



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

March 28, 2021 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

“Hosanna!”



“Lord, help us realize that the same crowd that shouted ‘Hosanna!’ on Palm Sunday shouted, ‘Crucify him!’ on Good Friday. Help us realize that this happens in our own lives today. Help us realize that when it does happen Christ suffers and dies all over again. Help us realize that as Christians we are called to be different. We are called to bear witness to Christ and to his teaching in our world, and not to follow the crowd.” *Father Mark Link*

The invitation the Bible gives us for Holy Week

The Gospels (and the liturgy) repeatedly bring up the need to accompany Jesus on his "Via Dolorosa."



Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Church's liturgical calendar, entirely focused on Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection. A recurrent theme throughout the week is a call to accompany Jesus during this most painful part of his life on earth.

Palm Sunday opens Holy Week with a solemn recitation of Jesus' Passion and typically this involves each person having a role. When celebrated in a church, the parishioners often take the role of the crowd. This culminates in the entire congregation saying, "**Crucify him! Crucify him!**" In this instance we recognize the role **our sins** have in Jesus' crucifixion and how Jesus suffered and died for us, even though we weren't even born yet.

Then after a few days we arrive at **Holy Thursday**, and Jesus asks us, as he asked his apostles, "**So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?** Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test" (Matthew 26:40-41). Jesus wants us to be with him in his agony and to comfort him with our presence. By doing so, we are comforted and brought joy in our suffering with his presence and courage.

On **Good Friday**, we read the Passion narrative again and then in the liturgy, the priest raises the crucifix for all to see and each one is **encouraged to come forward to venerate the cross**, with a kiss, touch or bow. We are transported to Mt. Calvary and may even meditate on how **Jesus didn't ascend the mount alone**. He was **helped by Simon of Cyrene** and had his face washed by **St. Veronica**. Then at the foot of the cross, **his mother Mary and St. John** stood there to keep him company.

Then at last on **Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday**, we join the Marys and go to the tomb, **only to find it empty!** Jesus is no longer there and has risen!

As we look forward how to celebrate Holy Week, let us not forget to accompany Jesus and follow in his footsteps so that we can rejoice when we find that he is no longer in the tomb!

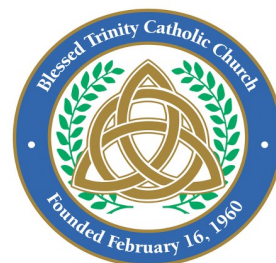
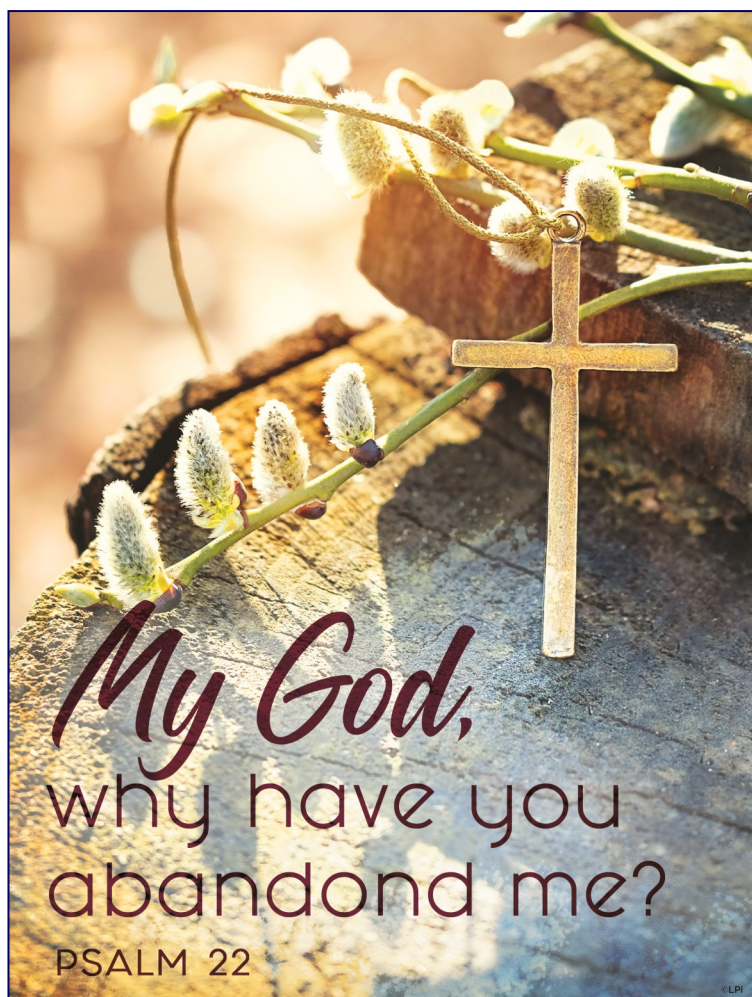
Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.



