



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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January 15, 2023 ▪ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**  
**1927-2022**

*O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church.*

*We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love.*

*Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you.*

*Through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



**PASTOR**

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

**DEACONS**

Deacon Bill Lovelace  
Deacon Lionel Roberts,  
Deacon Emeritus

**CLERGY ASSISTANCE**

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM  
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM  
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org).

Confessions will be held  
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

**PARISH OFFICE**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm  
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**WEB SITE**

<http://btsp.org>  
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*Our parish office will be closed Monday, January 16,  
in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

**Record Update Help!**

We need your help to update our parish records. Many folks have disconnected their landlines or changed their cell phone number. If you have moved or changed your phone number, please fill out and return an information card as soon as possible. The cards can be found in the entryway of the church and returned to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.





January 15, 2023

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I'm not sure I've ever seen a dove close up. The dove is a powerful symbol for Jews and Christians alike, representing love and a deep sense of peace. The dove has special significance for Christians, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him ... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." The Baptist further testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. The *catechism* (701) reminds us that John the Baptist not only paved the way for Jesus, but for all of us who followed: "The Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized." Through our baptism, we can follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist by telling others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us what we need in order to become messengers of love and peace to those we encounter.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During his 1988 campaign, President George H.W. Bush used the phrase "a thousand points of light" to describe volunteers "spread like stars throughout the nation, doing good." This phrase came to mind as I listened to the reading from Isaiah, in which the Lord vows to make Israel "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." John the Baptist baptizes with water to prepare the people for Jesus' coming. As we settle into the dark days of winter, today's readings challenge us to become points of light to others, leading them to Christ. How we do that will differ for each of us - praying for others, visiting an elderly relative, writing that letter we've been putting off. We may not be prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist, but we have the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us.

**PRAY** Today's psalm reminds me of the popular hymn, "Here I am, Lord." While I love the melody, the psalmist offers a simple spoken version that we can pray to point ourselves in the direction of Jesus each day: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, January 14, Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. James Lawler (Dec) and  
Pat Sullivan (Dec)

### **Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Theresa Roy (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
Nick Calandra (Dec)  
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

### **Monday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Herman & Earl Beddoe (Dec)

### **Tuesday, January 17, Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott**

8:00 a.m. Raymond Kolman (Dec)

### **Wednesday, January 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### **Thursday, January 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. John Mazur (Dec)

### **Friday, January 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Timothy O'Shea (Dec)

### **Saturday, January 21, Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Falasca (Dec)

### **Saturday, January 21, Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Theresa Roy (Dec)

### **Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

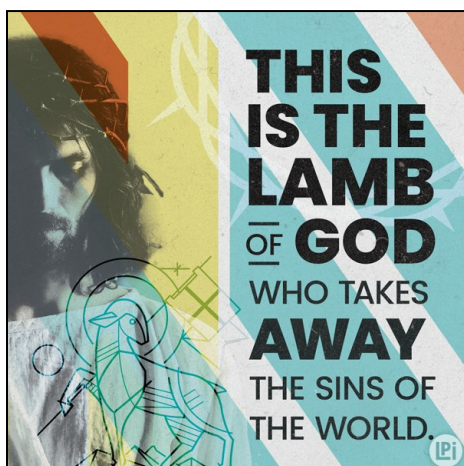
8:00 a.m. Jeff Techler (Dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Aloysius & Mary Kraynak (Dec)

## **Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

01/15 • Rev. Nelson Restrepo  
01/16 • Rev. Robert G. Romaine  
01/17 • Rev. Ralph D'Elia  
01/18 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life  
01/19 • Rev. Joseph Waters  
01/20 • Rev. Alan Weber  
01/21 • Rev. Timothy Williford

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.





## Save the Date Saturday, February 11, 2023

*"Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes"*

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 1½ - 2 hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 following the 8:00 am Mass at the Church. The Virtual Pilgrimage will begin at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.**



As part of the Virtual Pilgrimage Experience to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

Immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette

Touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water

Pray the Rosary

Receive a bottle of Lourdes Water

Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience!

For more information, call the Parish Office at 727 867 3663.

### I would like a Tax Statement for 2022

\_\_\_\_\_ For my Church donations

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My Name is : \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

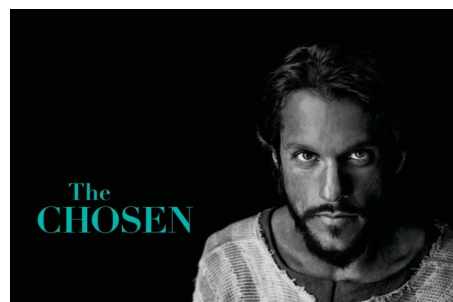
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or drop in the offertory basket.*

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## Marriage Jubilee

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage during the 2023 calendar year.

Please RSVP to our parish office at 727-867-3663 no later than **Tuesday, January 17**, if you will be attending.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### Marriage Troubles?

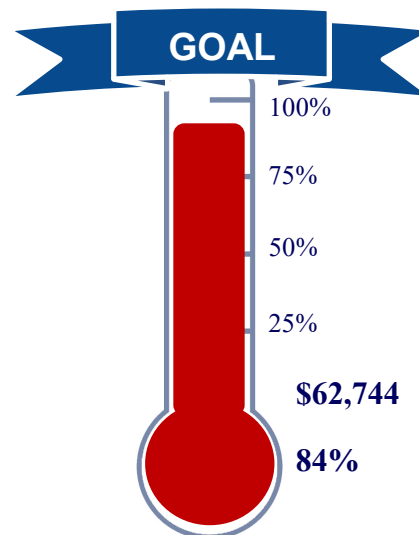
If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others.

Our next program begins **February 10-12, 2023**. For information, visit **[www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)**, or call 813 212-4553. *Not counseling or group therapy*. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.



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**Our Goal \$74,741**



**Thank you for your prayerful giving!**

### Messa in Italiano

Our Lady's Chapel,  
Cathedral of St. Jude  
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

**January 29, 2022 at 4:00pm**

Please come to pray and sing in  
**ITALIANO**

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM.

Living as a Disciple Takes Courage

**We got this!**

- Join our Scripture Reflection community!
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Arnold, Barbara  
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Christ, Kathryn  
Comeau, Teresa  
Congui, Mario  
Curtis, Sherlyl  
Daniels, Joshua  
DeZarn, Vickie  
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren  
Ferrara, Antoinette  
Fitzgerald, Dan  
Forbes, Monica & Tom  
Genereux, Carol  
Grimberg, Carol  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Heilman, Rita  
Helbig, Len  
Hoffman, Bette  
Huff, Walt & Carole  
Irvin, John and Marsha  
Kindel, Helen  
Kirchgessner, Marie  
Kirousis, Linda  
Lanigan, John  
Lashley, Diana  
Lawler, Matthew  
LeVan, George

Lewis, Cynthia  
Maharne, Cecile  
Manley, Jan  
Manley, Paul  
Membreno, Mary & Gus  
Mesick, Phil & Nancy  
Oliphant, Brian  
Parmigiani, George  
Parmigiani, Valerie  
Preeper, Helen  
Privitera, Sandy  
Roberts, Deacon Lionel  
Romani, Angelo  
Shelby, Ron & Montez  
Stankiewicz, Cy  
Thompson, Susan E.  
Thuline, James and Lil  
Vanderbeck, Jay  
Walsh, Thomas  
Youngman, Ruth



## **Anointing of the Sick**

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.