



Blessed Trinity

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April 3, 2022 ▪ The Fifth Sunday of Lent

The moment has come to abolish war, says Pope Francis

By: Kathleen Hattrup



"May humanity understand that the moment has come to abolish war, to erase it from human history before it erases human history."

Pope Francis again concluded his Sunday meeting with the faithful by making an appeal for the end of war in Ukraine.

After praying the midday Angelus with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father reflected on the tragic consequences of war, not only for the present but also for the future.

"War should not be something that is inevitable. We should not accustom ourselves to war," the Pope insisted.

Here is what he said:

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More than a month has gone by since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine, of the beginning of this cruel and senseless war, that, like every war, represents a defeat for everyone, for everyone of us. We need to reject war, a place of death where fathers and mothers bury their children, where men kill their brothers and sisters without even having seen them, where the powerful decide and the poor die.

War does not devastate only the present, but the future of a society as well. I read that from the beginning of the aggression in Ukraine, one of every two children has been displaced from their country. This means destroying the future, causing dramatic trauma in the lives of the smallest and most innocent among us. This is the bestiality of war – a barbarous and sacrilegious act!

War should not be something that is inevitable. We should not accustom ourselves to war. Instead, we need to convert the today's anger into a commitment for tomorrow, because if, after what is happening, we remain like we were before, we will all be guilty in some way. Before the danger of self-destruction, may humanity understand that the moment has come to abolish war, to erase it from human history before it erases human history.

I beg every political leader to reflect on this, to dedicate themselves to this! And, looking on battered Ukraine to understand how each day of war worsens the situation for everyone. Therefore, I renew my appeal: Enough. Stop it. Silence the weapons be silence. Move seriously toward peace. Let us continue to pray untiringly to the Queen of Peace, to whom we consecrated humanity, in particular Russia and Ukraine, with a huge and intense participation for which I thank all of you. Let us pray together. Hail Mary....

[After greetings to particular groups, he added:]

Precisely two years ago, in this piazza, we lifted up our plea for the end of the pandemic. Today, we have done so for an end to the war in Ukraine. At the Square's entrances, you will be given a book as a gift, produced by the Vatican Covid-19 Commission with the Dicastery for Communication. It is an invitation to pray without fear during moments of difficulty, always having faith in the Lord.

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April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

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

During Lent, we hear familiar stories: the event of Jesus' transfiguration, the prodigal son, and today the woman caught in adultery. Each reveals an aspect of God's perfect love for us and a glimpse of how we can reflect that love toward others. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees once again are testing Jesus, saying the law demands that the woman caught in adultery be stoned. Jesus responds, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." What a perfect response to the Pharisees, and to each one of us when we focus on the faults of another. Jesus' words teach and challenge us to look more closely at the ways we judge others – by appearance, a social media post, political party, for example – and ask ourselves whether we are truly doing so out of love. Closer to home, we may be quick to point out our spouse or children's perceived faults, without acknowledging our own. Jesus invites us to look at others – and ourselves – with the eyes of mercy.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Every time we go out to dinner, my son makes fun of me for agonizing over the menu: "You always regret what you pick!" Indeed, regret can be a powerful emotion. Fortunately, the dinner dilemma requires only that I mooch off of my son's entrée. However, deeper regrets can bog us down and prevent us from moving forward in faith. Today's readings challenge us not to wallow in past mistakes, preconceptions, or bad habits. As we hear in Isaiah, "The things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!" We hear this idea again from St. Paul, who writes of "forgetting what lies behind" and straining forward toward "the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't dwell on the past sins of the adulterous woman other than to say, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Fortunately, our Church offers an antidote to regret and sin in the sacrament of reconciliation. Whether it's been a month or a decade, what better time than Lent to return to this sacrament and experience God's mercy and forgiveness?

ACT Take advantage of the additional opportunities many churches offer for the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent. Rusty? Check out this excellent guide for adults and children: thelightison.org/guide-to-confession.



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Deacon Emeritus

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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 will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination



Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor



In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux
Requests the Honor of your Presence

For the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
in Celebration of his
Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April Twenty-third,
Two thousand and Twenty Two
at Four o'clock in the Afternoon
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

Please RSVP by Phone: (727) 867-3663

Because of Covid-19 uncertainty there will be no dinner after the Mass.
A dinner will be held at a later date.



