



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 19, 2021



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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, 5:00 pm Life Teen

DAILY

Mon—Fri 7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Saturday 8:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday 7:00pm (Spanish)
Saturday 2:45—3:30pm (English)
5:00—5:30pm (English)
Sunday 12:15—12:45pm(Spanish)

MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR MISSION CHURCHES

WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK
Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King
7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)

DAILY

Tuesday 7:00 pm at La Guadalupana
(Spanish)
Wednesday 4:00 pm at Christ the King
7:00pm (Spanish) at CTK

PARISH LIFE

DECEMBER 19, 2021 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MISSION STATEMENT: *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Stewardship Community recognizes Jesus is Lord. We believe that our Time, Talent and Treasure are gifts from God to be used for the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community, the Diocese and the world at large, especially the poor.*

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME to stop by the Church Office to register Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm or stop by the Parish Hall the first Sunday of each month following the 8:45am and 11:00am Masses.

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.

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 the Church Office at 629.8092 or Sister Juliet at x3211. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

PARISH APP: Download at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myParish

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

LIVESTREAMING

Please be advised that the Mass is being filmed, broadcast, and/or videotaped, including audio recording. Your attendance at Mass constitutes your consent to these recordings, and to the use of the recordings by the church for public communications, social media, evangelization, and other business or religious purposes. God bless and thank you for attending Mass at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

The Church office will be closed for the staff Christmas Holiday on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th.

For New Year's Day the office will be closed on Friday, December 31st.



STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Janet Grogan

Brother's Keeper would like to sincerely thank Janet for sharing her time and talents in our ministry.

Thank you for being a faithful steward!

New Parishioners:

William & Lenora Duncan

Mary Albe Campolattano

Baptisms:

Giovanni Alexander Bays, Michael S. Campbell Jr., Mia Joy DiGangi, Jayden Guerra, Trenton Wayne Martin, Angus Merritt McLean, Fiona Charlotte McLean, Nevin Ian McLean, Virginia Amy Waddell

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.

Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.



Receiving Communion

There is no need to create a distance between you and the person in line in front of you for communion since you are not facing each other the suggested 6 feet distance does not apply.

Just keep up, bow your head when the person in front of you is receiving communion, respond "Amen" when you hear "The Body of Christ," then receive on the hand or tongue—your option. If you receive on the hand you have an extra second to engage in the presence of Christ, take one step aside, then receive Christ before you move on.

If you are receiving on the tongue you do not have to wait until the back of the line. Just come as you are seated in church.

Children's Offerings

It is great to see children happily bring their gift to God to the altar at each Mass. Many prepare their own gift, help them. It is best that it be their gift.

Then encourage all youth, up to 12th grade, to get out of the pew and have a gift for God each week.

I ask parents, teachers, youth director and core team to take on this challenge. It is a great lesson for life, all of life until death.

Help us make it happen.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52



Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, Bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy. May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises.

May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts that we have received from the



Tree of Christ's Cross. Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts.

Amen.

Stewardship Returns

If you didn't get the new Stewardship materials for year 2022, you can pick them up in the Stewardship room or in the vestibule.

So far 461 Families have responded, thank you. All Catholic school families on Stewardship must fill out their new annual pledge now. This plan assumed you are coming to Mass weekly.



LIFE TEEN NEWS

Sunday, Dec 19th— We're doing Life Teen a little different for our Christmas Party! Please meet at the church by 11:30 to board the bus for our Christmas Party at the Shield's Farm! We will return to the church around 4pm to prepare for Mass and then be dismissed afterward.

Sunday, Dec 26th— No Life Night, but we are still having Mass at 5pm! Please come and participate in serving, ushering or lecturing!

Annual Parish Leadership Dinner Meeting

This annual event will be held on Tuesday, January 11th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

This is for all parish leaders, which includes, all parish staff, all heads of parish ministries, and each member of every parish board.

The dinner is free but to get an accurate head count please RSVP by December 30th to Sue Lanier at slanier@blessedtrinity.org or 352.629.8092.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Do you love to sing? Are you in 1st grade or up? Then come and sing at the 3pm Christmas Eve Mass! No need to sign up, just show up and sing with us!



Request for Tuition

Ahebwa Nickodemus, Gorret Womugisa and Fortunate Kyosaba are all University students in Uganda.

All three have attended high school at Trinity Catholic in Ocala and went back home to Uganda to continue their studies.

Ahebwa is in need of \$2,200 for the upcoming semester to continue his studies to become a nurse.

Gorret is studying civil engineering and Fortunate is studying to become a Doctor. Their upcoming semester is \$5,420 combined.

