



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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October 31, 2021 • The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A collection of Pope John Paul II's quotes on some of life's most important issues

By Cerith Gardiner



***In honor of the saint's feast day tomorrow, take the time to reflect on his wise words.***

Tomorrow is the feast of the late pope St. John Paul II. The occasion gives us a moment to say a prayer to the much-loved pontiff, and to consider some of his many reflections on everyday life.

Perhaps one of the reasons Pope John Paul II was so popular was his ability to grasp some of the struggles and beauties we encounter in our lives. The prolific writer was able to capture so eloquently how we can lean on our faith in these situations, and grow closer to God.

So take a moment today to consider just some of his many reflections, and make a concerted effort to honor the former pope by living a faith-filled life.

- ◆ “The future starts today, not tomorrow.”
- ◆ “There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.”

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#### **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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- ◆ “Faith does not lead us beyond ourselves. It leads us to God.”
- ◆ “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.”
- ◆ “The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises toward ever wider horizons.”
- ◆ “I plead with you—never, ever give up hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”
- ◆ “Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you: all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence.”
- ◆ “The cross means that there is no shipwreck without hope; there is no dark without dawn; nor storm without haven.”
- ◆ “Man cannot remain with no way out.”
- ◆ “God’s love does not impose burdens upon us that we cannot carry, nor make demands of us that we cannot fulfill. For whatever He asks of us, He provides the help that is needed.”

~Pope John Paul II

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October 31, 2021

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

“  
YOU SHALL  
LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR  
as  
yourself.”

(MK 12: 31)

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

“Oh no,” was my first thought when I began reading today’s Gospel – “another scribe trying to trick Jesus.” But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments “to heart,” as Moses had taught. He doesn’t just *know* the law, he *understands* it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can we grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We do this by spending time with Scripture and “taking to heart” his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus’ life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God’s love. For many of us, that’s much easier said than done. It’s not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: “Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him and we will come to him.” Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God’s image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

**PRAY** As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God’s love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart. Then pray honestly and sincerely for those with whom you know you have a difference of conviction or opinion, asking God to graciously answer all their needs and to care for them as you yourself would like to be cared for.



## **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](http://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, October 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Marcia Holser (liv)

### **Sunday, October 31, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Chris Gilberto (dec)

### **Monday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints**

8:00 a.m. Edward Crader, Jr. (dec) and

For Parishioners

### **Tuesday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

8:00 a.m. Larry Getgen, Sr. (dec)

### **Wednesday, November 3, Saint Martin de Porres, Religious**

8:00 a.m. For Vocations and

Trudy Murray (dec)

### **Thursday, November 4, Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

8:00 a.m. Rende Family (dec)

### **Friday, November 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

### **Saturday, November 6, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

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

4:00 p.m. Ted Hoyle (dec)

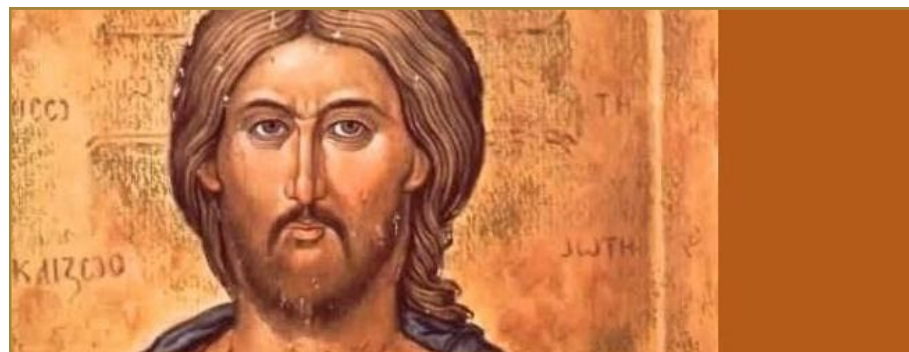
### **Sunday, November 7, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Trudy Murray (dec)

## **The Messiah Lives Among us**





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?*

*What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?*

*To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

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### Calling All Musicians and Singers

**Choir rehearsals have started.**

Adult Choir ▪ Wed. 6:30pm ▪ Bell Choir ▪ Thurs 5:30pm  
Contemporary Choir ▪ Fri. 3:00pm

There is still time to join!

