



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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## Moses urged his people to find peace in the present moment

By Philip Kosloski



*In the book of Deuteronomy Moses uses the word "today" to calm the people's fears of the future.*

Are you ever afraid of the future? Does the unknown create anxiety in your heart?

Moses dealt with a similar situation with the people of Israel. He led them through the desert and they were on the brink of entering the Promised Land. However, many were skeptical and were **unsure about what would happen next.**

According to the *Israel Institute of Biblical Studies*, "The word 'today' appears 59 times in Deuteronomy – far more than in any other biblical book ... The original Hebrew word for 'today' spoken by Moses is ha-yom (הַיּוֹם), which literally means 'the day.' **Moses' repetition of this word is meant to calm the people: take it one day at a time ... He wanted the people to focus only on the here and now.**"

The people of Israel had much to be worried about, as their recent past wasn't so great and they continually doubted God and his goodness.

To combat those fear, Moses wanted them to **renew their covenant with God, "Today."**

Furthermore, the words of Moses also have an "eternal" quality to them, **referring to the "today" of anyone who reads/hears them.**

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### **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  
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Professor Everett Fox explains this aspect of the word on TheTorah.com.

*The eternally renewed “today” seeks to connect the generations and bind them together in a common destiny ... “Today” ... **challenges all hearers of the text to make the moment their own.***

Professor Benjamin D. Sommer expands on this idea in an article for *The Jewish Theological Seminary*.

*Ultimately, the “today” of which Deuteronomy speaks includes the “today” of the book’s audience—that is, the many “todays” of each person the text addresses ... **Deuteronomy wants the audience’s acceptance of God’s commands to occur “today,” not in the past. Religious meaning seems reserved for a moment that knows neither past generations nor future ones, but only an eternal now. This is the reason our parashah, like the book of which it is part, uses the word “today” to refer to several different days: the “today” that matters is whatever day we happen to be reading Deuteronomy.***

As we look to the future, let us try not to let all the uncertainties overwhelm us. All God wants from us is to accept him into our heart “today,” not tomorrow or yesterday, but “today.”

May we focus more on the present moment, seeking ways to follow God, rather than being stuck in the past or worried about the future.

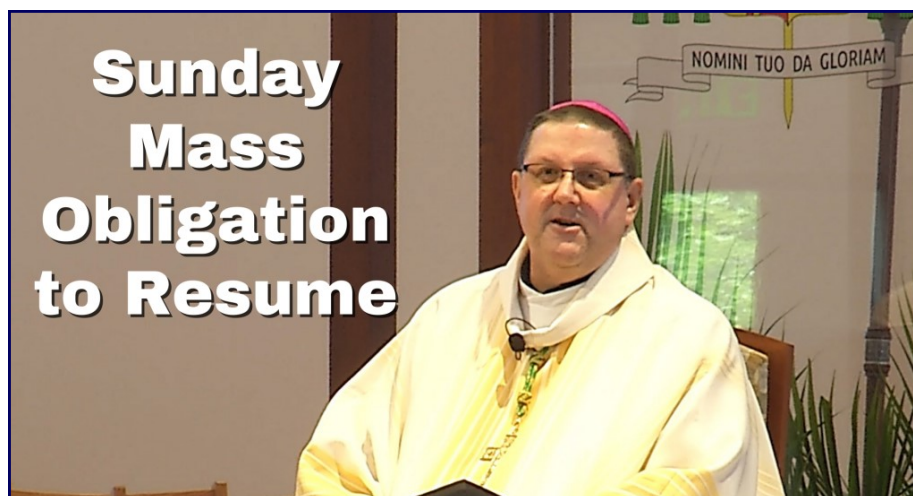
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## *Roe v Wade Movie*

From Friday, April 9 to Monday, April 26, you are invited to a Virtual Movie Premiere Event of “the real story you’ve never been told” about the Roe v Wade Supreme Court abortion decision. Individuals can sign up to stream the film for a discounted price of \$12.99 plus \$1.25 transaction fee at [www.watchroevwade.com/florida](http://www.watchroevwade.com/florida). Consider inviting your family and friends to view this intriguing drama with you in your home.