Fr. Wayne in St. Peter's Basilica during the Chrism Mass.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Celebrant | Rome, Italy | March 27, 1997



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, April 2, Memorial Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit
4:00 p.m. James Holser (Dec)

Sunday, April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Lorraine Arie (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Ron Bento (Dec)

Monday, April 4, Memorial Saint Isidore
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Tuesday, April 5, Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer
8:00 a.m. Elly McManus (Dec)

Wednesday, April 6, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, April 7, Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle
8:00 a.m. Joe Richardson (Dec)

Friday, April 8, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Katherine Parent (Liv)

Saturday, April 9, Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Ernst & Ann Unger (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler & Pat Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
8:00 a.m. Joyce O'Connor (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Alberto Castillo (Dec)

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, April 4.** 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: \$ _____

Ushers – Help Urgently Needed



Ushers

Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two

years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like last week's wonderful St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

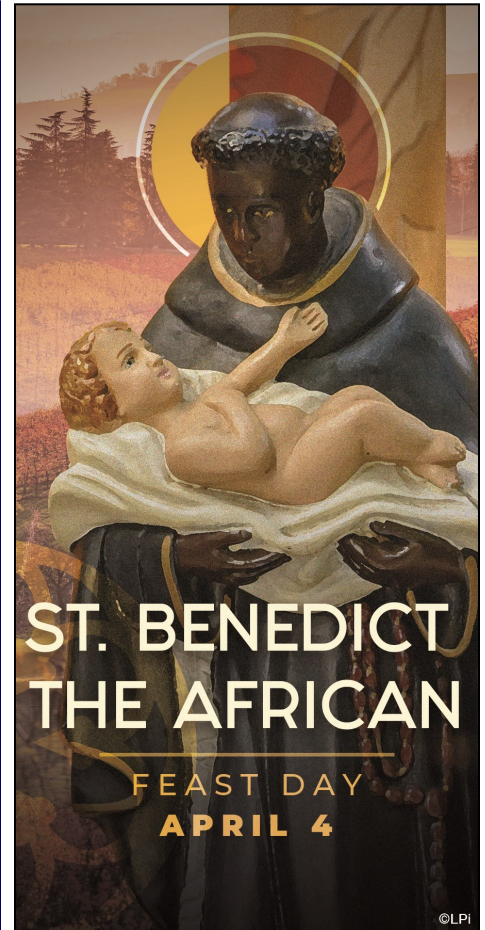
As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

04/03 • Rev. Jose George

04/04 • Rev. Kyle Bell


04/05 • Rev. Gregg Tottle

04/06 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

04/07 • Deacon Zachary Brasseur, Seminarian

04/08 • Rev. Ryszard Stradomski


04/09 • Rev. Alan C. Tupa



“As a Catholic, our beliefs are to help those that need help.”

- Thomas Livingston
Espiritu Santo, Safety Harbor

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The Apostles' Creed



At Mass today we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The origins of the Apostles' Creed are believed to predate the Nicene Creed. It is universally recognized by many Christians as a shared statement of our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. As we recite the Apostles' Creed, it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ, which was first made at our own baptism and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

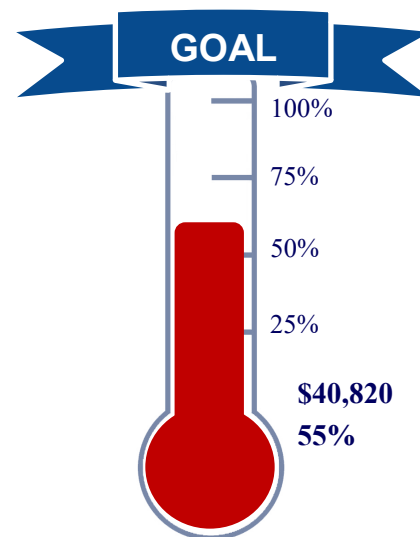
Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Thank you for your prayerful giving!

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.csricebowl.org

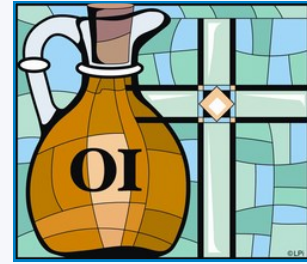
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Arnold, Barbara
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Comeau, Teresa
Daniels, Joshua
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane

Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Matthew
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Lynd, John
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Manley, Jan
Manley, Paul
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Murdock, Cheryl
Murdock, Evan
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
O'Farrell, Louise
Oliphant, Brian
Parmigiani, Valerie

Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Roberts, Deacon Lionel
Romani, Angelo
Schaefer, Jake
Scotlight, Kristin
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Kyle
Youngman, Ruthe



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.