See Vincent at the organ after Mass, or simply show up to the ensemble of your choice.

Questions? Contact Vincent, (727)867-3663, ext. 309, or by email, [vjs@btsp.org](mailto:vjs@btsp.org).

**We look forward to seeing you!**

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### Weekly Giving

#### Online Giving October 18-24

Offertory	\$1,005
Building Fund	\$ 20
SVDP	\$ 25
Other	\$ 25

#### October 24, 2021

Offertory/Donation	\$5,420
Gift Shop	\$ 165
Building Fund	\$ 10
SVDP	\$ 129
World Mission Sunday	\$ 370
Alleghey Sisters	\$3,177

**Thank you for  
your generosity!**



### The Blessed Trinity Giving Tree

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a giving tree this year focusing on serving the children and teens of the families we have been able to help this year. More information will be in the November 14 magazine.

## THE NUMBER 13 – AN UNLUCKY NUMBER – OR IS IT?

“I am from heaven”, .....” I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of each month, at this same hour. .... Afterwards I will return here yet a 7<sup>th</sup> time”

These words, the beginning of statements and instructions given by our Blessed Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Apparitions to three young children, Lucia dos Santos age 10, Blessed Francisco Marto age 9, and Blessed Jacinta Marto age 8, on a hill “Cova da Iria” outside the town of Aljustrel, Portugal in the diocese of Fatima on May 13, 1917 as the children tended their sheep and prayed the rosary.

Our Lady had come to give us a message from Jesus and the import of that message is “the avoidance of sin and, by implication, of the fires of purgatory, by conforming one’s will here in time to the Will of God who dwells in the eternal Now ...” Our Lady’s mention of purgatory to the children is a stark rebuff to our world, many of whose religious leaders choose to teach that purgatory doesn’t exist. Indeed, it does exist; all sin, even though forgiven, still deserves punishment to remove the stain of sin left on one’s soul before that soul may go before God Almighty.

Our Lady asked: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear witness and all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of the supplication for the conversion of sinners.” The children said, “yes we are willing!” The Blessed Lady opened her hands and showed them the light of God and replied, “Then you are going to have much to suffer but the grace of God will be your comfort ..... Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war. (WWI).

If it were you, seeing the light and the Blessed Mother is like saying, you have just experienced something of a state of perfection, a glimpse into heaven. But you do not live on that plane. Rather you live in a very perilous world beset by strife and evils, especially today. But you can do something about those evils, if you but believe, and strive towards the heaven you have glimpsed, and I’ll tell what it is – Pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary every day, as she instructed the children.

And you my fellow parishioners are fortunate in that you belong to a parish that features a Rosary Ministry. The ministry has a group of parishioners that pray the Rosary every day six days a week (M-S) saying the “Pro-Life Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary” by Fr. Frank Pavone, *Priests For Life* Order. The rosary is prayed immediately following the daily 8:00am Mass in church. The Rosary is lead by Sacristan and KOC member Charles Ankerberg, Jr..

All parishioners are graciously invited to attend daily mass and participate in praying the Rosary. Intentions for the rosary are stated each day and include abolition of abortion, the personal intentions of the participants, special intentions of the day and world peace. Won’t you come pray with us to support abolishing the terrible sin of abortion, to help remove the veil of deceit Satan has placed over hearts, which portrays promiscuity as a freedom, and reveal it for what it is – slavery to sin.

And so, the question “is the number 13” an unlucky number?

We have been blessed by the appearance of the Blessed Mother and have become the beneficiaries of her messages from her Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ to the world, through three small children. It is the number the Blessed Mother used. She came on the 13 day of each month for 7 months in 1917 to the children of Fatima, and performed the Miracle of the Sun on October 13 of that same year. Isn’t it our LUCKY NUMBER. Wouldn’t you agree?



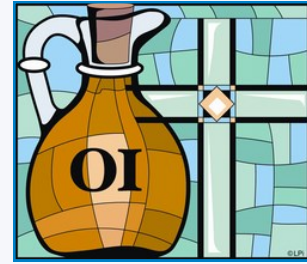
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## **Anointing of the Sick**

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.