



Blessed Trinity

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7 Lessons lepers teach sinners

Don't tune out the readings just because they are about lepers. You're a leper, too.

By: Tom Hoopes

If you replace “sin” with “leprosy” in the readings this Sunday, you will hear them as they were intended: a collection of great advice for each of us.

1: Leprosy is infectious; so is sin.

Lepers were ostracized from society because people feared the disease would spread.

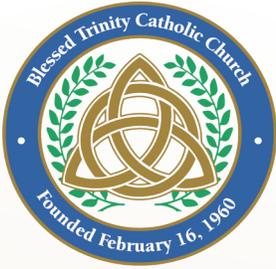
Sin is the same way. “Sin creates a proclivity to sin,” says the Catechism; “Sin tends to reproduce itself and reinforce itself.” It clouds our own judgement and so we sin again. And since we are social animals, our sinning, seen by others, lowers their own resistance to sin.

2: Sin, like leprosy, is foul and ugly

Christina the Astonishing was a Belgian holy woman who “could not stand the odor of other people because she could smell the sin in them.” She fled from them, which is not normally the right way to respond to sinful humanity — but does drive home the fact that the state of sin isn't a neutral condition.

Sin mars our souls the way leprosy mars our bodies. It replaces the beauty of innocence with the sour whiff of pride and the grim cloud of self-loathing.

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Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am**HOLY DAYS**8, 9:30 am & 7 pm
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WEB SITE<http://btsp.org>**3: Leprosy isolates you; so does sin.**

Lepers had to literally stay outside of the city; sin isolates us where we are. Think of the evil leper king in Braveheart. He was always there, up in his dark attic. His son has to sneak up to hear his bad counsel. That's us and sin. Sin lives in the shadows. We visit it in hiding. But there it sits in the dark, calling us to reject heroism and resign ourselves to failure. It reassures us that it is okay to give up on purity, on high ideals, on sacrifice. It tells us love always fails and to look out for ourselves.

4: Lepers know not to infect others.

Or think of those other movie lepers: The mother and sister in Ben Hur. They have not seen their beloved son and brother in years — but hide away from him for his own good because they don't want to infect or upset him. This is the kind of attitude Paul suggests in 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 when he counsels moral living not because it protects us — but because it protects others. "Avoid giving offense whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God," he says. Try "to please everyone in every way, not seeking [your] own benefit but that of the many. Don't expose your loved ones to the leprosy of sin.

5: Lepers needed to see a priest; so do we.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus sends the lepers to the priests. In the Old Testament reading, we see why — priests were in charge of giving cured lepers a clean bill of health. Today, priests do the same thing in the confessional — telling us what penance we must do to kill our sin and rejoin the body of Christ. As today's Psalm puts it: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

6: Lepers know how much it cost Christ to approach them.

For someone to approach and interact with a leper was unusual. To approach a leper is to risk contamination and a ruined life. Yet Jesus Christ reached out to lepers anyway. He did the same for us. The Second Person of the Trinity was also holy, happy and complete in heaven. But he chose to take on the animal existence of humanity for us. Today, he goes even further — he comes to our altar in the Eucharistic form of bread and unites with us again. When we approach Jesus we should feel as grateful as the lepers. Christ defiles himself — for us.

7: Lepers and sinners both know the joy of healing.

Imagine if today's Gospel spoke about sin directly. "As he was entering a village, ten habitual sinners met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!' And when he saw them, he said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.' As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice." That should be how we react to forgiveness. A "clean bill of health" only reunited a former leper with family and friends. Absolution reunites us with family, friends — and God. There is no greater feeling. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Annual Report for Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019

The purpose of this Annual Report is to account for income received and how that income was utilized. Our goal is to maintain a balanced budget and keep our total operating expenses equal to projected revenue.

