

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Discover the “secret to happiness” with these powerful prayers of St. Bridget

The "15 Prayers of St. Bridget" have been a popular devotion since the Middle Ages.



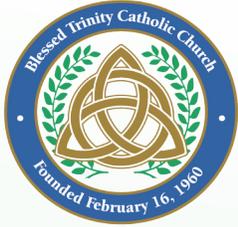
St. Bridget of Sweden was a 14th-century mystic and visionary, who received numerous private revelations during her life. In particular, she had many visions of Jesus' Passion and death and it became a central point of her personal devotion.

In the years following her death, there began to circulate “15 Prayers of St. Bridget,” dubbed the “secret to happiness.” Historians debate whether or not she actually composed them, but regardless of who the author was, the prayers have been tied to St. Bridget ever since.

The prayers became extremely popular and were approved by the Church for private devotion. Attached to the prayers were several extraordinary “promises,” such as, “Whoever teaches these Prayers to another, will have continual joy and merit which will last throughout eternity.” However, the authenticity of these promises have never been officially approved by the Church.

Nevertheless, these prayers are a powerful meditation on the Passion of Christ and provide an abundance of spiritual material to meditate on. They focus on the great pain Jesus endured, revealing the beautiful love that God has for all of humanity.

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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

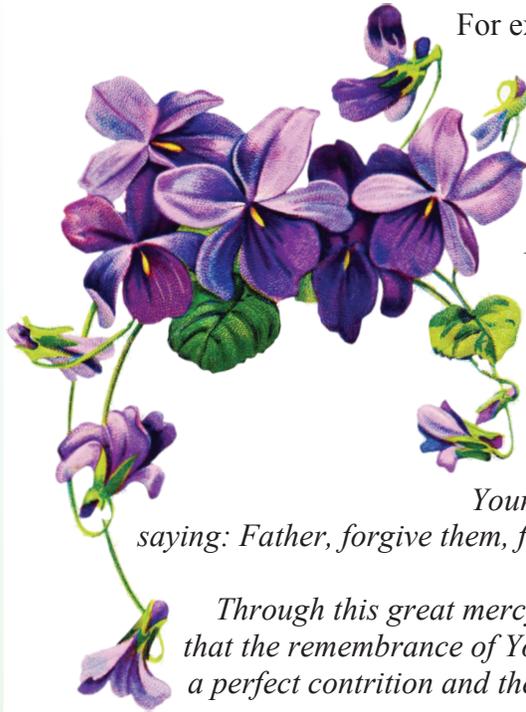
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For example, the fourth prayer highlights some of the reasons for Jesus' pain, invoking God's mercy on us all.

O Jesus! I Remember the bruises You suffered and the weakness of Your Body, which was distended to such a degree that never was there pain like Yours. From the crown of Your Head to the soles of Your Feet there was not one spot on Your Body which was not in torment. Yet, forgetting all Your sufferings, You did not cease to pray to Your Heavenly Father for Your enemies, saying: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Through this great mercy and in memory of this suffering, grant that the remembrance of Your most bitter Passion may effect in us a perfect contrition and the remission of all our sins. Amen.

The 15th prayer is especially beautiful, meditating on the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side.

O Jesus! I remember the abundant outpouring of Blood which You shed. From Your Side, pierced with a lance by a soldier, Blood and Water poured forth until there was not left in Your Body a single Drop; and finally the very substance of Your Body withered and the marrow of Your Bones dried up. Through this bitter Passion and through the outpouring of Your Precious Blood, I beg You to pierce my heart so that my tears of penance and love may be my bread day and night.

May I be entirely converted to You; may my heart be Your perpetual resting place; may my conversation be pleasing to You; and may the end of my life be so praiseworthy that I may merit Heaven and there with Your saints praise You forever. Amen.

