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Weekend Magazine

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November 7, 2021 • The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Veterans, and First Responders Breakfast

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**Our Celebration is
Sunday, November 14, 2021**

Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall

(Note: Breakfast will also be available after the 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Veterans, and First Responders Free

All others are \$7.00 per person

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

1600 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL. For tickets phone 727-867-3663



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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
website, btsp.org.

Confessions can be arranged with
Fr. Wayne. Call his private
number to make your
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This Italian monastery rose from the rubble of the 2016 earthquakes

By Bret Thoman, OFS

The Poor Clare monastery and church were condemned following damaging earthquakes, but the nuns "dared God" to help rebuild them.



Nestled in the Apennine Mountains is the postcard-perfect walled city of Camerino. It is renowned for the 700-year-old University of Camerino, its Renaissance-era ducal palaces and churches, and its extraordinary views.

Sadly, it is now best known for the catastrophic earthquakes of 2016 that resulted in most buildings in the historic city center being condemned.

The Poor Clare monastery and church were no exception, and they, too, were counted as the ruined buildings. However, due to the resilience and tenacity of the small community of sisters living there, they found a way for their community to endure.

The History of Camerino's Poor Clare monastery

The Poor Clare monastery has a long history in Camerino. It is most known for housing the remains of St. Camilla Battista da Varano (1458–1524), a Poor Clare nun beatified centuries ago, but canonized as recently as 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

St. Battista's father was the powerful ruling duke of Camerino. She grew up in his court surrounded by high culture, which included poets, historians, philosophers, and painters. She learned Latin and read the classics, she enjoyed painting and playing musical instruments, and she loved to dance.

On the other hand, while still a girl, she felt called to a peculiar penance in which she vowed to shed a little tear each day in memory of Christ's Passion.

At the age of 18, she entered a Poor Clare monastery initially in Urbino, but later back in her hometown of Camerino. There, she embraced the ascetic Franciscan reform movement referred to as the Strict Observance.

St. Battista was endowed with notable intellectual qualities and is known for her writings, which were read and meditated on by the likes of St. Philip Neri and Cardinal Borromeo. Writing in Latin and in the vernacular Italian, her writings focused heavily on the cross, her intimate relationship with Christ, and revelations of mystical experiences.

A Monastery left in ruins

For the next five centuries, the community of Poor Clares continued in Camerino. However, after two earthquakes hit the area in 2016, their future seemed uncertain. The entire historic center was condemned, including the

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency – and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life – that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

SERVE Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* – a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night – and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.



Are You Hoping 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, November 6, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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)

Monday, November 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, November 9, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Wednesday, November 10, Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope And Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, November 11, Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Joseph Baroni (dec)

Friday, November 12, Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Margarite Israelson (dec)

Saturday, November 13, Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Dick and Elly McManus (dec)

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

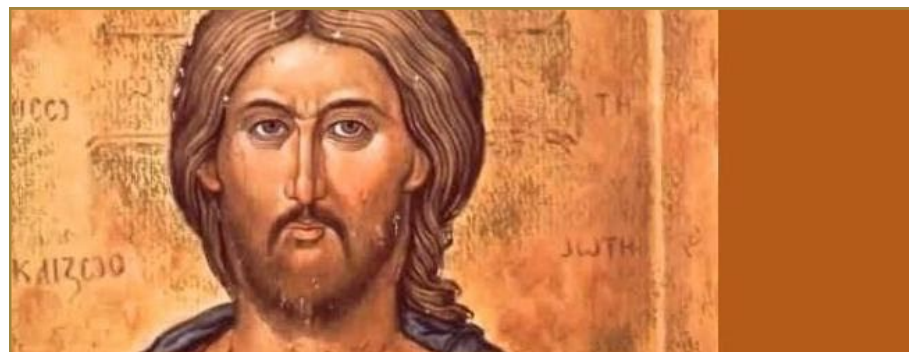
Sunday, November 14, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. For Parishioners

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

The Messiah Lives Among us



Matching Gifts for new online giving!

