



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

December 12, 2021 ▪ Third Sunday of Advent



Advent Confessions at Blessed Trinity

Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 P.M.

In the Church – Visiting Clergy will help with Confessions



PASTOR

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

DEACONS

Deacon Bill Lovelace
Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

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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.

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Afraid of going to confession? Pray this prayer for courage

By Philip Kosloski

*Ask God to bring light into the
darkness and help you run to the
sacrament of his mercy.*

Going to the sacrament of confession isn't always easy. Often embarrassment or shame over our sins will prevent us from going to a priest to ask for God's mercy. However, confession is good for the soul and can help lift many burdens we are carrying, giving us new life.

One way to prepare for that sacrament is to ask God for strength, courage and enlightenment. Sometimes we don't go to confession because we can't "think" of any sins. In reality, we sin every day, but we aren't always observant enough to recognize our many failings.

Here is a prayer adapted from the *Golden Manual* that places all of these needs before God and is a perfect preparation for confession.

*O most merciful God, enlighten me, for you know all my ways and observe all my footsteps. Come, **true light**, and **dispel the darkness of my heart**, that I may see what in me is displeasing to you, and that with a contrite heart I may be sorry for my sins, rightly confess them, and amend my life. Send forth your light into my soul, and show to me all those sins which I ought to confess at this time. Assist me by your grace, and **grant me courage and strength**, that I may be able to declare them to the priest, fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart, and so obtain perfect remission of my sins through your infinite goodness. Amen.*

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Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Although spontaneous outbursts of joy are not part of our liturgy, today's readings alert us that we have much reason to rejoice. Even in times of anxiety, we can rely on the words of St. Paul, who writes that we can rest assured that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As we prepare for his coming during this Advent season, we don't need to leap out of our pews and make a show of our praise (but go for it, if that's your style!). However, in our hearts and in our prayer, we can follow the psalmist's lead and "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." We can praise God in many ways, through fervent prayer, simple acts of kindness and, as John the Baptist did so well, sharing the Good News.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"What should we do?" The crowds asked John the Baptist a deceptively simple question many of us wrestle with today. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? How should we spend the next hour, the day, the next year, the next five? John the Baptist answers without reservation: Share what you have. Don't be greedy. Do not falsely accuse others. In other words, get it together! The Lord is coming. Advent is a wonderful time to do just that, and St. Paul reminds us that we don't have to know all the answers. "The Lord is near," he writes, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Last week, the readings encouraged us to discern what is truly valuable in our lives as Christians. Today's readings encourage us to ask the Lord: "What should we do?" Just as John the Baptist showed the people how to prepare for Christ's coming, the Lord shows us how to live out and share our faith through the Scriptures and in the silence of prayer.

ACTIONS Remember the last time you felt unadulterated joy?

For me it was when my son smacked a game-winning goal at a hockey game. As we move through Advent, we can reawaken a sense of childlike joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ among us. As you light the Advent candle, take time to share with one another something that gave you joy within the past week.





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, December 11, Saint Damasus I, Pope

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

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Joe Bispo (Dec)

Monday, December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Zachary Harrison (Liv)

Tuesday, December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Frank Zeweski (Dec)

Wednesday, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Roberts Family (Liv and Dec)

Friday, December 17, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Roland J. Hymel (Dec)

Saturday, December 18, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Janet McPartlan (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Gallace Family (Dec)

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jose Bispo (Dec)

*December 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. the Mass intention was for Athea Shaw (Liv).
We had a misprint in last week's bulletin.*

Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume January 11, 2022 with a new series "Our Catholic Life", Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:00am in the Faith Formation Room.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605.

Messa in Italiano at the Cathedral of St. Jude

Sunday, December 26, 3:00pm

Please come to pray in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM



Blessed Trinity Knights of Columbus Christmas Pancake Breakfast

December 19 after 8:00am and
9:30am Masses
Meal is \$7.00 per person ▪ Kids under
12 eat free

**Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will
make an early appearance after
the 9:30am Mass**

Bring your camera and take pictures
with Santa



Weekly Giving

Online Giving Nov. 29-Dec. 5

Offertory	\$ 1,650
Building Fund	\$ 40
Campaign Human Dev	\$ 25

December 5, 2021

Offertory	\$12,741
Restoring the Sacred	\$50,000
Building Fund	\$ 65
Employee Appreciation	\$ 775
Immaculate Conception	\$ 92
Christmas Flowers	\$ 407
Gift Shop	\$ 381
Parking	\$ 150
Thanksgiving	\$ 125
Christmas	\$ 125
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 3,878
Other	\$ 170

Thank you for your generosity!

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. To make a recurring gift, go to btsp.org and click on the green "DONATE" button.



For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

1. Use the Christmas Flowers Envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the office with your donation.

The names of the donors will be listed in the bulletin. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Christmas bulletin is Monday, December 13.**

The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

Please Check One:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Rooted in Prayer



The Catholic Church is journeying together to grow in communion, participation and mission as we look towards the future. This process, called for by Pope Francis, is known as the Synod on Synodality. This whole process is rooted in prayer. In fact, the Synod is a process of spiritual discernment that unfolds in adoration, in prayer, and dialogue with the Word of God.

To learn more visit www.JourneyingTogether.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

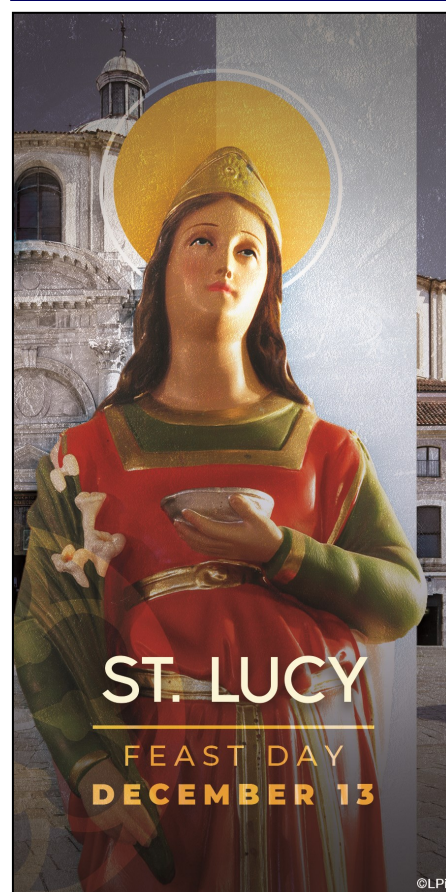
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may

journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



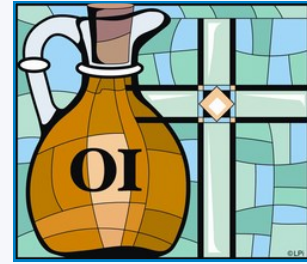
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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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
Dalence, Rene
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
Devyn & Donna
DeZarn, Vickie
Doiron, Gary
Feldes, Chuck & Lauren
Ferrara, Antoinette
Forbes, Monica & Tom
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, Matthew
LeVan, George
Lynd, John
Lyons, Laura
Maharne, Cecile
Maitland, Steve
Manley, Jan
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
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.