



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

September 26, 2021 • The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Aimee Holley,
Thank you for your
43 Years of
Faithful Service to
Blessed Trinity
Catholic Church



“I don’t know what our destiny will be, but one thing I know:
The only ones of you who will be happy are
those who sought and found how to serve.”

Albert Schweitzer



PASTOR

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lovelace
Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

CLERGY ASSISTANCE

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

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.

Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
appointment, 727-401-0487.

PARISH OFFICE

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<http://btsp.org>

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Opportunities for You!

Have you felt God calling you to be more involved in parish life? We have opportunities for everyone. We are in need of Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers for all of the Masses.

Please call the parish office at 727-867-3663 to find out more and to volunteer!

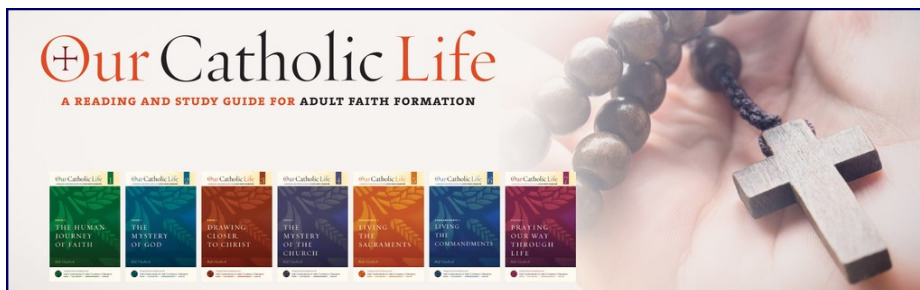
We are certainly glad you are part of our parish family. May God bless you for your gift of time.



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.



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Sept. 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

"THE
PRECEPTS
OF THE
LORD GIVE
joy
TO
THE HEART."

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

Today's graphic Gospel passage always sounds a bit jarring: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Upon first reading that passage, our response might be, "What?" But upon further reflection, it strikes me that Jesus is challenging us to attend to what *causes* us to sin: the vices we have acquired, the temptations we do not ignore, the sinful thoughts and behaviors we entertain or in which we engage. It is also important to identify where we might be culpable in leading *others* astray. In all of this, Jesus is asking us to be honest with ourselves and to take the necessary steps to "cut" out of our lives the things that lead us away from the Lord, allowing us to move toward him. Lest we get discouraged, we need only remember that we are not alone: We belong to Christ whose word is truth, whose precepts "give joy to the heart," and who tells us "whoever is not against us is for us." Like Moses in the first reading, we can ask that the Spirit descend upon us and give us strength.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Amazing feats we see on TV or read in the news can't help but capture our imagination. Our rich Catholic faith can be a little like that: just take a look at the lives of the saints. That's why I find the other passage in today's Gospel so encouraging. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest things we do matter — actions to help others grow in their faith: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." As the Lord's spirit moves us to be a prophet to others — that is, to perform deeds in his name (mighty or not-so-mighty) — we have the ability to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very real and concrete ways. As St. Teresa of Avila said: "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

ACTIONS Prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation by asking Jesus to help you identify what causes you to sin or drives a wedge between you and others or between you and God. Then participate in this beautiful sacrament and pray for the grace to make changes.



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
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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 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Judy and Bob Hettinger (liv)

Sunday, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Charles King (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Teresa Montana (dec)

Monday, September 27, Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 a.m. Margaret Taylor (dec)

Tuesday, September 28, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Leonard Moore (dec)

Wednesday, September 29, Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, September 30, Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Carole Blankle (dec)

Friday, October 1, Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Dick Robichaud (dec)

Saturday, October 2, Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. Jean and Jim Bischoff (liv)

4:00 p.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

Sunday, October 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bertha Zaweski (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

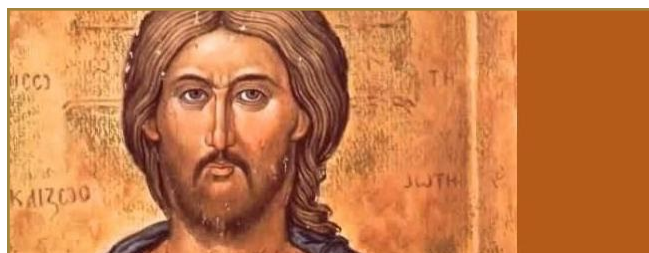
11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (dec)



*The beautiful flowers this weekend
are in honor of Aimee Holley.*



The Messiah Lives Among us



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— 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

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 September 13-19

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| Offertory | \$ 905 |
| Building Fund | \$ 20 |

September 19, 2021

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| Offertory/Donation | \$ 4,137 |
| Gift Shop | \$ 107 |
| SVDP | \$ 200 |
| Building Fund | \$ 95 |
| Memorials | \$ 175 |
| Funerals | \$ 1,095 |
| Holy Days | \$ 25 |

**Thank you for
your generosity!**

SPEAK

—
“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.”

MARK 9:39



Pray to End Abortion

You are cordially invited to join with parishioners from parishes throughout the Diocese, along with members of numerous Protestant churches,

during the 40 Days For Life Campaign peacefully praying to end abortion in front of the abortion clinic-All Women's Health Center-at 4131 Central Avenue here in St. Petersburg.

The campaign runs from September 22 thru October 31. Our parish's special days are Saturdays October 9 and October 23. Please indicate the times that you expect to attend by filling in the sign up sheets in the back of the Church.

You are encouraged to bring a folding/beach chair for your comfort.

Please feel free to call for more information, Marilyn at 727-867-2390, Cathy at 646-552-8015, or Lynn and 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.

09/26 • Rev. Daniel R. Kayajan, CSC
09/27 • Rev. Rafael Martinez
09/28 • Nicholas Gunn, Seminarian
09/29 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
09/30 • Rev. John S. Hays
10/01 • Rev. Kyle Bell
10/02 • Rev. Jose George



Rehearsals for all of our ensembles have started. Adult choir meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, Bell Choir at 5:30pm on Thursdays, and Contemporary Choir at 3:00pm on Fridays. All who are interested, please contact Vincent at (727)867-3663, ext. 309, or by email, vjs@btsp.org. Or come and see Vincent at the organ after Mass, or simply show up to the ensemble of your choice. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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.

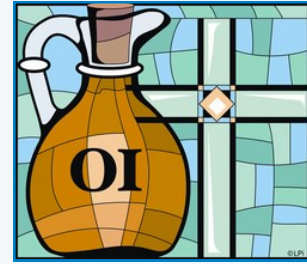
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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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
DeZarn, 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
Huff, Walt & Carole
Irvin, John and Marsha
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Kirkpatrick, Susan
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawler, Annette
Lawrence, Sandy
LeVan, George
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
McAfee, Riley
McGarry, Jean
Membreno, Mary & Gus
Mesick, Phil & Nancy
Meyer, Patricia
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, Kyle
Youngman, Ruthe



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.

