



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

September 12, 2021 • The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When St. John Paul II Grieved with America on 9/11/2001

20th Anniversary of our National Tragedy



The following are excerpts from the Pope's remarks at the Vatican Audience Hall he gave the day after the horrible tragedy on September 12, 2001.

"I cannot begin this weekly audience without expressing my profound sorrow at the terrorist attacks which yesterday brought death and destruction to America, causing thousands of victims and injuring countless people. To the President of the United States and to all American citizens I express my heart-felt sorrow. In the face of such unspeakable horror, we cannot but be deeply disturbed. I add my voice to all the voices raised in these hours to express indignant condemnation, and I strongly reiterate the ways of violence never lead to genuine solutions to humanity's problems.

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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
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Confessions can be arranged with
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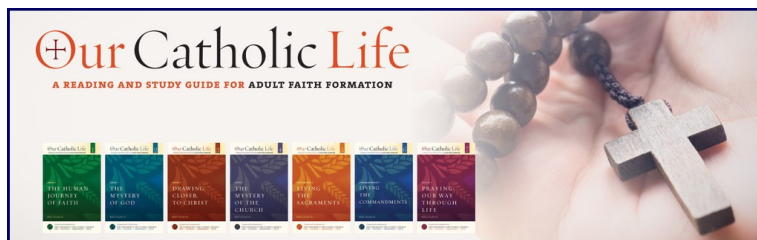
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Yesterday was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity. After receiving the news, I followed with intense concern the developing situation, with heartfelt prayers to the Lord. How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people. But faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ's word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which troubles our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it.

With deeply felt sympathy I address myself to the beloved people of the United States in this moment of distress and consternation, when the courage of so many men and women of good will is being sorely tested. In a special way I reach out to the families of the dead and the injured and assure them of my spiritual closeness. I entrust to the mercy of the Most High the helpless victims of this tragedy, for whom I offered Mass this morning, invoking upon them eternal rest. May God give courage to the survivors; may he sustain the rescue-workers and the many volunteers; may he sustain the rescue-workers and the many volunteers who are presently making an enormous effort to cope with such an immense emergency.

I ask God to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial. " *Photo and headline from Catholic News Agency,*

**Scripture Class**

Blessed Trinity Scripture classes will resume in October with a new series "Our Catholic Life", Tuesday mornings 9:30am - 11:00am in the Faith Formation Room.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Townsend at (727) 867-3605 so we will know how many books to order.

Sept. 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I think it can be easy to romanticize faith: the post-retreat high, the inspirational homily, even the motivational wall art that pops up on Pinterest. But *keeping* the faith can be hard sometimes. And living it out? Even harder. Today's readings both challenge and encourage us, as they so often do. The Letter of James pulls no punches: Faith without works is "dead." And in today's Gospel, right after Peter says, "You are the Christ," Jesus tempers that Good News, telling him that even the Son of Man must suffer greatly. We who follow Jesus must also be willing to take up our cross. This is a daily challenge to choose life over death; to choose the transformative power of Jesus over sin that creeps into our lives; to make the choice to put others' needs before our own. None of this is easy. But as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, we don't have to do it alone; indeed, the Lord God is our help. We can choose well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm inspired when the young people in our parish assist with the Sunday liturgy and do service projects in the community. As a working parent (and back when I was a "stay-at-home" mom), I tell myself, maybe someday when things slow down, I'll do more. But honestly, I think the teens in the youth group – between work, school, and sports – are busier than I am. As we listen to today's readings, wherever we may be in life and faith, what stands out? Is it James' entreaty to pair faith with works? Or Jesus' words that "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it"? Or the prophet Isaiah's rock-solid faith? Today's readings give us many ways to witness to our faith in Jesus – through prayer, service, generosity, perseverance, works, and words. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us which of these gifts we can share with others this week.

ACTIONS Brainstorm new ways to witness to your faith.

It could be as simple as picking up extra food for the pantry in the back of church or changing up "Grace" at dinner to add prayers for others.





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 Geneux, 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 Geneux, 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 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, September 11

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler (liv)
Pat Sullivan (liv)

Sunday, September 12, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jordan Carruth (dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Kantz (dec)

Monday, September 13, Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Frances Hubicki (dec)

Tuesday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. Kevin Birchfield (liv)

Wednesday, September 15, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, September 16, Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. C. J. Waldron (dec)

Friday, September 17, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Howard Young (dec)

