



# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

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November 19, 2023 ▪ The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Thanksgiving meal prayer from the 4th century

Philip Kosloski



*Christians have maintained the tradition of saying grace before meals since the beginning.*

While many are very familiar with the traditional “**Bless us, O Lord**” prayer before meals, this prayer is only one of many that Christians have used over the centuries.

In fact, there are a wide variety of prayers that come from all different ages in the Church. One of

these prayers has been attributed to St. Athanasius of Alexandria, an influential saint who lived in the 4th century. He follows in the tradition of St. Clement of Alexandria, who wrote, “Before taking nourishment, it is fitting to praise the Creator of all things, and it is fitting also to sing His praises when we take as nourishment the things created by Him.”

The following **prayer of St. Athanasius** is one of the most ancient prayers of thanksgiving at meal time and yet, reflects much of what we now pray in the “Bless us, O Lord,” prayer.

### ***Blessing Before Meals***

*We give Thee thanks, our Father, for the Resurrection which Thou hast manifested to us through Jesus, Thy Son; and even as this bread which is here on this table was formerly scattered abroad and has been made compact and one, so may Thy Church be reunited from the ends of the earth for Thy Kingdom, for Thine is the power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

### ***Thanksgiving After Meals***

*The merciful and compassionate Lord has given nourishment to those who fear Him. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and throughout the ages. Almighty God and our Lord Jesus Christ, whose name is above all things, we give Thee thanks and praise Thee because Thou hast deigned to give us a portion of Thy goods and nourishment for our body. We pray and beseech Thee to give us in like manner heavenly nourishment. Make us fear and reverence Thy law and Thy terrible and glorious name, and grant that we may never disobey Thy precepts. Write in our hearts Thy law and Thy justice. Sanctify our mind, our soul and our body through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. To whom with Thee belongs glory, dominion, honor and adoration for ever and ever. Amen.*

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Deacon Emeritus

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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  
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May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.  
Give thanks to God for He is good.

~ Fr. Wayne and Prince

### *Mass of Thanksgiving*

*Fr. Wayne will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to Celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Pastorate at Blessed Trinity, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus at Blessed Trinity.*

*November 26, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are Welcome.*

### **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.

11/19 • Austin Smith, Seminarian

11/20 • For All the Priests in the World

11/21 • Rev. Paul Pecchie

11/22 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

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November 19, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

**GO** **EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

**WITNESS** The imagery of the “wicked, lazy” servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul’s words that the Lord will come “like a thief at night,” impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.



## **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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### ***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

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, November 18, Vigil for The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Harding & Blanch Nix (dec)

### **Sunday, November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Bill Isaac (dec)  
Peter James Privetera (dec)  
1st Anniversary of Death  
Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

### **Monday, November 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Jim and Lucie Sovey (dec)

### **Tuesday, November 21, Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Jeremy Antonson (dec)

### **Wednesday, November 22, Memorial of Saint Cecilia**

8:00 a.m. Mass of Vocations

### **Thursday, November 23, Memorial of Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Austin Pro, Priest & Martyr**

9:00 a.m. Julia Gaythwaite (dec)

### **Friday, November 24, Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Jim and Lucie Sovey (dec)

### **Saturday, November 25, Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Raymond and Pauline Gaffney (dec)

### **Saturday, November 25, Vigil for The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Fessler (dec)

### **Sunday, November 26, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 a.m. Luann Kenning (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Margaret Colgate (dec)

## **Blessed Trinity Social Group**

Some parishioners are initiating a social group to take advantage of all that St. Petersburg has to offer. A list of events and excursions is being compiled. More ideas would be warmly welcomed. We will have a special Flocknote Group created to help disseminate info on upcoming events. Contact Susan Kruse for more information or to offer suggestions for future outings.

To join the Flocknote Group, call the office Monday - Friday, before noon, and Emily can help to add you to the group.

### Blessed Trinity Giving Tree St Vincent de Paul Society



**Come and see the "Giving Tree"** in the back of the church for an opportunity to share your blessings at Christmas with the less fortunate in our community.

Please take a paper angel and purchase a gift card for a child or a teen. This will help needy parents provide Christmas enjoyment for their families. There are also angels for gift cards toward a family dinner. These are all families your Blessed Trinity St Vincent de Paul Society has assisted in the past year. Visits are up more than 50% above last year's visits.