Online giving has provided a great service to our church and our parishioners, especially during the pandemic. **Now ParishSoft, our online giving platform, is offering matching gifts!** For every new

recurring gift that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, ParishSoft will match the gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. Blessed Trinity will receive the matching gifts in the first quarter of 2022.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 4-7 PM
Location: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54 Ave South, St Petersburg

Sponsored by the "Gathering of Women"

Call to reserve your spot (727)867-3663

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

While there is no charge for the dinner, donations are accepted.

Benefit Performance

Supporting the Lynn Bartolotta Endowed Memorial Scholarship at USF

Sunday, November 21

5:30pm at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

There will be a free will offering, please make checks payable to the parish.

Performing are Lynn's uncle Steve Bartolotta, he is a well know musician from Rochester, NY and Fr. Victor Bartolotta. Fr. Victor is Lynn's father and the scholarship founder.



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. We look forward to seeing you!



Weekly Giving

Online Giving October 25-31

Offertory	\$1,500.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
SVDP	\$ 365.00
Holy Days	\$ 10.00

October 31, 2021

Offertory/Donation	\$5,915.30
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
SVDP	\$ 159.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 392.00
Allegany Sisters	\$3,177.00
Gift Shop	\$ 165.00
Holy Days	\$ 40.00
APA	\$ 30.00

**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.

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Poor Clare monastery and church.

As they were going through the ruins salvaging what they could, a young woman came up to them crying. She told them, between sobs, that if they left, there would be no one through whom they could see the face of God to give them hope. Due to the importance of St. Camilla Battista – as well as the sisters' endearing relationship with the people of Camerino — the nuns knew they could not abandon their monastery and city.

They decided to “dare God.” They embarked on a fund-raising campaign to rebuild a “temporary” monastery and church made of wood as opposed to reinforced concrete, the most common form of construction in Italy.

The people responded graciously and donations poured in. Moreover, Charitas, a charitable organization in Milan, promised to finance the remaining amount. Within a short period of time, they had enough funds and pledges to rebuild their church and monastery.

The next obstacle, perhaps more challenging, was getting approval to build. This would be no easy task in Italy, notorious for excessive red tape and bureaucracy.

On January 3, 2018, the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, the sisters went to the municipality of Camerino requesting permission to begin construction. That morning, they had entrusted their plans and endeavors to the Name of Jesus, telling Him: “You have our hearts and will. If You wish for us to remain in Camerino, open up the doors.”

Another Miracle

Perhaps another miracle took place that day: the city administration granted their request. They could rebuild. Within a short period of time, their church and monastery was complete, and they returned to Camerino.

Today, their church is one of just two in the entire city where Mass is celebrated daily; elsewhere, Mass is celebrated only on Sundays and feast days in the cathedral and a basilica. The sisters are one of only two religious orders left in the city.

They dedicate themselves to giving hope to weary residents and greeting pilgrims passing their town.

The writings of St. Camilla Battista Varano have been translated and published in English in paperback and ebook.

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For Deceased Veterans

O God,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Advent Mission

November 30, December 1-2
7:00pm in the church

Presenter: Rachel Dutilly

It's All About “GIFTS!”
Gifts received ▪ Gifts needed in
today's world ▪ Gifts given

Together we will remember why Jesus was born and the many “gifts” He has given us.

We will re-discover the importance of and the urgent need for the “Isaiah Gifts.”

*Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding,
Knowledge, Counsel, Piety,
Fortitude and the Fear of the Lord*
~Isaiah 11

In the “Light” of the “Isaiah Gifts” we will also look at some of the heartfelt concerns of our country and in our Church.

We will give Jesus our gifts and prepare the “Inn” of our hearts to receive the personal gifts Jesus wants to give to each one of us this Christmas.

Everyone is welcome!

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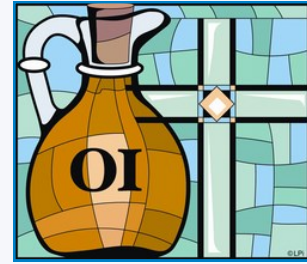
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Anointing of the Sick

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.