For the full list of all 15 prayers, visit this url:
http://www.scborromeo.org/prayers/bridget_sweden.pdf

While it may seem strange to label these prayers the "secret to happiness," it does reflect a profound spiritual reality. The path to Heaven was opened up for us only through the suffering and Passion of Jesus. It was only through this outpouring of divine love that made eternal happiness possible. Consequently, if we want to know the "secret to happiness," we must look to the cross and adore the abundance of love that God has for us and how he willingly endured the most excruciating pain for our salvation.

In this way, God provides for us the blueprint to a happiness that endures for all eternity.

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THOUGHTS WORTH SHARING

By Rev. Wayne Genereux, Pastor

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

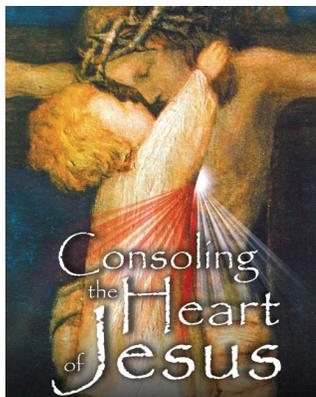
HOLY DAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH



MASS TIMES - 7:30 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 15th marks my 21st Anniversary of Ordination

I will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving
on August 19th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass



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

Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints and blessed like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina 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.

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 choir or 11:30 contemporary group.

We have exciting things happening at Blessed Trinity. 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

Music
Notes

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., August 11

8:00 a.m. Bruno Kepczynski (dec)
4:00 p.m. Joseph Cappiello (dec)

Sun., August 12

8:00 a.m. Bob Hettinger (liv)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Mary Bowers & Alfred Brown (dec)

Mon., August 13

7:30 a.m. Betty Karibo (dec)

Tues., August 14

7:30 a.m. Angiolina Roberto (dec)

Wed., August 15

7:30 a.m. Vocations & Father Wayne
7:00 p.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners

Thurs., August 16

7:30 a.m. Carol & Bill Niehaus (liv)

Fri., August 17

7:30 a.m. Francine Masucci (dec)

Sat., August 18

8:00 a.m. Cesar Sanchez (liv)
4:00 p.m. James Lawler (dec)

Sun., August 19

8:00 a.m. Sheila Broderick (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Margaret Pergola (dec)

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



Donations 08/05/18

Offertory Collection	\$7,442
Building Fund	\$1,264
Gift shop	<u>\$250</u>
TOTAL:	\$8,956
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,514

Since introducing online giving in 2017, donations using this method have grown from \$1,000 per month to \$4,415 for the month of July 2018. We have 30 donors using online giving. Thank you for your generosity and dependability.

Mailed in donations average \$7,000 per month. We have approximately 12 people who have their bank auto pay their church donations. Another dozen or more people write a check and mail it in with their donation envelopes monthly. Thank you for your devotion and faithfulness.

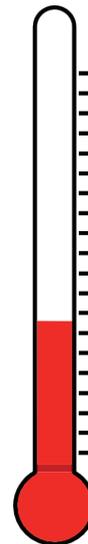
Both online giving and direct mail in are a tremendous support to the parish. These donations remain pretty steady and are not swayed by weather, travel, or seasons. Mass attendance varies from winter months to summer months. Expenses are constant, so when we have fewer people in the pews during the summer the income is way down making it very hard to keep up with the financial obligations in the parish. With the steadfastness of online and mail in givers, we almost make ends meet. We will, however, need to take a withdrawal from savings to meet our current obligations. That is something we try very hard to avoid doing. Our savings are for emergencies and the day to day operations should not be an emergency.

As we struggle with air conditioning repairs we have come to the reality that if we need to replace the other unit in the church or one in the parish center we will need to take a loan to do so. I share this information so you are not in the dark about the parish finances.

Coming soon! The fiscal year-end financial report.

Want to try Online Giving?
Go to our website at btsp.org and click the online giving button.