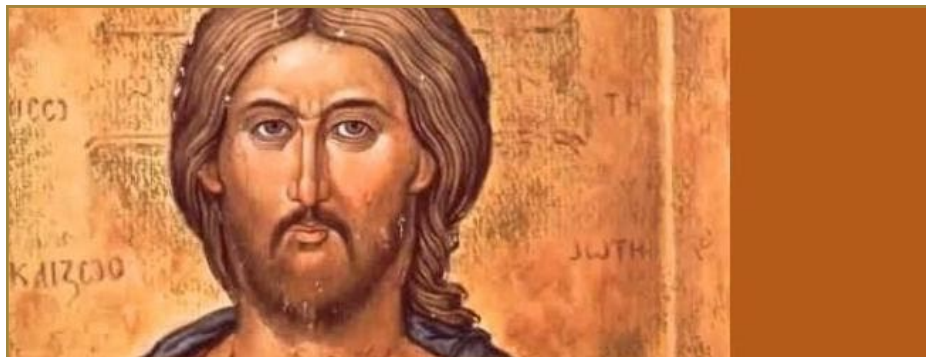
Saturday, September 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Rylee Casey (liv)
4:00 p.m. Walter D. Fenyk (dec)

Sunday, September 19, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Amanda Watson (dec)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Douglas Torres (dec)

The Messiah Lives Among us



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

A lot of people have 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.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says

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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

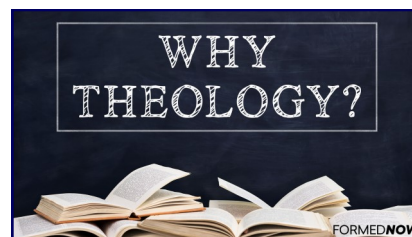
Online Giving August 30–September 5

Offertory	\$ 2,306
Building Fund	\$ 40

September 5, 2021

Offertory/Donation	\$ 5,338
Gift Shop	\$ 145
SVDP	\$ 105
Building Fund	\$ 328
Feast of the Assumption	\$ 22
Other	\$ 25

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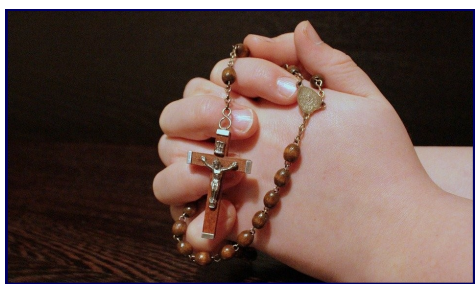
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We invite you to join your fellow parishioners in a peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion. Blessed Trinity's prayer vigil days are October 9 and October 23. Sign up sheets will be posted in the back of the church with the location. Next weekend, Rich Maloney will speak at all Masses about the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Please consider coming out to pray with us.

For more information please call Cathy at 646-552-8015, Marilyn at 727-543-3373, Lynn or Rich at 727-258-7406.



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

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.

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.

09/12 • For All Bishops
09/13 • Rev. Michael R. Smith
09/14 • Michael Amodeo, Seminarian
09/15 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
09/16 • Rev. Michael Suszynski
09/17 • Rev. William J. Swengros
09/18 • Rev. Jose Tejada

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

*God, Our Father, Creator and
Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its
foundation and
all the elements of nature obey
your command.*

*We humbly beseech you to
keep us safe from all dangers and
calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your
loving protection
and serve you always
with grateful hearts.*

*We ask this through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives
and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.*

Amen.



Introducing GulfCoastCatholic.org

Bishop Gregory Parkes has launched GulfCoastCatholic.org, a news website to help Catholics know, live and share the faith. You'll find articles that inform and, hopefully, *inspire*. Plus, each article can be shared via social media with one click.

GulfCoastCatholic.org will provide timely and relevant articles for staying up to date with Catholic life. We will also share stories about people who are ***Courageously Living the Gospel***.

Visit GulfCoastCatholic.org to check out the website and to sign up for our free, weekly email of top stories.

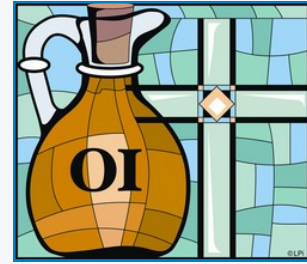
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Antczak, Harriet
Arnold, Barbara
Bento, Ron
Bestow, Shawn
Boss, Kristin
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Carfora, Palma
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Comeau, Teresa
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZam, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Dow, Bob
Dutilly, Dennis
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Frazier, Nancy
Fr. Jim Klima
Garcia, Jose M.

Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Gregg, Joan
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Grondin, Gaetane
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Holley, Gerry
Horan, Pauline
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
LeVan, George
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Maloney, Rich
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
Moore, Richard A.
Murdock, Cheryl

Murdock, Evan
Nicholson, Maria
Noguez, Armida
Oliphant, Brian
Parmigiani, Valerie
Phillips, James
Preeper, Helen
Privitera, Sandy
Privitera, Peter
Quinn, Timothy
Roberts, Amanda
Romani, Angelo & Marlene
Schaefer, Jake
Schneider, Mary Jo
Scotlight, Kristin
Seaquist, Tim
Shannon, Tom Jr.
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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.

