in this light, discerning one’s vocation is about hearing and responding to the call of the Lord with our lives.

Certainly, a life vocation must be discerned prayerfully, yet there is more to consider. The U.S. bishops, in their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, speak of vocation as the way in which each is called to hear and to respond to God’s will as a disciple:

Refracted through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of Christ: to do God’s will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one’s sisters and brothers, to give life—life to the full—as Jesus did (SDR, 14).



Our role as stewardship leaders is to help people to recognize the grace and call of God in their lives.

Each of us must continually discern how we will hear and respond to Christ’s call within the life vocation that is ours, and each will do so differently, in response to our individual gifts and blessings. “Every person should walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of a living faith which arouses hope and works through charity” (LG, 41).

As disciples of Jesus Christ all of us have something to contribute. Each will do so by stewarding his or her gifts and talents, resources, time, and presence—within the faith community and beyond it—at home, work or school, the local city or town, and the world. Our role as stewardship leaders is to help people to recognize the grace and call of God in their lives and to respond to it in their daily decisions and actions. As the bishops’ letter offered: “Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will” (SDR, 15).

Remarks made by the Chancellor of Hoima, Father Dominic

“ On behalf of the Bishop of Hoima and the Chancellor of the Diocese of Hoima, Dr. Dominic, I am writing to extend our deepest gratitude for the life-changing opportunities you have provided to our students.

Your dedication and generosity have brought immense joy and hope to their lives. The students are overwhelmed with happiness and find it almost unbelievable that such wonderful opportunities have come their way.

Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions and support.”