If you do not have an opportunity to purchase a gift card, please consider dropping a check, made out to St. Vincent de Paul, or cash, in the poor box in the back of the church and we will obtain the needed gift cards.

**All gift cards with angels attached should be returned by Tuesday, December 5.**

We will need the time between December 5 and 8 to organize and prepare for distribution to the families on December 9. Our preferred gift card is \$25, but any and all other gift cards are **most welcome**.

Gift cards may be placed in the poor box or dropped off at the Parish office during the week.

**Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.**



### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in one of 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 and also placed on the Altar. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Christmas bulletin is Monday, December 18.**

#### Please Check One:

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☐ In Memory of

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Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Weekly Offering

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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 203

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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.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday, November 19 *Fr. Wayne's 10 Year Anniversary</b>	
9:00 and 10:30 am Coffee and Donuts	PH
<b>Monday, November 20</b>	
7:00 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b>	
10:00 am Scripture Class	CYH
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b>	
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
<b>Thursday, November 23 * Thanksgiving Day</b>	
9:00 am Mass (there is no 8:15 am Mass)	CH
Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
<b>Friday, November 24</b>	
Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	
<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	
9:00 and 10:30 am Coffee and Donuts	PH
9:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving	
Celebrating Fr. Wayne's 10th Anniversary and Knights of Columbus Founding at Blessed Trinity	
<b>Monday, November 27</b>	
7:00 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
<b>Tuesday, November 28</b>	
10:00 am Scripture Class	CYH
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b>	
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	
5:00-7:00 pm. K.O.C. Fish & Chicken Fry	PH
<b>Sunday, December 3</b>	
ADVENT STARTS	
<b>Monday, December 4</b>	
7:00 pm Christmas Concert	CH
<b>Tuesday, December 5</b>	
10:00 am Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	PH
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>	
6:00 pm Adult Choir	MR
<b>Friday, December 8</b>	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception- Holy Day of Obligation	
<b>Sunday, December 10</b> Second Sunday of Advent	
9:00 and 10:30 am Coffee and Donuts	PH
<b>Monday, December 11</b>	
7:00 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church



## Thank you!

Thank you all for your generous donations to St. Joseph's food drive.

Beware of scammers: We will never call or text you to ask for money or to purchase gift cards.



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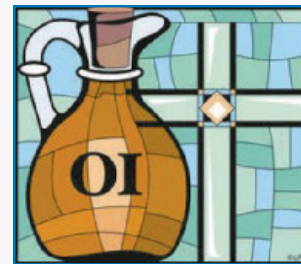
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The Blessed Trinity Social Group will be meeting at Kahwa Coffee 400 45th Avenue S. and 4th Street S. on Friday, December 1, after the 8:00 am Mass. Come join us and bring your ideas!

Arnold, Barbara  
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Barr, Bill  
Brown, Bob & Beverly  
Christ, Kathryn  
Cisek, Marilyn  
Comeau, Teresa  
Curtis, Sherlyl  
Daniels, Joshua  
DeZarn, Vickie  
D'Azzo, Lina  
Feltes, Chuck & Lauren  
Ferrara, Antoinette  
Fitzgerald, Dan  
Forbes, Monica & Tom  
Gawlik, Frank  
Gawlik, Sofia  
Genereux, Carol  
Grimberg, Carol  
Hawkins, Barbara  
Helbig, Len  
Hoffman, Bette  
Huff, Walt  
Irvin, John

Kindel, Helen  
Kirchgessner, Marie  
Klima, Sue  
Lanigan, John  
Lashley, Diana  
Lawler, Matthew  
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Maharne, Cecile  
Manley, Jan  
Manley, Paul  
Matthews, Daniel  
Mays, Susan  
Membreno, Mary & Gus  
Mesick, Phil & Nancy  
Nagy, Matthew  
Newcomb, Jeff  
O'Connor, Mary  
Oliphant, Sean  
Parmigiani, Valerie  
Powers, Jim  
Preeper, Helen  
Riley, Marie  
Roberts, Deacon Lionel

Romani, Angelo  
Schulz, Ingrid  
Shelby, Montez  
Stankiewicz, Cy  
Thompson, Susan E.  
Thuline, James and  
Lil  
Vanderbeck, Jay  
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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