NOTE: This is for home showing only, not for use in churches, businesses or public sites. You can see the trailer, fact checks, and details at [www.roevwademovie.com](http://www.roevwademovie.com). Questions? Contact Sabrina Burton Schultz at [sab@dosp.org](mailto:sab@dosp.org) or 727-344-1611 \*5325.



## **General Dispensation is Currently in Place due to Health Concerns from COVID-19**

Bishop Gregory Parkes announced that the obligation for Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday will resume on May 22, 2021, the vigil of Pentecost. This announcement was made at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg during the annual Chrism Mass on March 30.

Bishop Parkes said, "It's my intention that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass issued last March will be lifted effective on the vigil of Pentecost, which is the weekend of May 22 and 23. We will be updating and providing suggested protocols and guidelines to our parishes so that they remain among the safest places to be."

He also added: "On April 5, the vaccine will be made available to every adult in our diocese, and in the state of Florida. This is a reason for hope. In the same way that many are returning to shopping, to restaurants, social gatherings, and vacations. It's time to come back to Mass. It's time to come back to church, it's time to come home."

The bishop has written a letter about the general dispensation and a list of circumstances that would necessitate a particular dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation.

To view the video of the bishop's homily or read his letter please visit the Diocesan website at [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org).



## **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

## **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 Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
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### **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](http://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, April 17**

4:00 p.m.

Joan and John Franzini (Dec)

### **Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m.

Ed Gratz (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Bill Maslar (Dec)

### **Monday, April 19**

8:00 a.m.

Ann Maier (Dec)

### **Tuesday, April 20**

8:00 a.m.

Adaline Harrington (Dec)

### **Wednesday, April 21**

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

### **Thursday, April 22**

8:00 a.m.

Marilyn and Frank Esposito (Liv)  
14th Wedding Anniversary

### **Friday, April 23**

8:00 a.m.

Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)

### **Saturday, April 24**

8:00 a.m.

Marcia Holser (Liv)

4:00 p.m.

David Wingdenfield (Dec)

### **Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m.


Ann Maier (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

William Isaac (Dec)

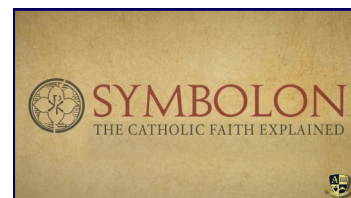


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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### 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](http://www.btsp.or) and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

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.

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### Weekly Giving

#### Online Giving April 5-11

Offertory	\$ 825
Building Fund	\$ 120
Easter	\$ 140

#### April 11, 2021

Offertory	\$7,249
Funeral	\$1,000
Gift Shop	\$ 229
Easter	\$ 780
Rent	\$3,625
Building Fund	\$ 530
SVDP	\$ 216

**Thank you for your generosity!**





## Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

1577-1622  
Feast Day—April 24

Born in Sigmaringen Germany, Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became “the poor person’s lawyer.” But, disillusioned over other lawyers’

behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.

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## Marian Congress

**Mary Welcomes You  
with Open Arms**

**3rd Annual Marian Congress**  
Saturday, May 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Virtual

[www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org)

Registration for the 2021 Marian Congress on May 8 is now open!

This year’s Marian Congress will be a virtual gathering on Saturday, May 8. The theme is, “Mary Welcomes You With Open Arms.” The keynote speaker is Father Chris Alar, MIC, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

There is no cost to participate. At 11:30am, Bishop Gregory Parkes will celebrate Mass and lead participants in a renewal of conse-

cration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All Catholics are encouraged to participate virtually. To learn more, visit [www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org)

**CONSECRATION  
TO ST. JOSEPH**

May 1, 2021  
12 noon

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

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## Bishop Parkes will Consecrate the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph on May 1

Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate parishes, schools, ministries and the people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph on Saturday, May 1, the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 12:00pm. Catholics are encouraged to participate either in person or virtually. “When you consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you entrust yourself to his fatherly care, and you ask him to help you live the holy virtues that strengthen families, churches and communities,” said Bishop Parkes.

To learn more, visit [www.dosp.org/joseph](http://www.dosp.org/joseph).

## Magazine Articles

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