

Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

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Prayer to Sts. Joachim and Anne, patrons of grandparents

By Philip Kosloski



Pray to Jesus' grandparents for strength and courage in your life.

Grandparents are beautiful gifts to any family, and their presence is a blessing to both their children and their grandchildren.

Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, are perfect exmaples for us and powerful intercessors.

Below is the prayer for the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, asking their intercession, that we may be drawn closer to God.

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace,

that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son,

grant, through the prayers of both,

that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



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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 will be held Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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- 3. Become aware of the gifts, strengths, and limitations you bring into your relationships and workplace
- 4. Understand with more clarity WHY you think, feel, behave, and relate the way you do
- 5. Identify unresolved issues from the past which are still being played out today
- 6. De-mystify conflicts, stressful and confusing interactions with others
- 7. Bring into balance and unify the intelligences of the Mind, Heart, Body
- 8. Become more understanding and compassionate with self and others.

Must "SIGN UP" by Friday July 28

For more information please call Rachel Dutilly, Certified Riso-Hudson Enneagram Teacher/ Counselor at the Blessed Trinity Parish Office between 1:00-4:00 pm Monday -Friday at 727-867-3663

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.

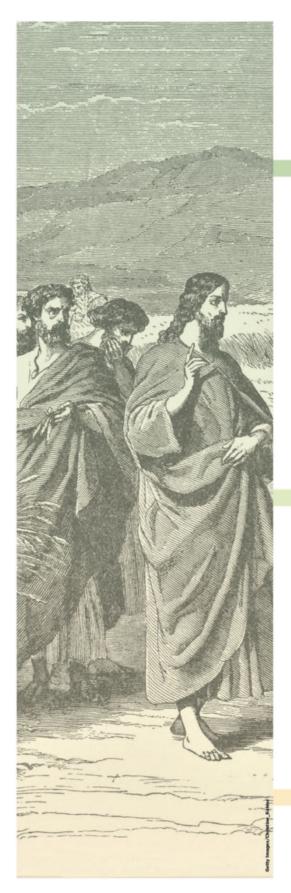
We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storm that threatens us.

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.

Thoughts Worth Sharing



July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

The parables were always my favorite Gospel readings when I was growing up. One we just heard, regarding the wheat and the weeds, was particularly comforting to me as a child. It was simple to understand, I thought: Those of us in God's Church were obviously the wheat and, of course, destined for salvation. We just needed to endure living among "the weeds" while we are in this world. As an adult, however, I realize that Jesus' message is much more challenging - much more convicting regarding my own failures and sins: I could be a weed! And while I certainly don't like that thought, I also don't like considering that anyone would be thrown into the "fiery furnace." After all, we are supposed to love one another and desire that they become part of the body of Christ and have eternal life. The reality of this world, however, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the "nutrients" we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in – inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don't think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today's Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

PRAY Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.



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

Matrimony

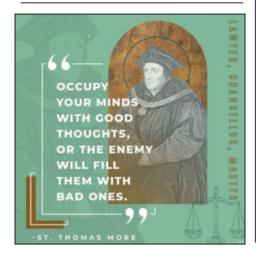
Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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, July 22, Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 a.m. Eileen Plasse (Dec)

Saturday, July 22, Vigil for Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Larry and Marilyn Roberts (Liv)

Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Joseph Marchese (Dec) 9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Eileen Plasse (Dec)

Monday, July 24, Memorial of Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

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

Tuesday, July 25, Feast of Saint James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. James Russum (Dec)

Wednesday, July 26, Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, July 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)

Friday, July 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ivan and Lucy Beddoe (Dec)

Saturday, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:00 a.m. Robert B. Murray (Dec)

Saturday, July 29, Vigil for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Alice Coston (Liv)

Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (Dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Armida Nunez (Dec)



Journeying Through Grief

"Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache."

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support "group" or you would prefer "one on one" support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

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.

07/23 • Rev. Richard F. Rosin, SDB

07/24 • Rev. Fadi Rouhana

07/25 • Rev. Edward Lamp

07/26 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

07/27 • Rev. Robert Cadrecha

07/28 • Rev. Demetrio Lorden

07/29 • Rev. Gregg Tottle

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.

Vocations

Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Call Father Chuck Dornquast 727-345-3452 or write: scd@dosp.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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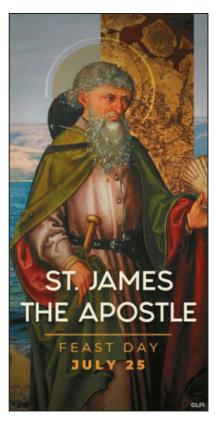
Stewardship Prayer

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.



St. James the Apostle July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Trans-

figuration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

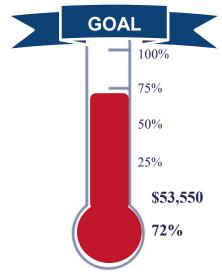
According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

REPENT, THEN,
AND TURN TO GOD,
SO THAT YOUR SINS
MAY BE WIPED OUT.

ACTS 3:19



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Thank you for your prayerful giving!



Keep in touch with us!

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"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in Courtyard Hall.

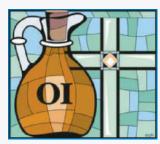
All are welcome!

For more information please call 727-867-3663.

Arnold, Barbara Barr, Bill Brown, Bob & Beverly Cavaliere, Lois Christ, Kathryn Comeau, Teresa Curtis, Sherlyl Daniels, Joshua DeZarn, Vickie D'Azzo, Lina Feltes, Chuck & Lauren Ferrara, Antoinette Fitzgerald, Dan Forbes, Monica & Tom Genereux, Carol Grimberg, Carol Hawkins, Barbara Helbig, Len Hoffman, Bette Huff, Walt Irvin, John Kindel, Helen Kirchgessner, Marie Lanigan, John

Lashley, Diana

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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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