

# BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 29th, 2018

Weekend Magazine

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Can a priest be forced to betray the seal of the confessional?



*The sophisticated technological growth of the media allows for more violations of fundamental private life.*

“There is a case in which custody of secrecy has proved particularly effective. I speak of the secret of confession, the secrecy that the confessor keeps regarding the sins that have been confessed to him. Obviously, it is a fundamental value in the Catholic Church, instilled with such force in consciences that it has remained one of the most respected norms.”

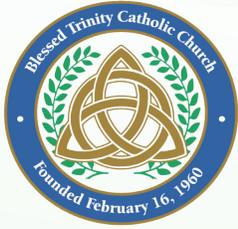
The above is part of the small essay “Segreti e no” (“What is secret and what is not,” 2017) by Claudio Magris (b. 1939), a writer from Trieste in northwestern Italy, who has often been a candidate for the Nobel Prize. He adds: “There have been priests who have violated various commandments, but very few priests have revealed the secret of confession” (pages 43 and 44).

### **And the guilt of the sinner before God?**

This “success story” in the history of humanity that Magris outlined has a theological foundation: the seal or secret of conscience as well as the relationship with God of the person who confesses. And it is an example, continues the Italian writer, “of the most lively concern to protect the secret not as an ineffable mystery, but as a defense of the dignity of the person and of their intimacy, of their inner truth.”

All this is of no importance to the Australian legislatures who have approved a law that orders Catholic priests to violate the secret of confession in cases of crimes of sexual abuse of minors and other crimes they learn of in the

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM  
VIGIL

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

HOLY DAYS:

7:30, 9 AM & 7 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

3:00 -3:45 PM

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confessional, without taking into account the sacredness of the sacrament of confession and the theology of the seal of confession.

The Australian Confraternity of the Catholic Clergy (ACCC) has objected to this regulation that could force us to go back on one of the fundamental pillars of the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Moreover, it would be tantamount to declaring a human law — approved in the legislatures of the Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Tasmania — superior to divine law.

“Given that the nature of sin involves the sinner’s guilt before God, and absolution entrusted by Christ to the priest who must make a judgment as to the sinner’s genuineness of repentance, the seal of the sacrament applies to the penitent’s personal relationship in conscience with God, and as such is not merely a matter of canon law, but of Divine Law, from which the Church has no power to dispense,” says the ACCC communiqué.

It adds that “no priest is bound to keep any human law that attempts to undermine the absolute confidentiality of confession.” Later, in its communiqué, the Confraternity stressed that priests cannot and will not comply with a law of this nature, which is also inspired by a “radically inadequate understanding of the Sacrament.”

#### **Think the worst of people, and you’ll be right?**

Obviously, behind this rule is concealed the interpretative presumption that the sacrament of confession is motivated by a supposed culture of hiding and concealment, a tool that the Catholic Church has used both to “cover up” for its members who commit this type of crime and to take advantage of the penitents.

The ACCC detailed some of the practical obstacles to the alleged mandatory reporting. The first is the protection of the anonymity of penitents through the screen of the confessional, which prevents a confessor from recognizing with certainty the face of the penitent.

In addition, penitents are not required to confess specific details of sins beyond the type of fault committed and the number of times, if there is a repeat offense. The absence of information such as the details of place and time, and the names of those involved, would not allow for identification in any legal case.

The Fellowship recalled the strong desire of Australian priests for greater protection of children and vulnerable adults and the prosecution of those who have committed this type of crime. However, it warned that “these laws do neither, and, in addition, create a precedent in Australia for the violation of religious freedom by the overreaching of the state into the domain of the sacred.”

When—as Magris says (pages 44-45)—“the sophisticated technological growth of the media allows more and more disturbing violations of the fundamental

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private life, in a spiral of global communication that becomes the expropriation of the person, voyeurism disguised as science, social research, political denunciation, and pseudo-cultural gossip,” Australian lawmakers want to end one of the tiny cracks left for modern man to unburden his conscience, obtain forgiveness, and subject himself to the divine law.

Or something similar.

