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Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?



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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 21, 2024



MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
WEEKLY	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	5:30 pm
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	5:15 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

JANUARY 21, 2024 — THIRD 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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Salvador Tobar	Ushers	512-5800
Spanish Community		622.4500
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

There is a certain urgency in today’s Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Weekly Offering
January 14, 2024
\$1,469.25

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

17th Annual Chili Dinner

Take-Out Only

Saturday, February 3rd, 3pm-7pm

Blessed Trinity Parish Hall

\$5.00

This year we wish to continue construction projects, adding classrooms, sewing rooms and a kitchen.

All donations are tax deductible.

Red and white chicken chili served in 12-ounce cups will be ready for pick-up outside the parish hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the Blessed Trinity church office.



Next Uganda Mission Trip

We plan to lead a group, as usual, to our sister parish in Uganda on June 16th for two weeks.

If you plan to go, try to make your reservation by calling parish office by or before February 28th. Bring \$300 as a down payment.

You may still join after that but you will lost the group rate and it may cost you more.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Dt 18:15-20
Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Jan 24 Victor & Charmaine Cabral-Birthday
Sunday, Jan 28 Jim Adkinson (L)

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

Religious Articles Shop is open Sundays after Mass.

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 Katherine Baker 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

Perpetual Adoration at Blessed Trinity

The following hours need to be filled:

Sundays: 11:00am - Noon
Tuesdays: 5:00am - 6:00am
Fridays: 4:00am - 5:00am
Fridays: 11:00am - Noon
Fridays: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Our stewardship way of life 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.

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

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

"People as me: 'What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.'"

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?

BLESSED TRINITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

**All ladies of the Parish are invited to join us
on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 pm
K of C Christopher Hall**

**"BRING A GUY" MEETING
(husbands, sons, brothers, nephews or guy
friends, are welcome)**

Captain Driggers from the MCFR will be
our speaker and we will have
refreshments, a fun game and
business meeting

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, as it has helped thousands of others. Our next program begins in Winter Park February 2-4, 2024. For more information and registration call 352.274.4614. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. Not counseling or group therapy. And please see our website at Retrouvaille.org.



St. Blaise: Blessing of Throats

February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. This year it falls on a Saturday. It is tradition that we bless throats on this feast at all Masses on the feast of St. Blaise.

So we will bless throats during the Masses on February 3rd at the 8am, 4pm and 6pm at Blessed Trinity church.



Free Soup Kitchen

Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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WE FEED YOUR HUNGRY HEART AND SOUL
AT OUR SOUP KITCHEN !!!!!

Parish Mission

We thank God for the four Dominican priests for their inspired spiritual work with us from January 13 to January 17. They have been a great blessing to our parish. Hopefully we have all received many blessings and a lot of help as we progress on our faith journeys.

Thanks to all who came.

Thanks for your donations to defray the cost.

Thanks to Dr. Barry Meehan and his energetic group who planned for and prepared us for this parish mission.

Cold Weather Help

The cold weather has arrived and we are in need of sleeping bags, tents and blankets for our homeless clients. We are constantly being asked for these items but do not have any available.

When dropping off the items at the Brother's Keeper store in Ocala, mark the items "for the homeless only" so they are not put out for sale.

Your help to make these items available to individuals living outside is very much appreciated.

Help Wanted

I am looking for someone to volunteer to paint the statue of St. Francis outside of the church. It really needs some loving care. I will clean it and furnish the paint.

If you can help please contact Sose Gaudet, 352.622.3589.

Why a Crucifix?

Regarding Sacred images The General Instructions or the Roman Missal states in paragraph 318, “In the earthly Liturgy, the Church participates, by a foretaste, in that heavenly Liturgy” ... and that sacred images must not... “draw the attention of the faithful... away from the celebration itself.”

Why is Jesus’ death considered a sacrifice instead of just an inhumane execution?

