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September 24, 2023 ▪ The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offer your day for priests with this prayer



"Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of your divine love."

After seeing the spiritual hunger of the crowds that pressed upon him, Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

Jesus' words are a reminder to us all that we, the sheep, are entrusted with the task of praying for worthy shepherds to lead us toward everlasting life.

This is something we often forget and as a result, our pastors are left open to spiritual attacks from every possible avenue. We must continue our prayers to God, asking him to protect our priests as well as to provide for us priests that strive to follow after the example of Jesus.

Below is a short prayer for the sanctification of the clergy that requests good and holy priests, and prays for those priests who have gone astray.

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as your representatives, I offer you through the hands of your most Holy Mother Mary, this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood. Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of your divine love, who seek nothing but your greater glory, and the salvation of souls. And you, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. 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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Proposals for acts should be submitted
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September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."



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
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Mass Intentions

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

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

Saturday, September 23, Vigil for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Ronald Bento (Dec)

Sunday, September 24, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Lisa Quintyne (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Jon Romani (Dec)

Monday, September 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Chantel Adkins (Liv)

Tuesday, September 26, Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

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

Wednesday, September 27, Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, September 28, Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Dennis Dutilly & Marion Nelson (Dec)

Friday, September 29, Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Mirek, Jr. (Dec)

Saturday, September 30, Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, September 30, Vigil for The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lawrence Wohlenhaus (Dec)

Sunday, October 1, The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jeff Newcomb (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Tony Romani (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.

09/24 • Msgr. Michael F. Devine
09/25 • Rev. Robert J. Schneider
09/26 • Rev. Kenneth Gerth, MCCJ
09/27 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
09/28 • Rev. Rafael E. Martos
09/29 • Rev. Mikhail Kouts
09/30 • Rev. John S. Hays

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

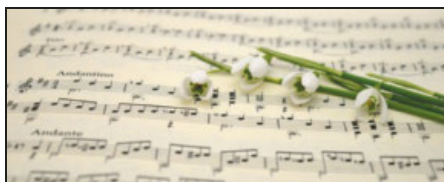
Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes have resumed from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will begin with a new study from Q Place "celebrate", yes to life in Christ.

Class will be held in the Courtyard Hall and the books will be \$12.00 for 12 sessions. For further information and to confirm attendance, please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605



Music Program

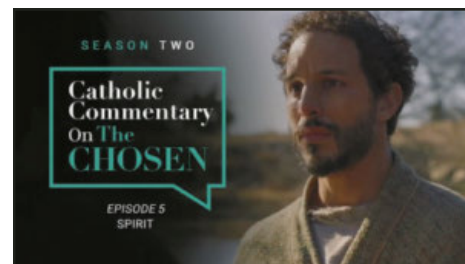
The Music Program has started up once again.

Rehearsals for the Adult Choir will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Handbell Choir at 7:30 p.m.

The Contemporary Ensemble will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in joining the choir for the first time or returning, all are welcome. I look forward to seeing everyone.

~ Wayne Dieterich, Director of Music

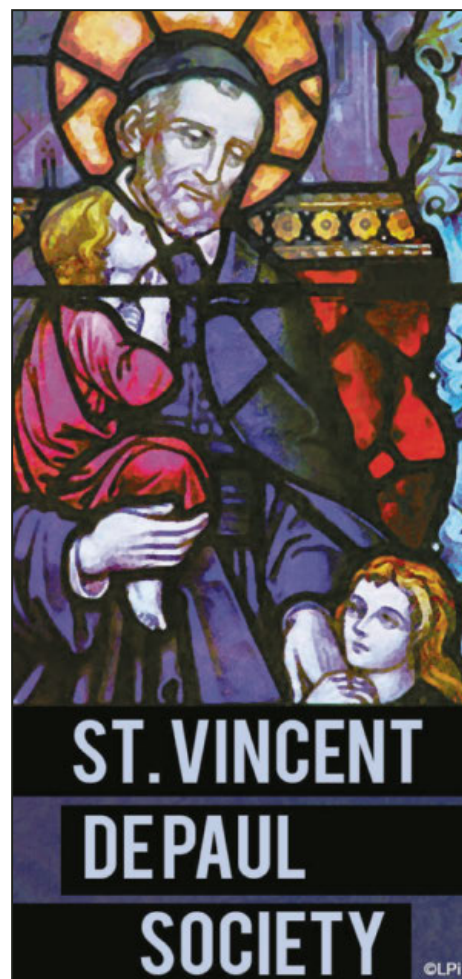


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“Life in the Spirit” Prayer Group

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For more information please call 727-867-3663.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

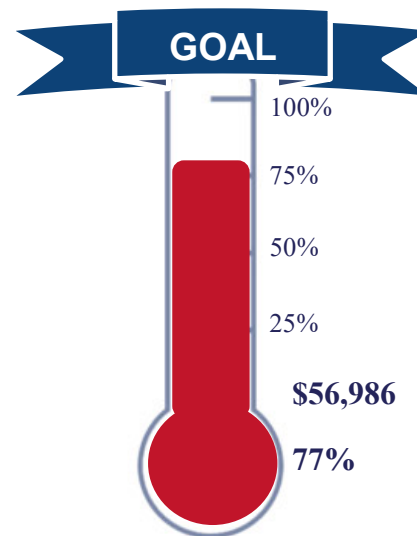
Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

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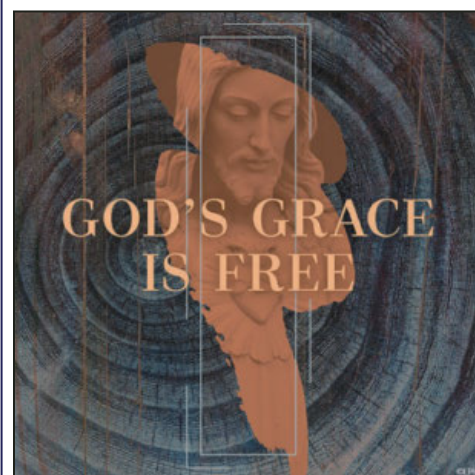


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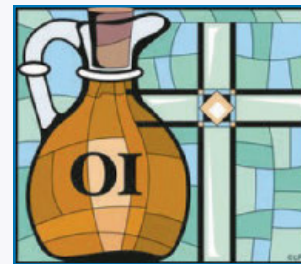
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Thuline, James and
Lil
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Walsh, Thomas
Youngman, Ruth



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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