We are once again asking for your support to continue their education.

Any help can be turned into the church office with the checks made out to Blessed Trinity and their names in the memo. Thank you!

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE

Prepare now for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a normal part of our Advent journey to Christmas Joy.

Our Advent Communal Penance, with 13-15 priests present for confessions will be on:

Monday, December 20th at 7:00pm

Other opportunities for confession are:

Wednesday, December 22nd: 8:00am, 11:00am and 4:00pm

Thursday, December 23rd: 8:00am, 11:00am and 4:00pm

Friday, December 24th: 8:00am and 11:00am

Toiletry & Notebook Collection for Women's Prison

We are again collecting toiletries and notebooks for the indigent inmates at Lowell Correctional Institution. Please donate ONLY the following items as the prison is very strict about what they can receive: Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap (no body wash), black-and-white marbled bound notebooks, black or blue stick pens (like Bic), unused greeting cards (no Mass cards please). Since we got a late start to this collection, we will **extend collection time through December 21st**. If possible, please try to get your donations, especially of unused Christmas Cards, in by the 15th so I can deliver them to the prison on the 16th. Notebooks and pens can be left in the Stewardship Room all year round, buy them when they are on sale! Just mark them for Prison Ministry.

ADORATION CHAPEL

IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR ADORERS

Mondays: 2:00 am - 3:00 am

Mondays: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the Adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry's needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

For your special hour of prayer and praise before the Blessed Sacrament email Carol Blackstock, Adoration Coordinator, carolblackstock@gmail.com or call 352.622.7348 or 352.425.8638.

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." - St. Alphonsus Liguori



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly Offering	December 12, 2021		
Envelope Total:	435	\$ 26,185.50	Year to date collection: \$ 2,074,527.18
Electronic Offering Total:	418	\$ 43,127.54	Year to date budget: \$ 2,463,360.00
Total Children's Offering:		\$ 91.61	Year to date deficit: (\$388,832.82)
Non Sunday:	122	\$ 19,856.00	Immaculate Conception \$4,858.00
Grand Total for Week:		\$ 106,423.65	
Amount needed for Operating Expenses:		\$ 89,260.65	
Difference		(\$13,379.35)	

"Thank you for your donations."

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



Monday, Dec 20	7:10am	Mary Virginia Glowatchy†
	5:30pm	Giuseppe Mignosa †
Tuesday, Dec 21	7:10am	Michelle Ivers †
	5:30pm	Thomas Fischer †
Wednesday, Dec 22	7:10am	Lucy & William Lazer †
	5:30pm	Joe Richardson †
Thursday, Dec 23	7:10am	Charles Miele †
	5:30pm	Deceased members of the Bianculli & Steiner Families
Friday, Dec 24	7:10am	Rose Bilancio †
	3:00pm	Jim Kazek †
	5:00pm	Charles & Julia Glanzer †
	6:30pm	Julie & Luke Reckamp †
	12:00am	Samuel Hickson †
Saturday, Dec 25	7:10am	Henry Font †
	8:45am	Dick Chazal †
	11:00am	Carole DeLuca †
	4:00pm	Angelina Fontana †
	6:00pm	Major Trey Willett, USMC†
Sunday, Dec 26	7:10am	Triduum of Masses
	8:45am	Triduum of Masses
	11:00am	Triduum of Masses
	1:00pm	Triduum of Masses
	5:00pm	Triduum of Masses

Please pray for all those who have recently passed away.

Christmas Decorations Donations

There is a decorated box in the vestibule for donations to help with our Christmas decorations. Please help us decorate our church home for the coming of the Messiah!

Prayer for Christmas Morning

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world...Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ADS OF THE WEEK

Lawrence J. Sutton, D.D.S., P.A.

Comprehensive Dentistry
352.620.0094

Wayne's World of Paintball

www.waynes-world.com
352.401.1801

Please see our Ads at the back for all our business supporters.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24
3:00pm (Families with children only), 5:00pm, 6:30pm, 8:30pm (Spanish), 12 Midnight (hymn caroling begins at 11:30pm)

Saturday, December 25
7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday, December 25
4:00pm and 6:00pm

Sunday, December 26
7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish) and 5:00pm LifeTeen

Feast of the Holy Family (Same as any weekend)

4:00pm and 6:00pm

7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish) and 5:00pm LifeTeen

New Year's Day -Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31
4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday, January 1
7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish)

Epiphany (Same as any weekend)

Saturday, January 1
4:00pm and 6:00pm

Sunday, January 2
7:10am, 8:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish) and 5:00pm LifeTeen



Dec 18/19:	NO FLOWERS
Dec 25/26:	NO FLOWERS - ADVENT
Jan 1/2:	NO FLOWERS

Please call the Church Office at 629.8092 x3201 if you would like more information on placing flowers on the altar.