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Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
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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.

Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
appointment, 727-401-0487.

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Are You Looking 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 Gene-reux, 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

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

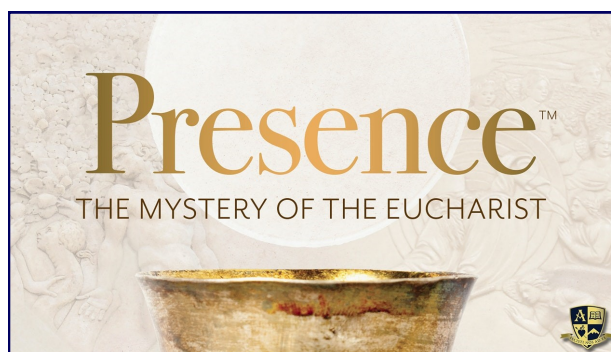
We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27,	Lenten Weekday 4:00 p.m. Mary and Frank Ward (Dec)
Sunday, March 28,	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:00 a.m. John Menna (Dec) 9:30 a.m. For Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (Dec)
Monday, March 29,	Monday of Holy Week 8:00 a.m. Zoe Flanagan (Dec)
Tuesday, March 30,	Tuesday of Holy Week 8:00 a.m. Robert Drefahl (Dec)
Wednesday, March 31,	Wednesday of Holy Week 8:00 a.m. For Vocations
Thursday, April 1,	Holy Thursday 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 2,	Good Friday 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 3:00 p.m. Passion Service 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena begins
Saturday, April 3,	Holy Saturday 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena 8:00 p.m. Barbara Hettinger (Dec)
Sunday, April 4,	Easter 8:00 a.m. Edward Reed, Jr. 9:30 a.m. For Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Francisco and Mario Barbosa 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Weekly Giving

Online Giving March 15-21

Offertory	\$ 1,230
Building Fund	\$ 50
SVDP	\$ 50

March 21, 2021

Offertory	\$ 6,974
Building Fund	\$ 30
Gift Shop	\$ 140
Easter Flowers	\$ 420
Special Donations	\$ 500
CRS	\$ 30
SVDP	\$ 660
Easter	\$ 30

Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

1. Use the Easter Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Monday, March 30.** The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

Please Check One:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____



Chrism Mass

MARCH 30, 2021 | 11:30 AM
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

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Join Bishop Gregory Parkes for the Chrism Mass Livestream or Radio Broadcast on March 30 at 11:30 a.m.

During the Chrism Mass, Bishop Parkes will consecrate the Sacred Chrism Oil that will be used during thousands of Baptisms and Confirmations throughout the coming year in local parishes. The bishop will also bless the Oil of Catechumens that is reserved for adults preparing to be baptized and the Oil of the Sick, that is reserved for those who are seriously ill. Priests also renew their commitment to priestly service.

The Chrism Mass from the Cathedral of St. Jude will be livestreamed at dosp.org/livestream, facebook.com/diostpete and youtube.com/diocesefstpete as well via radio broadcast on Spirit FM 90.5.



Messa in Italiano

Cathedral of St. Jude
 Sunday, March 28, 3:00pm
 Please come to pray in
 ITALIANO
 Celebrant:
 Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM

Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: bulletinbt@gmail.com.

Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.or and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

make a difference
DONATE

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.

CRS Rice Bowls

Blessed Trinity is making Rice Bowls with Lenten reflection calendars available for parishioners to participate. At the end of Lent, **please do not bring the Rice Bowls back to the church**, but rather, count the money you have collected and write a check payable to Catholic Relief Services and mail to:

Catholic Relief Services
 Rice Bowl
 P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

A postage-paid envelope will be included in the materials.

You may also make your donation online at: www.crsricebowl.org



Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Brown, Buck
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Brown, Shaquita
Bruce, Phil
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Cavalieri, Lois
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Cline, Wayne
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Detore, Alice

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