

# **Blessed Trinity**

# Weekend Magazine

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# 12 Powerful Catholic quotes when you find it hard to forgive

By Cerith Gardiner



## Look to these insightful words when you need to find forgiveness.

July 22 is the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene, the disciple of Jesus who, according to one tradition, was a great sinner before meeting the Lord. While she is one of the most important saints in the Church, she's also a good example of how forgiveness changes our life.

Just as Christ showed her mercy, we can learn from His example and seek to forgive those in our lives who have done us wrong. Of course, this isn't always easy, so when we need encouragement, we can be inspired by saints, literary greats, and popes to help us along the way.

- "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." ~Luke 6:37
- "If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive." ~St. Theresa of Calcutta
- "To err is human; to forgive divine." ~Alexander Pope



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Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
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8:00 AM, 9:30 Am & 11:30 AM

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- "The saints have no hatred, no bitterness, they forgive everything, and they think they deserve much more for their offenses against God." ~St. John Vianney
- "Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw out love."
   St. John of the Cross
- "Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil." ~Saint John Paul II
- "He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." ~St. Faustina
- "There are many kinds of alms, the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us." ~St. Augustine
- "Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge," ~William Shakespeare
- "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." ~St. Francis of Assisi
- "The saints rejoiced at injuries and persecutions, because in forgiving them they had something to present to God when they prayed to Him." ~St. Teresa of Avila
- ◆ "Practicing forgiveness not only saves families from divisiveness, but makes them capable of helping society to be less heartless and less cruel. Yes, each act of forgiveness fixes the cracks in the house and strengthens it's walls." ~Pope Francis

# **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.

08/01 • Rev. Joseph Pellegrino

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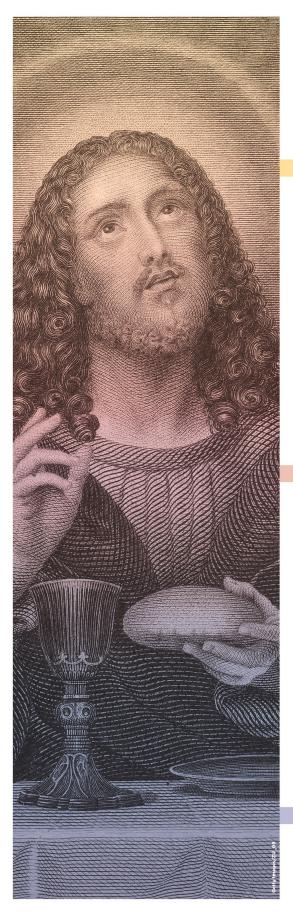
08/05 • Rev. Kazimierz Domek

08/06 • Spencer Grant, Seminarian

08/07 • Rev. Brian Fabiszewski

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

# Thoughts Worth Sharing



August 1, 2021

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-35

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

In our house, we know we've got a situation when we run out of bread. It's the staff of life, yes, but also the stuff that makes toast, goes with soup or salad, and smells so good when we bake it ourselves. So perhaps some of us can relate to the Israelites in the first reading as they "grumbled against Moses and Aaron," before the Lord promised to "rain down bread from heaven for [them]." On a deeper level, perhaps we also truly understand the importance of what Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel: that the bread from heaven which the Father gives will not only satisfy their physical hunger, but give life to the world. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Just as the disciples heartily responded "give us this bread always," today's readings encourage us to long not only for all good gifts from the Father, but specifically for that one, unique gift of the Son whose nourishment to us in the Eucharist transforms us and "gives life to the world."

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many Catholics, I attended Mass online for much of 2020 and the first half of 2021. Initially, it seemed like enough, and I was immensely grateful for the opportunity to hear the Word of God, see the Lord in the Eucharist, and to receive him spiritually. However, as we began to return to church this past spring, I truly felt the enormity of what I had been missing: receiving the Eucharist, and doing so within a community. As we hear Christ's words in the bread of life discourse over the next few Sundays, the magnitude of God's gracious gift should become ever more apparent. When we receive the Eucharist at Mass, we partake in the body and blood of Jesus, sharing in the divine banquet that leads us to everlasting life, and drawing closer to Jesus and to one another in the process. Nourished by his presence within us, we can then go out and share the bread of life with others. What that looks like will differ for each of us, but ultimately it is all for the purpose of accomplishing the works of God: believing in the One he sent and giving witness to that belief in all we say and do.