Blessed Trinity 2018 APA



Goal: **\$101,181**

100% Paid: **\$47,725.40**

Balance Due:

\$53,455.60

% to Goal: **47.17%**

of Pledges:

213 out of 681

Families

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Continued Generosity!*



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This Week at Blessed Trinity

- Sun. 8/12 7:00 p.m. - Men's AA - Rm 4
 Thurs. 8/16 10:30 a.m. - Retreat - FFC
 8/16 2:00 p.m. - Grief Support Meeting - Lib
 8/16 5:00 p.m. - SVDP - Rm 4
 Sat. 8/18 9:00 a.m. - Altar Circle
 8/18 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA - Rm 4

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

Attention Married Couples:

The car gets a tune up. The house gets a painting. The job gets our best effort. But when is there time to "brush up" on us? Carve out the time you so richly deserve for yourselves and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the peace, romance and joy that God calls you to! Space IS limited, so apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, check out flwc-wwme.org or call 813-270-7832. The next available WWME weekend will be at the Franciscan Center in Tampa from Aug 24-26. The next one after that will be Oct. 12-14.

ALPHA House of Pinellas County, Inc., a residential program supporting homeless pregnant women, teens and new mothers experiencing crisis pregnancies, located at 701 Fifth Ave. North, St. Petersburg presents their Butterfly Ball on Saturday, September 29th, 2018, at The Vinoy Renaissance, 501 5th Ave.



NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 from 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm. The theme this year is "Papillon Á Paris".

This event is black tie attire and will include silent and live auction, a cocktail reception, dinner, entertainment and dancing. The band will be NoFilter, playing the chart topping hits of today as well as classics from the 70's, 80's and 90's. We will be recognizing the Significant Six. This program identifies six individuals in our community who use their skills, efforts, talents, contributions, kindness, willingness and ability to help others unselfishly. These individuals have made a significant impact on the world or the small corner of it that we share.

Please support ALPHA's Butterfly Ball with the donation of auction items or sponsorship. Individual tickets are \$150.00. Please visit our website www.alphahousepinellas.org to view sponsorship opportunities.

Ladies of Mercy Help make life more abundant for all!

The Ladies of Mercy will be reaching out to those who have not been heard from for several weeks - please know you have been missed! If you know of someone in need, please let one of the ladies know.

Coupons for baby diapers for the Native Americans are still needed. There are usually some coupons each weekend in the newspaper.



Please drop them in our basket in the back of the church. Thank you and God bless!



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.

Adkins, Chantale
Albertson, Michelle
Anonymous
Antczak, Harriet
Aselage, Karl
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Beckman, Fred
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
Dawson, Anthony Peter

Deacon Lionel Roberts
DeCaires, Brian
DeLuca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice
Favero, Beverly
Fazio, Mary & Frank
Feehan, Joe
Feltas, Chuck &
Lauren
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Freda, Eileen
Gilberto, Josie
Graeme, Mary
Grimberg, Carol
Hamilton, Tom
Harris, Melonie
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Hepp, Loren
Heylan, Edward H.
Hildebrand, Bud
Horne, Francesca

Huff, Walt & Carole
Iglesias, Olivia
Irvin, Victoria
Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin &
Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Kwesell, Eugene
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
Leininger, Carol
LeVan, George
Lindsay, Jane
Lucas, Laura
Lyons, Laura
Mack, Jackson
Maharne, Cecile
Mahoney, Colleen
Maitland, Steve
Mark, Jacqueline
Marois, Mary
McGarry, Jean
McManus, Elly

Membreno, Mary & Gus
Merchant, Geraldine
Merchant, Rhoda
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Mitchell, Stella
Monahan, Sheila
Morton, Donna Abby
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Neumann, Janet
Nuñez, Marleny
Pezzulo, Irene
Pope, Stoney
Post, Shelley
Privitera, Sandy
Ramsey, Gerald
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Remp, Al
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina

Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Silveira, Alberta
Simpson, Rose
Smith, Anita
Sr. Jean
St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Thompson, Sue
Thore, Isabelle
Timm, Carol & Linda
Van Dusen, Caroline
Watson, Doug &
Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Wilson, Dolores
Wood, Jena

