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Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from Him.

Today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His people. They also reveal what can happen when we fully entrust our lives to Him — in other words, when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we lose sight of the fact that all is gift. We begin to rely on ourselves instead of trusting in Him, and we fail to make our lives a grateful response to His generosity.

Peter experiences this in today's Gospel from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of Him by boat. Later that evening, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water, and invites Peter to join Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins walking toward the Lord. But when he notices the strong wind around him, instead of keeping his eyes on Christ, he begins to sink.

Imagine if Peter had never looked away from Jesus. What an extraordinary adventure he would have experienced walking on the water with his Lord. The same is true for us. When we take our eyes off Christ, His countless blessings, and His faithful love for us, we begin to sink as well.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, loosening our grip on our time, talents, and treasure and placing our trust in God, life becomes a great adventure rooted firmly in the One who never fails us.



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 9, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
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	
WEEKEND	
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 9, 2026 — NINETEENTH 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
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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

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.



LEGION OF MARY

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

“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.

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 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 12 Nick, Ann & David Votino †
Sunday, August 16 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**

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

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own “boat” to take on the impossible.

AUGUST: MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

As Catholics, we are called to be faithful stewards of God's blessings. August is National Make-A-Will Month, dedicated to helping people protect their families by putting estate plans in place. We invite you to prepare for the future, helping ensure your values and legacy continue to care for those you love and the ministries you cherish.

Through thoughtful estate planning, you can:

- Create or update your Will/Trust, Power of Attorney, Living Will or Temporary Guardianship.
- Guarantee your wishes are clearly documented.
- Protect and steward the assets God has entrusted to your care.
- Ensure your values are reflected in your legacy.
- Provide for and support those you love.
- Continue supporting the ministries you cherish for generations to come.

If you need an estate planning attorney, The Catholic Foundation is blessed to have Catholic estate planning attorneys on our **Planned Giving Advisory Council**. Many of our PGAC attorneys will offer a free one-hour consultation if you mention The Catholic Foundation. We also understand creating a will might be overwhelming or everyone might not have the same estate planning needs. You can **create or update your legal will by using our free, easy-to-use tool in about 20 minutes, powered by FreeWill**. This is a complimentary service available to parishioners of the Diocese of Orlando. If you are interested please email Katherine Baker at kbaker@blessedtrinity.org for the FreeWill link.

ESSAY CONTEST

Marion Council 5960 Knights of Columbus invites all high school aged members of Blessed Trinity Parish and 8th grade students of Blessed Trinity School to participate in our 2026 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.

“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top essay at each grade level, and the winning essays will be submitted to the state level competition for consideration. Entry forms with directions will be available at the Blessed Trinity parish office. Blessed Trinity School students can get the entry forms from their 8th grade teacher. Essays are due September 30th and strict adherence to the directions is required.

Questions can be directed to contest chairman Paul Soucy at 352.425.6170.

A Stewardship Parish Is More Than Stewards in a Parish

A stewardship parish is marked by a culture that recognizes God’s gifts in its people, receives them with gratitude, and actively encourages those gifts to be shared in love of God and neighbor.

This vision is not new. St. John Chrysostom, writing in the fourth century, speaks directly to this responsibility when he teaches:

“The most basic task of church leadership is to discern the spiritual gifts of those entrusted to its care and to encourage those gifts to be used for the good of all. Only a person who can discern the gifts of others and can humbly rejoice at the flourishing of those gifts is fit to lead the church” (Six Books on the Priesthood).



Without that discernment, and without that joy, authentic ecclesial leadership falters.

The structures of a stewardship parish exist precisely to serve this pastoral goal. Without intentionality, parish life can easily drift into patterns that are unhelpful and even harmful. Cliques of “haves” and “have-nots” form, informal “insiders” and “outsiders” emerge, and participation becomes limited to those who already know where they belong. Over time, unity is quietly sacrificed for convenience, and giftedness goes unnoticed, not because people are unwilling, but because no clear invitation has been extended.

The Stewardship Way of Life stands in contrast to this drift. It is meant to expand parish life, not narrow it; to call forth the giftedness of every individual, not merely a familiar few. Stewardship, rightly understood, is deeply inclusive. It presumes that every baptized person has something to offer and that the parish has a responsibility to help each person discover where and how that fit can be shared.

For this reason, stewardship cannot remain vague or merely implied. It must be clearly articulated, intentionally organized, and faithfully sustained. The Stewardship Way of Life begins by grounding all parish life in discipleship and gratitude, recognizing that stewardship is first a response to God’s abundant gifts, not a strategy for meeting parish needs.

The goal throughout is simple and profoundly ecclesial: to help a parish become a true communion of disciples, a living body in which God’s gifts are recognized, received, and shared in the love of God and neighbor.



We are in need of volunteers to assist us during our special events

PARTICIPATION INCLUDES

- Helping to ask businesses for auction items or providing leads.
- Picking up auction items and delivering items to our offices.
- Making baskets and/or gathering items to contribute to the baskets.
- Helping on the day of the event for setup or breakdown.
- Attending meetings online or in-person once a month for one hour.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Soup Bowl Supper
September 26, 2026
St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs

Taste of the Villages
February 9, 2027
The Brownwood Hotel, The Villages

65th Anniversary Gala
April 3, 2027
Gaylord Palms Resort, Kissimmee

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Renee Baker at rbaker@cflcc.org or call **(407) 451-5315**.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america.

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 at Blessed Trinity. If anyone needs a job description, please call Kathryn or Melinda at the church office.