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

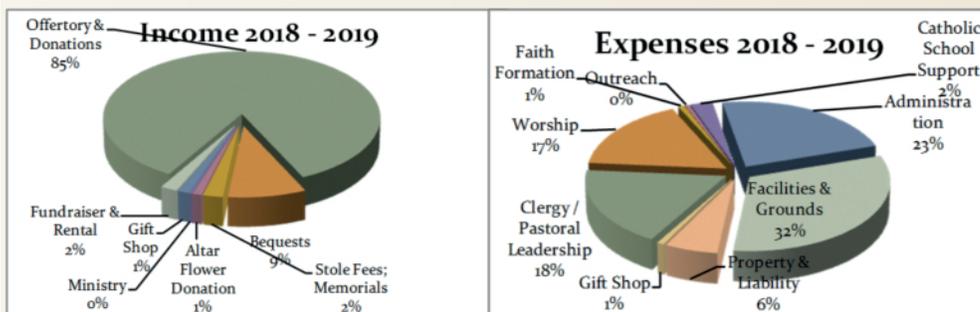
Donations from Parishioners for Offertory; Building Fund; Special Parish Donations:	\$541,882
Estates and Bequests:	\$ 55,000
Stole Fees; Memorials; Interest; and Miscellaneous:	\$ 13,775
Donations for Altar Flowers:	\$ 6,450
Ministry, Programs:	\$ 1,381
Gift Shop:	\$ 8,728
Fundraisers and Rental:	\$ 11,936

Total Income: \$639,152
Last Year: \$586,685

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Pastoral Leadership (Priest Salary; Housing; Auto; Allowances; Benefits):	\$115,066
Worship & Music (Salaries; Benefits; Music Supplies and Repair; Liturgical Supplies):	\$107,841
Faith Formation & Spiritual Ministry:	\$ 5,000
Outreach:	\$ 3,542
Catholic School Support:	\$ 17,247
Administration (Salaries, Benefits; Office Supplies & Equipment; Technology & Phone; Legal Services; Banking fees; Contracts & Leases; Background checks; and Fundraising Expenses; Hospitality; Receptions):	\$145,277
Facilities & Utilities (Building Repairs and Replacements; Grounds Maintenance Salaries; Benefits; Capital Improvements):	\$203,504
Property & Liability Insurance:	\$ 36,915
Gift Store:	\$ 4,844

Total Expense: \$639,237
Last Year: \$637,526



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ARE YOU NEW? What to Expect at Blessed Trinity

Welcoming

Our parishioners love meeting new people and sharing their lives with others. You'll also be greeted by some of the **most welcoming people you've ever met at a Church** - and we're not just talking about the Hospitality team.

Family Focused

If you have children, they are ALWAYS welcome to celebrate Mass with the community! Our **Family Faith Formation** program invites the whole family to participate in learning about the faith.

Dynamic Worship

Throughout the Mass, you'll be encouraged and invigorated by the community's full, conscious, and active participation in the Liturgy. **Our Community loves to SING!** From traditional hymns to contemporary worship music, the word of God is proclaimed in a dynamic fashion. The homilies are geared towards challenging our parishioners to become better Christians.

A Church Unlike Any Other

There's so much more to talk about! Our Parish is a wonderful, dynamic community and we welcome you to celebrate liturgy with us this weekend!

It doesn't matter if this is your first time, 50th time, or first time in 50 years - know that you always have a place to worship, and a community to belong to at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

To learn more, visit
WWW.BTSP.ORG

What is the Second Collection For?

This weekend, the second collection will be for APA, the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Next week's second collection will be for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Ladies of Mercy

We would like to thank Melissa Kulavic and her family for collecting several boxes of personal hygiene items for the homeless! They will be delivered by Barbara Reardon to the free clinic this week. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to accept clothing donations. Currently, we have a trunk full of items that need to be delivered to Bay Pines. If you are able to transport donations, please call Barbara Thomas at 867-3317. Thank you for your prayers and donations!

Got Questions? We've Got Answers

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)?
- Have you joined us from a different faith community and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you seeking a deeper personal relationship with Jesus but have never been baptized?

