



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

December 19, 2021 ▪ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Join Us

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses

8:00 a.m. Morning Mass of Advent

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

(Bring the Baby Jesus from your Manger and we will Bless it at this Mass)

9:00 p.m. Christmas Evening Mass (No Midnight Mass)

Saturday December 25, Christmas Masses

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

There will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass

December 26, 2021, Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Sunday Mass Times

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Not a Holy Day this Year

9:00 a.m. Holy Mary Mother of God (There will be not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass)

4:00 p.m. Regular Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

End of the Christmas Season

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.





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.

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Five Tips from St. Ambrose to boost your spiritual life

The 4th-century Doctor of the Church had a unique ability to pierce the heavenly veil.

Bishop of Milan during the 4th century, Ambrose led a devout life of prayer. He often spent the entire night praying and writing down his inspired thoughts.

His sanctity was well known and people would flock to hear his Sunday sermons, which he spoke from the heart. Ambrose had a supernatural ability to pierce the heavenly veil and offer profound insights into the spiritual life.

Here are five tips from this spiritual giant that will surely boost your prayer life and lift up your soul.

*Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, **offer Him a welcome in your mind**, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light. No one **heals** himself by **wounding** another. If it is "daily bread," why do you take it once a year? ... **Take daily what is to profit you daily**. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year. When we find ourselves in some grave danger we must not lose courage but firmly trust in God, for where there is the **greatest danger**, there is also the **greatest help** from Him who wants to be called our "Help" in times of peace and in times of tribulation. Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can **at the same time be here and present to the Lord**. Your soul must hold fast to him, you must follow after him in your thoughts, you must tread his ways by faith, not in outward show.*

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**HIS
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(MI 5:3-4)

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah

too small to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me

one who is to be ruler in Israel;”

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem – a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist – recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, “stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord.” This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: “His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

INVITE/PRAY Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that's not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.



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 Gene-reux, 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

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 18, Advent Weekday

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

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Anton Dechering (Dec)

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marina Vasquez (Dec)

Monday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Forteau Family (Liv and dec)

Tuesday, December 21, Saint Peter Canisius

8:00 a.m. Merlene and Lionel Roberts (Liv)

Wednesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, December 23, Saint John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins and Family (Dec)

Friday, December 24, Saint Adele

8:00 a.m. Dennis Dutilly (Liv)

4:00 p.m. Carol Nottage (Dec)

9:00 p.m. John Cardinal Foley (Dec)

Saturday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Michael Dunning (Dec)

Sunday, December 26, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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

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



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.



Stewardship

Due to publishing deadlines we will report offertory totals in the magazine dated December 26.

Christmas Seniors Luncheon

Sponsored by the
Gathering of Women

St Joseph Catholic Church,
2101 22nd Ave S, St. Petersburg,
FL 33712
December 19, 2021
2:30 - 4:30pm



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED."

—LUKE 1:45



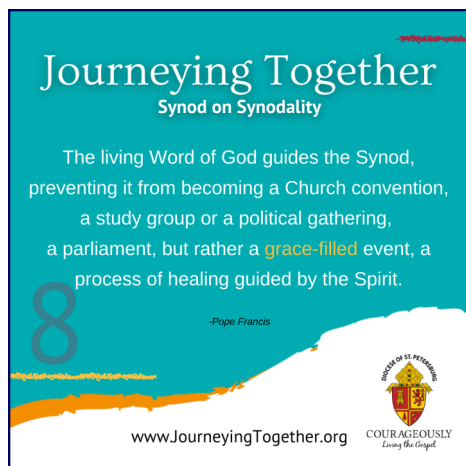
Calling All Musicians and Singers

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!

It's Not Political



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. The living Word of God guides the Synod, preventing it from becoming a Church convention, a study group, a political gathering, or a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit.

To learn more visit www.JourneyingTogether.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

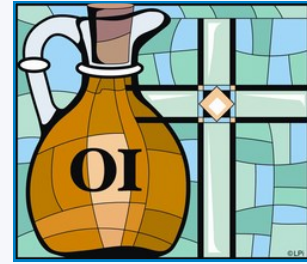
Amen.



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
Feltes, 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
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.