**ACTION** Paul's Letter to the Ephesians admonishes his listeners to "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." As we begin each day this week, we can pray for the grace to "put on a new self" and let go of those things that get in the way of our own holiness.

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 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

#### **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: <a href="https://doi.org/btsp.o

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, July 31,** Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 4:00 p.m. Dorothy Young, Nance Young (Dec)

Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Alan Wild (Liv) 9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Carole and Walter Huff (Liv) 62nd Wedding Anniversary

Monday, August 2, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter

Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 a.m. Blanch Grimes (Liv)

Tuesday, August 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Linda Mays (Dec)

Wednesday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, August 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:00 a.m. Brianne Timony (Dec)

Friday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Katey and Kris Poor, Beth and Dave Poor (Liv)

Saturday, August 7, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;

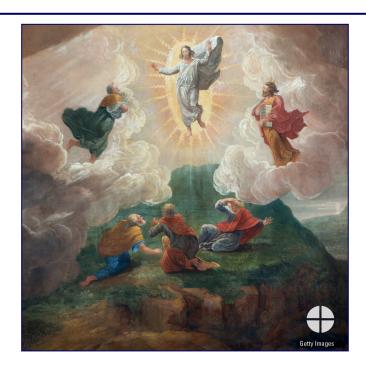
Saint Cajetan, Priest

8:00 a. m. Robert and Diane Lepley (Liv)

4:00 p.m. Bob Hettinger (Liv)

Sunday, August 8, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mays (Dec) 9:30 a.m. For Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Gerald Hayman (Dec)



# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **Practicing Graciousness in the Desert**

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— 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 <a href="www.btsp.org">www.btsp.org</a> 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.



The flowers this weekend have been donated by Carole and Walter Huff in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

## **Weekly Giving**

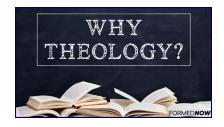
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Offertory	\$ 1,005
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## Strength and Healing through the Anointing of the Sick

Compassion and kindness toward the sick, frail and elderly are essential elements of our Christian heritage. From the days of Christ, prayers, laying on of hands, and anointing have been offered as ways to comfort the ill, diminish anxiety, and visualize the concern of God and the community.

The scriptural roots of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be found in Mark 6:13 and James 5:14-15. In teaching on the sacrament, Saint Pope John Paul II explained:

"Anointing of the sick can promote spiritual and physical healing and therefore should not be saved for the last minute. Experience shows that this sacrament produces a spiritual strength that transforms the soul of the sick person and even relieves his or her physical condition."

#### The Sacrament is Intended for the Living

Waiting until the moment of death runs the risk of diminishing the positive potential that this important ritual can have. This sacrament, as with the sacred rituals, needs time and attention to be pastorally effective. Because the focus of this sacrament is healing and strength, it is not appropriate to anoint someone who is already deceased.

### Strength and Healing

Once known as Extreme Unction or Last Rights, the sacrament was a deathbed ritual. The original intent of the sacrament has been revived, by the Second Vatican Council, with the focus on strength and healing. The sacrament can be both a liturgical and communal celebration, and includes the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, reading of scripture, laying on of hands, and anointing with the Oil of the Sick that the Bishop blesses during the Chrism Mass.

Catholics who are confronted with the challenge of a life-limiting illness can be comforted and strengthened when the sacrament is celebrated well. To ensure the best experience for patients and families, a parish priest should be contacted as soon as possible when a loved one is still able to communicate with the priest. Do not wait until the last minute. By planning early for this special event, there is an opportunity to establish a quality pastoral relationship with the priest who visits, and an opportunity to invite family and loved ones to be present.

When death nears, the anointed will have been prepared and comforted and supported with the assurance of Scripture, prayer and affirming visitors. It will not be necessary to call a parish priest at the exact moment of death. Prayers by the family and loved ones are most appropriate at this time.

If for some reason a priest was unable to meet with a person prior to death, in this instance, the family, or individual's caretaker should trust that God's mercy and unconditional love will provide for the spiritual wellbeing of their loved one. If desired, a priest can be contacted in order to pray with and provide comfort to the surviving family members.

Father Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

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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.