Please consider taking part in RCIA!

What is RCIA? RCIA is the acronym for: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is a journey of faith and conversion to answer the commission of Jesus to "Go Make Disciples". RCIA is a practice of initiation into the church. RCIA brings you into a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is a period of formation and conversion through prayer and reflection on the Gospels. It is a sacramental journey to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

Blessed Trinity will begin RCIA on Wednesday night, October 16th, at 6:30 in the Faith Formation Room. Deacon Bill, Deacon John, and Fr. Wayne will assist in this faith journey.

MASS**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sat., Oct. 12**

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Avelino Garcia (dec)
4:00 p.m. Jeanne LaDuke (dec)

Sun., Oct. 13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Nance Young (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Bill Maslar (dec)

Mon., Oct. 14

8:00 a.m. Guy Iannello (dec)

Tues., Oct. 15 - Mem. of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Ann Mahig

Wed., Oct. 16

8:00 a.m. Vocations

Thurs., Oct. 17 - Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Charles F Murray (dec)

Fri., Oct. 18 - Feast of St. Luke, evangelist

8:00 a.m. Barbara Arnold (liv)

Sat., Oct. 19 - Mem. Of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Frank Ward
& A. Frederick Susi (dec)
4:00 p.m. James Lawler
& Millie + Sebastian LaRosa (dec)

Sun., Oct. 20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Frances D'Agostino (dec)
9:30 a.m. Blessed Trinity Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Peter Lynch
& Philip McLaughlin (dec)

SACRAMENTS**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

Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

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SAVINGS & LOAN ACTIVITY

In July 2018, we began the year with \$47,417.75 in Regular Savings. In August we withdrew \$30,000 to cover operating costs. In September of 2018 the church took a loan from the Diocese of \$45,000 at 4% interest to help pay for the Parish Hall A/C and the huge plumbing and grease trap project in the Parish Hall kitchen. In July 2019 we had a balance in savings of \$8,145.

In July of 2019 loan was granted by the Diocese for half of the roof project for all of the Quadrangle to be replaced. The loan amount is \$48,670.

ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL

APA Assessments run through the calendar year but the Diocese allows parishes to stretch into the first half of the following calendar year to get it paid off. If a parish cannot pay it off by June 30 of the following year then a loan is automatically generated at the Diocese.

APA Assessment 2017 was \$97,501 and had to be paid off by June 2018 / In June 2018 the church wrote a check for the shortfall of \$16,648 and in August 2019 withdrew \$10,000 from savings to cover the full amount.

APA Assessment 2018 was \$101,181 and had to be paid off by June 2019 / In May 2019 the church wrote a check for \$39,855 to cover the full amount due.

APA Assessment 2019 is \$87,385 and must be paid off by June 2020

Blessed Trinity has 48.35% pledged. We owe \$45,133. Out of 82 parishes we are one of 10 parishes below 50% of their goal. Thirty six parishes are above 80% of their goal. The Campaign Office at the Diocese tells us statistically if a parish gets to 80% by October they will reach their full goal by the end of the calendar year.

Considering Blessed Trinity's year after year pattern of not reaching 80% (not even 50%) by October we start each new campaign in January with a deficit. As previously stated we had to pay \$39,855 for 2018 in May of 2019. We must meet our Campaign goals during the Campaign year to stop this "negative numbers" cycle.