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## COURAGEOUSLY

### *Living the Gospel*

#### Goals that will help us achieve our vision:

##### **WE BELIEVE THAT WE SERVE CHRIST BY SERVING OTHERS. THEREFORE...**

- Each deanery will launch a Catholic Impact Initiative that addresses one local community issue and parishes throughout the deanery are invited to combine their creativity to establish the desired outcomes. Implementation will be initiated by December 31, 2019.
- The Diocese will establish 8 - 10 new locations of affordable housing facilities for families and/or singles managed by Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese by the end of 2021.

##### **WE BELIEVE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE CHURCH AND TO INCREASE THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST...**

- One hundred percent of parishes will establish and/or enhance youth ministry opportunities by July 1, 2020.
- In support of this initiative, the Diocese will hire three diocesan regional associate directors of youth and young adult ministry by July 1, 2019.
- The Diocese will establish a new Catholic elementary school (location to be determined) to open for the 2021-2022 school year.
- We will increase student participation by 1000% (4,000 individuals) at established campus ministry communities, and create new Catholic student communities for all local colleges and universities in the Diocese by Easter of 2021.

##### **WE BELIEVE OUR BAPTISM CALLS US TO LEAD OTHERS TO NEW OR INCREASED FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. THEREFORE...**

- The Diocese will partner with pastors and parishes for successful assessment, training, and implementation of effective evangelization and family ministry strategies, including hospitality and intercultural competency by Pentecost 2019.
- Every parish will equip parishioners as Missionary Disciples who are inspired to invite and accompany others by Pentecost 2020.
- All parishes will enhance or establish family ministries to respond to the diverse needs of families by Pentecost 2020.



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Publication deadline for the **August 12th** bulletin is due on **July 29th**.

Please email any announcements to: [BTKGallagher@gmail.com](mailto:BTKGallagher@gmail.com)

Dear parishioners,



I would like to extend my thanks to you, the congregation of Blessed Trinity for your active participation in the music of the Mass. The music ministry at Blessed Trinity is seeking any and all musicians to help aid the liturgy, from singers to guitar players. I want to personally invite anyone who would want to be a part of the music for the 9:30 adult choir or 11:30 contemporary group. For the first half of the season, we will be rehearsing for Christmas and Bishop Parks' pastoral visit to Blessed Trinity on Epiphany Sunday. The second half of the choir season we will rehearse for Easter. I encourage you to be a part of the music. As music director, I say to you all, my door is always open. Please feel free to see me after any of the Masses or join our rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday evenings.

Thank you and God Bless,

~Vincent Sclafani  
Director of Music



**This weekend's flowers**

Carole & Walter Huff  
59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat., July 28**

8:00 a.m. Earnest & Silvia Lawrence (dec)  
4:00 p.m. Fr. John Leonard (dec)

**Sun., July 29**

8:00 a.m. Robert B. Murray (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners  
11:30 p.m. Martina Padilla & Nicholas Reyes Jr. (dec)

**Mon., July 30**

7:30 a.m. Hubert Harnett (dec)

**Tues., July 31**

7:30 a.m. Anouse & Rigaud Prophet (liv)

**Wed., August 1**

7:30 a.m. Vocations & Carole & Walter Huff

**Thurs., August 2**

7:30 a.m. Callaway Casas (dec)

**Fri., August 3**

7:30 a.m. Vincent Sclafani (liv)

**Sat., August 4**

8:00 a.m. Delphine Olsen (dec)  
4:00 p.m. Bill Maslar (dec)

**Sun., August 5**

8:00 a.m. Yvonne & Edmund Comeau (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Adele Frallicciardi (liv)

**Sacred Vessels for communion are donated in memory of John (Jack) R. Aselage**

**SACRAMENTS**



**Matrimony**

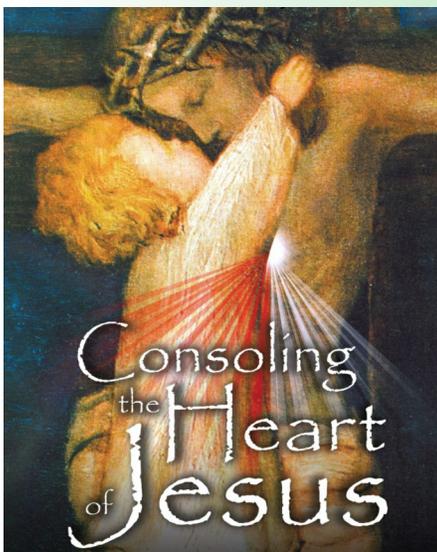
Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a parish priest before setting a date. Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage.

**Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

**OFFICE HOURS**

**M-F 9 AM - 4 PM**  
**CLOSED FOR LUNCH**  
**NOON TO 1 PM**



Join us for a **Consoling the Heart of Jesus** small group retreat!

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Kowalska, and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to "become a saint, a great saint, and quickly."

The retreat begins Thursday, August 16th from 10:30 am to Noon and runs for 10 consecutive Thursdays, ending on October 18th.

Meetings will be held in the Faith Formation room. Materials are approximately \$30, however scholarships are available for those who can't afford the fee.

To register, contact Deacon John Schaefer at (727) 439-0674 or Joyce Schaefer at (727) 439-6423.

Donations 7/22/18

Offertory Collection	\$4,826
APA 2018	\$280
Gift shop	<u>\$96</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,202</b>

Mailed in Donations

Offertory Collection	\$2,190
Building Fund	\$17
Rental	\$600
Flowers	\$75
APA 2018	\$95
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$85</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,062</b>

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## This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun.	7/29	7:00 p.m.	- Men's AA - Rm 4
Mon.	7/30	7:00 p.m.	- Prayer Meeting - FFC
Sat.	8/4	9:00 a.m.	- Altar Circle
	8/4	7:00 p.m.	- Women's AA

Please call the Parish Office, (727) 867-3663, for information regarding ministries & organizations

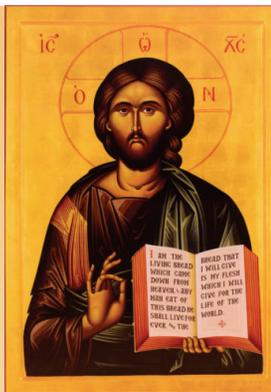


Is God calling you to participate more fully in the Eucharistic Sacrifice? Are you ready to be a part of the daily readings, distributing communion, and serving Mass each and every week?

Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, servers and ushers are needed for EVERY Weekend Mass! Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound are also needed to bring communion to our infirm and shut-ins on Sundays. If you would like to get more involved, please call Aimée Holley at: 727-687-2829.

### An invitation from the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI):

So often people ask how they can grow in their faith. In response to this, then Bishop, Robert N. Lynch initiated the formation of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute. The LPMI is a four-year program: an informal year of discernment and three years of formal academic training and spiritual growth. The initial segment of the program, the Year of Discernment, consists of eight Saturday sessions from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The classes meet at Christ the King Parish, located at 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa. **Classes begin on September 8, 2018** and continue one monthly through April 2019. For 20 years, the LPMI has provided education and formation for laity in four areas of formation - human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. The program is designed to enhance personal faith and develop intellectual aptitude to enrich ministry efforts. Our skilled instructors include a variety of priests, deacons and laity who are active in ministerial roles in our diocese. For anyone interested in attending the LPMI Year of Discernment, the registration form and program information can be found on the LPMI website at: [www.dosp.org/lpmi](http://www.dosp.org/lpmi). Or call the LPMI office at (727) 344-1611, ext. 5458; or email [LPMISEPI@dosp.org](mailto:LPMISEPI@dosp.org). Registrations are due in the LPMI office no later than August 31, 2018.



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OPTIONAL Mass at 4 p.m. Cost is \$35. Bring lunch - drinks provided. For more info visit [www.divineprovidence.org/events](http://www.divineprovidence.org/events) or call 727/797-7412.

House of Prayer – 711 South Bayview Ave, Clw, FL 33759.

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Banks, Cathy  
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Beekman, Connie  
Bennett, Elizabeth  
Blondheim, Carmen  
Bogensberger,  
Rosemary  
Brown, Bob & Beverly  
Brown, Dorothy  
Brown, Buck  
Brown, Shaquita  
Browning, Rea  
Buckwald, Diane  
Ceci, Shirley  
Chris, David  
Christ, Kathryn  
Cline, Wayne  
Cramer, David  
D'Agostino, Frances  
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Feehan, Joe  
Feldes, Chuck &  
Lauren  
Fiedler, Meghan  
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Forbes, Rahim  
Forbes, Tina May  
Fraser, Sue Chapman  
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