Year End Giving

This is the time of year when we need to look back upon our stewardship for the year. Some families find it opportune to give End of Year gifts to the parish. BT parish relies on these end of year gifts to help fund our many ministries. Gifts of cash and stock and other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, and IRA/retirement accounts can be made to the parish. All financial contributions are tax deductible. Gifts may also be made to the BT Endowment. The BT Endowment helps provide income to the parish in the years to come.

For more information, please contact Katherine at 352.629.8092 ex 3218.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks.

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible."

Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

THE SCRIP SCOOP

JUST A FEW FRINDLY REMINDERS.....

The Christmas Holiday will be here before you know it. Order early to beat the rush. Remember you can always email us your order and pick it up from the church rectory office, btscrip@btschool.org.

Don't forget that on days that there is NO SCHOOL the Scrip Office is CLOSED. Which means we will be closed both weeks of the Winter Break.

If you would like to learn more about the Scrip program, or **VOLUNTEER**, please don't hesitate to call us at 622-5808, ext. 3260. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Office Schedule

01/03/2022	School's Winter Break Ends 9am – 12 noon	
01/06/22	Thursday	9am – 12 noon
01/07/22	Friday	9am – 12 noon
01/13/22	Thursday	9am – 12 noon

Retrouvaille

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated or are thinking about it; Retrouvaille can help. It has helped thousands. Our next program begins in Winter Park January 28-30, 2022. For more information call 352-274-4614. Not counseling or group therapy. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. And please check our website at Retrouvaille.org.



Knights of Columbus®

A GROUND BREAKING PROGRAM FOR CATHOLIC MEN

“INTO THE BREACH”

We live in a time of crisis for religious faith that must be met by men with a heartfelt embrace of masculine virtue. To outline the challenges we face and devise a plan of battle, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix has written a groundbreaking document, *Into the Breach*. Addressed originally to the men in his diocese, this program is now available here to all Catholics by the Knights of Columbus.

We will present this vision as a 12 episode video series followed by small group discussions. Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators and follows the personal story for a man whose life illuminates each theme.

By joining together in brotherhood, men receive the support they need to grow in virtue and take action to serve Christ and others. Men in brotherhood with other Catholic men pray more, go to Mass and confession more frequently, and read Scripture more often. Men engaged in faith will become better fathers, better husbands and better Catholics.

Please join us in this important challenge, the program will begin on Tuesday January 11th at 7:00pm at the Christopher Hall. All men 18 and older are invited, as well as couples. The program is free of charge. Please call Tom Cernera 352-812-5295 to reserve your place.

Before Opening Presents

Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents. So, may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of life itself. Amen.



Be a Chili Dinner Sponsor

We ask you kindly to consider making a donation to support our annual Chili Fundraising. All donations are tax deductible, and we welcome whatever amount you wish to contribute. Proceeds will allow our Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix in Uganda to supply medicine and assistance to those affected by COVID during the years 2020-2021.

Sponsors donating \$100 or more will receive five dinner tickets. Checks should be made out to Blessed Trinity Church; please specify in the memo “chili dinner.”

For your safety we will provide take-out meals only. Containers of chili will be available for pick-up outside the Parish Hall from 3pm-7pm on February 12th, 2022.



CDL DRIVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of drivers who have their CDL license (with passengers) to assist driving ministries to offsite locations, mainly evenings and weekends. You must be fingerprinted (or able to be). Please call Katherine Baker at 352.629.8092 if interested.

Brother's Keeper's Annual

CHRISTMAS

Toy & Food

ASSISTANCE

“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith.” -St. Nicholas of Myra

Since 1970, Brother's Keeper has helped thousands of needy families in our community by providing gifts for children and a Christmas dinner for selected families. We also serve a special Christmas meal at our Soup Kitchen.

Last year, we provided holiday assistance to over **300 families, including 600 children.**

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN via our ANGEL TREE

We are partnering with Toys for Tots again this year to ensure we have enough gifts for all the families we serve. Please select a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the church vestibule. Return an unwrapped toy, along with the tag, to the church vestibule after all Masses through Dec., 19. Children ages 1 to 12 will receive gifts.

PROVIDING FOOD

Return your grocery bags on December 18/19 with only the items on the list attached to the bag.

THANK YOU for your help. May God bless you!