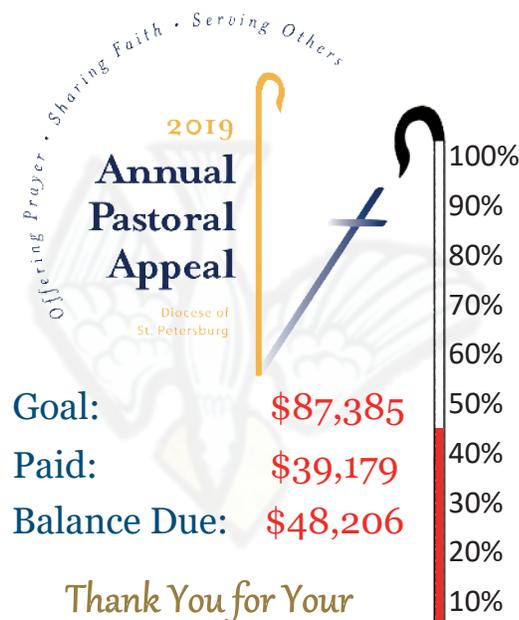
APA Appeal 2020 will begin in January 2020. This is a vital time of the "Appeal" or in other words a campaign drive. It is when parishioners are sent letters and asked to make a pledge to help the parish meet their assessment goal. Several parishes bring in speakers or task their Finance Committee to speak at their masses about the campaign. Many priests repeatedly speak often of the appeal. Blessed Trinity does not emphasize the campaign during the Mass, but, we definitely need everyone to step-up and help the parish meet their assessment. Only 172 families participated in this years campaign. If more families participate we can make our goal. No amount is too small. If the families that have not participated each gave \$82.81 we could clear up 2019 and be ready to face 2020 with a clean slate! If you can't give \$82.81 please give what you can because there will be others who will give more than \$82.81.

Thank you to everyone who has generously responded to the request to participate in the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your gift is received with great humility, thanks, and gratitude. Should you have questions please call Eileen Plasse at 727-867-3663 and you will be given answers or directed to the person who has more answers at the Diocese.

Donations 10/06/2019

Offertory Collection	\$5,308
Building Fund	\$1,288
World Mission Sunday	<u>\$10</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,606

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



**Thank You for Your
Continued Generosity!**

This Week at Blessed Trinity

Sun. 10/13	9 & 10:30 a.m.	K of C Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's AA	Room 4
Mon. 10/14	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting	FFR
Tues. 10/15	9:30 a.m.	Scripture Study	FFR
Wed. 10/16	6:30 p.m.	Choir	Choir Room
Thurs. 10/17	5:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting	Room 4
Sat. 10/19	7:00 p.m.	Women's AA	Room 4
	7:30 p.m.	K of C Sock Hop Dance	Parish Hall
Ongoing Saturdays	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Prayer to End Abortion All Women's Health Care	4131 Central Ave, St. Petersburg, 33713

You Never Have to Grieve Alone

St Joseph Catholic Church is having a Bereavement Seminar starting **Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m** in the Church Chapel Room. The Seminars are conducted by Carol Irwin, from St. Raphael's, a Death & Dying Counselor. The purpose of these seminars is to bring comfort, support, and encouragement to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. The topics covered are Grief, Mourning, Unresolved Grief, Stages of Mourning, Steps to Survival, Rebuilding our Lives after loss, and How to handle upcoming Holidays without our loved ones. Dates are as follows; Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12, and 19. St. Joseph is located at 2101 22nd Ave South, St. Pete., FL 33712. Please contact Patty Van Alstine at 727-434-0324, pattyvanalstine@gmail.com, if interested in attending.

Come Pray and Sing in Italian

All are invited to Messa in Italiano in Mary's Chapel located at The Cathedral of St. Jude, 5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg. Mass in Italiano Sunday, October 27th 2018 at 4:00 PM. Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, O. de M. (Mercedarian Friar)

Part Time Job Offer for Those Passionate About Life

Foundations of Life is seeking a part-time Program Specialist (24hrs/week). The Program Specialist is responsible for support and provision of direct and indirect client services and program administration. Services include: pregnancy tests, options counseling, limited ultrasound, pregnancy & parenting education, mentoring, adoption information & referrals, and post abortion support. We will train you! Qualifications: Must have excellent oral, written, and interpersonal skills, able to make effective presentations, and be familiar with the provision and marketing of social programs. Must be sensitive to cultural diversity and have the ability to work with diverse racial, ethnic and economic groups. Previous experience in client services, case management, volunteer support, business and/or social services experience & Bi-Lingual, Spanish/English a plus. For a complete Job Description, Job Posting, or to apply contact: Rose Llauget, 727-599-9122, rllauget@ccdosp.org

Healing for Our Suffering Church



Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every first Friday of the month for the near future, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass we will have Eucharistic exposition, homily, meditation, and benediction at 10:00 a.m. You might want to pray for healing and for the victims of the scandal. Invest one hour with God, one on one.

