

Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

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September 18, 2022 • The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bible verse for healing after a traumatic event



By Philip Kosloski

When you are in need of healing after a traumatic event, recall this Bible verse to comfort your weary soul.

Traumatic events can leave big wounds in our soul, especially if we have lost a loved one, or if the event has left us living in fear.

In the Bible, God is constantly reminding us to **trust in Him,** and to place all of our cares into his Heart. Our God is *love* and loves us dearly, wanting the best for us.

Here is a Bible verse that can help the healing process and reminds us to give God all of our cares and anxieties.

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

1 PETER 5:7



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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 website, **btsp.org**.

Confessions will be held Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 18

After the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses \$7 per person



Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and Lord of the universe, you have set the earth on its foundation and all the elements of nature obey your command.

We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us.

May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

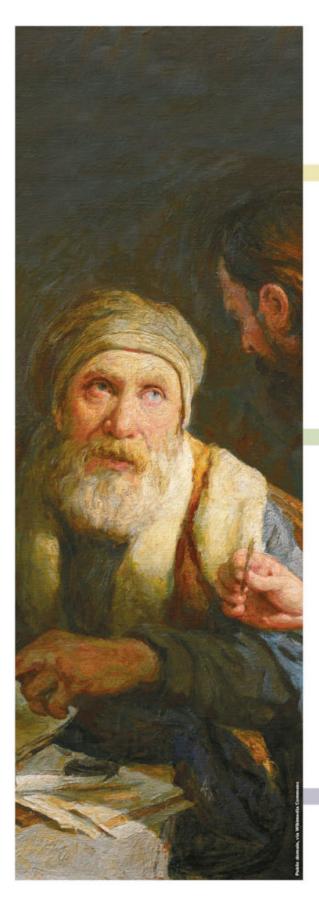
Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume on September 20th from 9:30 a.m to 11:00 a.m. We will meet temporarily in the Courtyard Hall. Our study will continue with the series "Our Catholic Life, Drawing Closer to Christ."

For further information call Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605.



Thoughts Worth Sharing



September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

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

Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

ACT Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

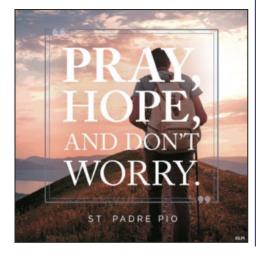
Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 17, Memorial of Saint Hildegard of Bingen,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, September 18, The Twenty-fifth Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Raymond Gustke (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, September 19, Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop

and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Diane Buckley (Dec)

Tuesday, September 20, Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and

Companions, Martyrs
Joseph J. Ciminera (Dec.)

8:00 a.m. Joseph J. Ciminera (Dec)

Wednesday, September 21, Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and

Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, September 22, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Friday, September 23, Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. Earl W. Murray, Sr. (Dec)

Saturday, September 24, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Edward Cook (Dec) 4:00 p.m. Laura Sapia (Dec)

Sunday, September 25, The Twenty-sixth Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Leonard Moore (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Romane Farrell (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

09/18 • Rev. Mikhail Kouts, OFM

09/19 • Rev. Randall J. Meissen, LC

09/20 • Shawn Young, Seminarian

09/21 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

09/22 • Rev. Bradley Reed

09/23 • Rev. Pedro Camilo Simoes, SAC

09/24 • Rev. Paul A. Steine, IC

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

SALESIAN SISTERS MISSION APPEAL



As part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan, a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco will speak at our Parish on **Sunday**, **September 24-25**, **2022** on behalf of their foreign mission ministries.

The Salesian Sisters are a worldwide Community counting over 11,000 Sisters spreading the Gospel on the five Continents, in 97 countries. Many of their Sisters work strictly in mission areas affected by great poverty, diseases, politi-

cal unrest, violence, war and other difficult conditions, such as, areas of natural disaster and refugee camps.

The Salesian Sisters were founded by St. John Bosco in 1872 and started their mission work in 1877 when they departed from Italy for the farthest tip of South America called Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Ever since, they have continued to provide missionaries for Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and other places not yet evangelized or in need of re-evangelization.

Their Congregation was specifically founded for the service of poor youth; consequently, most of their ministries will have an educational thrust. They are grateful for the opportunity of sharing their mission work here at Blessed Trinity and of benefiting from your generosity.



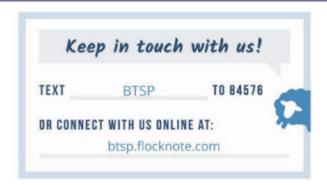
St. Vincent de Paul Training Event

You are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul training event. Join fellow parishioners to learn how we can help care for those less fortunate through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are sent to see Christ in the poor, to visit the Poor, to see the depth of needs, to

respond to needs, to provide in-person help, to be a voice of the poor, and to give witness to Christ.

You are invited to the Ozanam Orientation, Saturday October 8, 2022 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall. Training begins 9:30am and runs until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided, there is no cost.

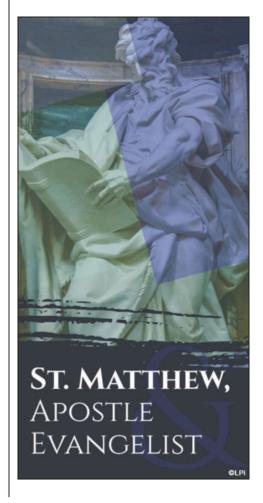
Please call or text your RSVP, or any questions to 727 488-5604.





The Blessed Trinity Choir has begun rehearsals! Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for new members to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered singing in the church choir, NOW is the time!

Rehearsal for Adult Choir will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Music Room in the Ministries Center, and the Contemporary Group will meet in the church on Fridays at 3:00pm.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

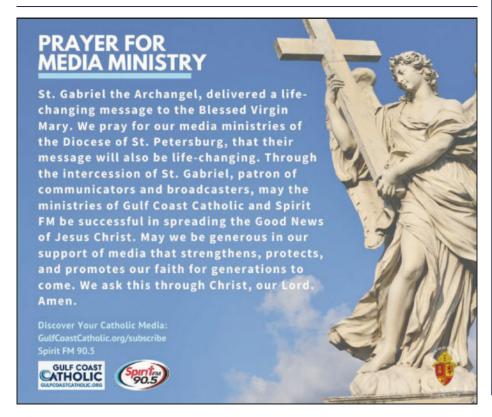
But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

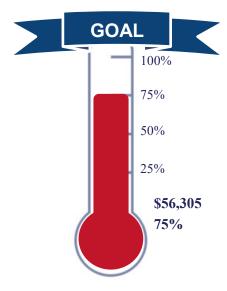
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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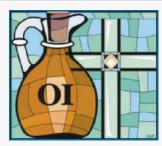
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Anointing of the Sick

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.



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