



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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### Grow+Go

This week, we are introducing Grow+Go, content designed to help parishioners understand what it means to be an evangelizing disciple of Christ. Using the Sunday Scriptures as the basis for reflection, Grow+Go offers insight into how we can all more fully GROW as disciples and then GO evangelize, fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) The concept behind the weekly series is to make discipleship and evangelization simple, concrete and relatable. Look for Grow+Go in our weekly magazine.



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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](http://btsp.org).

Confessions can be arranged with  
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## WELCOMING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, the everlasting source of life, goodness and love. Instill in us the courage to share your Good News. Form us as your disciples of hospitality who welcome our brothers and sisters to the celebration of Mass with open arms. Help us to follow your example of accompaniment, especially with those who are different from us in appearance, attitudes, culture and language. Keep us humble servants, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that we too may proclaim that the Lord has done great things and holy is His name.

In your holy and blessed name, we pray

Amen

## National Foster Care Month

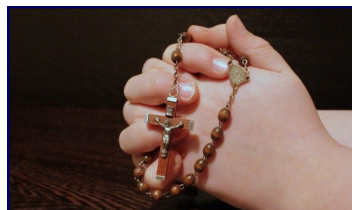
This May, during National Foster Care Month, please consider providing a loving home for a child who has been separated from his or her parents. Over 20,000 children in Florida have been removed from their parents or guardians, yet only 5,000 families are certified to meet their needs. If you are interested in learning more about foster parenting, please call 1-83-FOSTERFL or visit [MyFloridaMyFamily.com](http://MyFloridaMyFamily.com).

If you are interested in immigrant and refugee foster care, please reach out to Bethany Christian Services, Central Florida at (407) 877-4006 or at this link: [bethany.org/locations/us/florida/central-florida](http://bethany.org/locations/us/florida/central-florida). The nurturing environment you provide can help vulnerable children heal and thrive.

## Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,  
we lift up 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.

05/16	Rev. Richard Jankowski
05/17	Rev. Alexander Padilla
05/18	Austin Smith, Seminarian
05/19	For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
05/20	Rev. Eric Peters
05/21	Rev. Leonard Plazewski
05/22	Rev. James Ruhlin



## How to entrust your troubles to the Virgin Mary to better walk toward the Lord

*In this month of May, let us remember that the Virgin is guiding us with maternal tenderness in every moment of our lives.*



**J**ust before his death on the Cross, Jesus offered us his mother (Jn. 19:26-27). **Ever since, Mary has been present by our side – she has become the mother of the Church.** She is the manifestation of the Father's love that guides us to Christ and opens our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit.

On earth, Mary nursed, nurtured, and educated Jesus and was the most loving of mothers. In the same way she is now

taking care of us. Let us entrust her all our troubles to her, big and small, from the most spiritual to the most mundane. For example: the lack of diligence in prayer, our family problems, or even something as simple as deciding “what to have for dinner.” Naturally, the Holy Virgin won't do our cooking for us or provide a magic recipe for a succulent meal, but her intercession will help unburden us, so we can become receptive to what the Lord requires of us here and now.

### Let us rely on the Virgin to walk toward Jesus

Mary is as attentive to our needs as she was to those of guests in Cana. And as in their case she intercedes for us (Jn.2:3). **She takes all of our supplications and all of our prayers to her Son.** Whenever we recite a “Hail Mary,” we are like little children holding our mother's hand to progress. We trust her to intercede on our behalf and rely on her guidance on our path to Christ. We are carried by her prayer — for little children, their mother's arms are the best way to progress quickly and safely, without a risk of falling, even when they are tired or don't know their way.

This month of May invites us to learn from Mary. The reason why during this month we pray the Rosary with and for our children is because “the richness of this traditional prayer, which has the simplicity of a popular devotion but also the theological depth of a prayer suited to those who feel the need for deeper contemplation” (St. John-Paul II *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*).

There are thousands of ways to say this prayer: alone, in a group, in the silence of a church or in the din of a busy street; morning and evening, with the family gathered in a prayer corner; in bed during sleepless night. When we're tired, it's even possible to recite it without thinking, as a call of love, repeated over and over again.