There will be NO Adoration during November as November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. Our next Adoration will be on Friday, December 6th

Scripture Classes Beginning Soon

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will begin a new study titled "Stewardship of the Earth" with the Introduction taking place on **Tuesday, October 22nd from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.** Classes will take place every Tuesday morning for 5 consecutive weeks featuring lessons in the Faith Formation Room. For further information, call Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605.

40 Days For Life Update



The 40 Days for Life Campaign began on September 25th and continues through November 3rd. Since the beginning of the campaign, **93 babies are confirmed saved!** Of course, people can still sign up to pray during our Parish sponsored days of **October 19th & 26th**. Signup sheets are still located in the narthax on the windows of the gift shop. Please continue to pray the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and remember: **YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU THINK!**

Adkins, Chantale
Albertson, Michelle
Antczak, Harriet
Arasa, Nancy
Arnold, Barbara
Attard, Stephanie
Banks, Cathy
Barry, Marian
Beekman, Connie
Bennett, Elizabeth
Blondheim, Carmen
Bogensberger, Rosemary
Brown, Bob & Beverly
Brown, Buck
Brown, Dorothy
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Browning, Rea
Buckwald, Diane
Carfora, Palma
Cavaliere, Lois
Ceci, Shirley
Chavez, John
Chris, David
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Congiu, Rita
Dawson, Anthony Peter
Deacon Lionel Roberts

DeLuca, Rosemary
Detore, Alice
Devyn & Donna
Doiron, Gary
Drougelis, Nijole
Favero, Beverly
Fazio, Mary
Feehan, Joe
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferro, Antoinette
Fiedler, Meghan
Forbes, Monica & Tom
Forbes, Rahim
Forbes, Tina May
Fr. Jim Klima
Fraser, Sue Chapman
Freda, Eileen
Garcia, Jose M.
Gaskin, Douglas
Genereux, Carol
Graeme, Mary
Griffin, Lynda Butler
Grimberg, Carol
Hamilton, Tom
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Hepp, Loren
Heylan, Edward H.
Hildebrand, Bud

Holser, Jay
Horne, Francesca
Huff, Walt & Carole
Iglesias, Olivia
Infant Ursa
Irvin, Victoria
Kantowicz, Jan
Keithly, Claire
Kincaid, Kevin &
Tammie
King, Ada
Kleinberger, Donovan
Kline, Irene
Krieger, Mary
Kwesell, Eugene
Lanigan, John
Lashley, Diana
Lawrence, Sandy
Leath, Bill
Lee, Donald
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
Monahan, Sheila
Morton, Donna Abby
Murdock, Cheryl & Evan
Neumann, Janet
Nichols, Robert
Noguez, Armida
Nuñez, Marleny
Pezzulo, Irene
Pope, Stoney
Post, Michael
Privitera, Sandy
Ramsey, Gerald
Ray, Terry
Reardon, Kevin
Reardon, Kara
Reed, Edward, Jr.
Rivera, Joel
Reyes, Nila
Robinson, Agnes
Romani, Angelo &
Marlene
Rosa, Joe & Nina

Sanders, Kimberly
Sanders, Marilyn
Sclafani, Francesco
Sharp, Jennett
Shelby, Ron & Montez
Sheridan, Samantha
Simpson, Rose
Smith, Anita
St. Pierre, Rick
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Bill
Thompson, Sue
Thore, Isabelle
Timm, Carol & Linda
Watson, Doug & Claire
Whalen, Dorothy
Wohlman, Fred
Wood, Jena
Youngman, Ruth