A Jewish Passover meal was structured around of drinking four cups of wine. The first, the Cup of Sanctification, recalls God’s promise to bring his people out of Egypt. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” This is the second cup of Judgement or Deliverance, which recalls the plagues imposed on the Egyptians. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. This is the cup of Redemption or blessing, the wine of which represented the blood of the paschal lamb and celebrates God’s promise to redeem. Jesus is declaring that He is the sacrificial lamb of the new covenant. Then Jesus does something unexpected, the Passover sacrifice ends with drinking the fourth cup but Jesus declares, “I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” Jesus then heads for the Mount of Olives without partaking in the fourth cup, without finishing the celebration.

On the Mount of Olives Jesus pleads, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” What cup would that be? The final Passover cup that spelled torture, crucifixion, and death!

Does Jesus drink of the fourth cup? In John we read, “After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Question, what is finished?

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During consecration we should be drawn into and enveloped by this mystery. As the priest, in Persona Christi, elevates the Body and Blood of our Lord, it is fitting that this sacred meal be framed by nothing less than the Sacrifice that made the New Covenant possible and concluded the Passover celebration.

¿Por qué un crucifijo?

Con respecto a las imágenes sagradas, las Instrucciones Generales o el Misal Romano dicen en el párrafo 318: "En la liturgia terrena, la Iglesia participa, por un anticipo, en esa liturgia celestial"... y que las imágenes sagradas no deben... "Llamar la atención de los fieles... lejos de la celebración en sí".

¿Por qué la muerte de Jesús se considera un sacrificio en lugar de una ejecución inhumana?

Una comida judía de Pésaj se estructuraba en torno a beber cuatro copas de vino. La primera, la Copa de la Santificación, recuerda la promesa de Dios de sacar a su pueblo de Egipto. Él les dijo: "He deseado con ansias comer esta Pascua con vosotros antes de padecer, porque os digo que no la volveré a comer hasta que se cumpla en el reino de Dios". Luego tomó una copa, dio gracias y dijo: "Tomen esto y compártanlo entre ustedes; porque os digo que desde ahora no beberé del fruto de la vid hasta que venga el reino de Dios". Esta es la segunda copa del Juicio o Liberación, que recuerda las plagas impuestas a los egipcios. Luego tomó el pan, dijo la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio, diciendo: "Esto es mi cuerpo, que será entregado por vosotros; Haced esto en memoria mía". Y lo mismo la copa, después de haber comido, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, que será derramada por vosotros. Esta es la copa de la Redención o bendición, cuyo vino representaba la sangre del cordero pascual y celebra la promesa de Dios de redimir. Jesús está declarando que Él es el cordero sacrificial del nuevo pacto. Entonces Jesús hace algo inesperado, el sacrificio de la Pascua termina con la bebida de la cuarta copa, pero Jesús declara: "Os digo que desde ahora no beberé más este fruto de la vid hasta el día en que lo beba con vosotros nuevo en el reino de mi Padre". Jesús se dirige entonces al Monte de los Olivos sin participar en la cuarta copa, sin terminar la celebración.

En el Monte de los Olivos, Jesús suplica: "Padre mío, si es posible, pase de mí esta copa; pero no como yo quiero, sino como tú". ¿Qué copa sería esa? ¡La última copa de la Pascua que significaba tortura, crucifixión y muerte!

¿Bebe Jesús de la cuarta copa? En Juan leemos: "Después de esto, sabiendo que todo estaba ya consumado, para que se cumpliera la Escritura, Jesús dijo: Tengo sed". Había una vasija llena de vino común. Así que pusieron una esponja empapada en vino sobre una ramita de hisopo y se la llevaron a la boca. Cuando Jesús tomó el vino, dijo: "Consumado es". E inclinando la cabeza, entregó el espíritu. Pregunta, ¿qué es lo que está terminado?

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Durante la consagración debemos ser atraídos y envueltos por este misterio. Como el sacerdote, en Persona Christi, eleva la Sangre y la Sangre de nuestro Señor, es apropiado que esta comida sagrada esté enmarcada nada menos que por el Sacrificio que hizo posible la Nueva Alianza y concluyó la celebración de la Pascua.