### Mary is asking us to accomplish God's will on Earth

“Do whatever He tells you” were the last words of Mary recorded in the Gospels, her only instruction addressed to us (Jn. 2:5). They reveal all that Mary wants to teach us: to rely on her tenderness instead of twiddling our thumbs or making a mess of things, assuming she'll fix them. Entrusting ourselves into Mary's hands is not an excuse for becoming spiritually lazy. On the contrary!

In Cana, Mary interceded with her Son and then told the servants: “Do whatever He tells you.” **Similarly she is asking us to accomplish God's will on Earth.** And the closer we grow to her, the more she makes us realize that the only thing that truly matters, the only thing we need to look for, is to “do as He tells us.”



## **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](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, May 15, Saint Isidore**

4:00 p.m. Miguel Rojas (Dec)

### **Sunday, May 16, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Cassandra Birchfield and Family (Liv)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Charles DeCoursey (Dec)

### **Monday, May 17, Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Gertrud and Earl Murray  
63rd Wedding Anniversary

### **Tuesday, May 18, Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Susan Rinaldi (Liv)

### **Wednesday, May 19, Easter Weekday**

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

### **Thursday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

8:00 a.m. Elsie and Philip Denerhe (Dec)

### **Friday, May 21, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Roxanne and Jeff Rogers  
50th Wedding Anniversary

### **Saturday, May 22, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**

8:00 a.m. Doris Gonzales (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Mary and Frank Ward

### **Sunday, May 23, Solemnity Of Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Charles DeCoursey (Dec)



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— 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:

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.



### Weekly Giving

#### Online Giving May 3-9

Offertory	\$ 845.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00

#### May 9, 2021

Offertory	\$6,675.00
Gift Shop	\$ 282.00
Building Fund	\$ 102.00
SVDP	\$ 150.00
Other	\$ 15.00

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May 16, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 |  
Mk 16:15-20

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

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, “was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today’s feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits “at the right hand of God,” Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God’s love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today’s readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of “farewell party” for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus “left” the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today’s Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus’ words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” As Catholics and Christians, that’s our bottom line. I read somewhere that “proclaim” goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God’s love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

**PRAY** Today’s feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a “spirit of wisdom.”

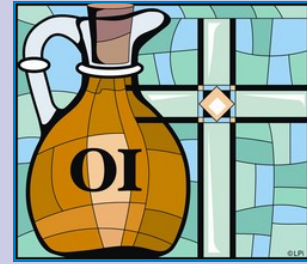


Adkins, Chantale  
Antczak, Harriet  
Arnold, Barbara  
Bestow, Shawn  
Boss, Kristin  
Brown, Bob & Beverly  
Brown, Buck  
Brown III, George  
Brown, Shaquita  
Carfora, Palma  
Cary, Joan  
Chavez, John  
Christ, Kathryn  
Cline, Wayne  
Deacon Lionel Roberts  
Detore, Alice  
Deuel, Fred  
Devyn & Donna  
DeZarn, Vickie  
Doiron, Gary  
Dow, Bob  
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  
Hawkins, Ashlyn  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Huff, Walt & Carole  
Kirkpatrick, Donna  
Kirkpatrick, Susan  
Lanigan, John  
Lashley, Diana  
LeVan, George  
Maharne, Cecile  
Maitland, Steve  
McAfee, Riley  
McGarry, Jean  
Membreno, Mary & Gus  
Mesick, Phil & Nancy  
Meyer, Patricia  
Moore, Richard A.  
Nicholson, Maria  
Noguez, Armida  
Oliphant, Brian  
Phillips, James  
Preeper, Helen  
Privitera, Sandy  
Quinn, Timothy  
Roberts, Amanda  
Romani, Angelo &  
Marlene  
Schaefer, Jake

Schneider, Mary Jo  
Scotlight, Kristin  
Seaquist, Tim  
Shelby, Ron & Montez  
Smith, Anita  
Stankiewicz, Cy  
Storey, Barbara  
Thuline, James  
Velez, Carmelita  
Vishnisky, Wayne  
Walsh, Thomas  
Watson, Amanda  
Youngman, Ruth

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



## **Anointing of the Sick**

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## **Magazine Articles**

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to parish office at [amc@btsp.org](mailto:amc@btsp.org)

