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Lent is a perfect time to take an inventory of your spiritual life



Philip Kosloski

Take advantage of the Lenten season by looking over your life, discovering your strengths and weaknesses.

Lent presents to us a unique time of the year when we are invited to look inside ourselves and at our spiritual lives, discovering the good and bad that is there.

If we are to be completely

honest with ourselves, we will notice many areas that need growth and improvement. This can often be difficult for us, as we may not always want to see our faults and failings.

However, it is important to take a **spiritual inventory during Lent**, as it gives us an opportunity to reconcile ourselves with God.

Pope Benedict XVI recommended this practice in his message for Lent in 2011.

[T]he Lenten journey, in which we are invited to contemplate the Mystery of the Cross, is meant to reproduce within us “the pattern of his death” (*Ph* 3: 10), so as to effect a deep *conversion* in our lives; that we may be transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, like St. Paul on the road to Damascus; that we may firmly orient our existence according to the will of God; that we may be freed of our egoism, overcoming the instinct to dominate others and opening us to the love of Christ. The Lenten period is a favorable time to **recognize our weakness and to accept, through a sincere inventory of our life**, the renewing Grace of the Sacrament of Penance, and **walk resolutely towards Christ**.

For some of us, this spiritual inventory will be more difficult to endure, as we already know our weaknesses and fear that more light upon our sins will lead us into despair.

The good news is that God reaches out to us in his mercy, ready to accept us into his loving arms. We need not be afraid of our failings, as God is ready to pick us up and set us on the right path.

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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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Invite you to a

St. Patrick/ St. Joseph Dinner

Saturday March 16, 2024

@5pm. in the Parish Hall

Enjoy a variety of Irish, Polish, and Italian foods!

\$15

Tickets will be sold after Masses from your friendly Knight or in the Parish Office.

Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Class will begin a new study, continuing with Q Place "Change, Facing the Unexpected," starting March 12 and ending April 30. Class is held in Courtyard Hall on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30 am. Books are \$12.00.

For further information please call Barbara Townsend (727) 867-3605.



Weekly Offering

Weekend of February 25,
including online giving 2/19-2-25

Offertory \$ 9,258

Other Donations \$ 266

Restoring the Sacred \$ 1,275

Catholic Ministry

Appeal \$ 128

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 230

Weekend of March 3

including online giving 2/26-3/3

Offertory \$ 12,467

Other Donations \$ 3,366

Catholic Ministry

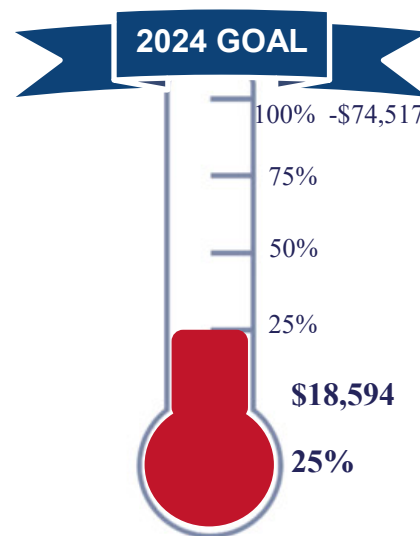
Appeal \$ 40

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 195

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March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

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

"The floor is lava!" We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. Paul also writes, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." And in today's Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word "might." Like "may," which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God's commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

ENGAGE Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven't yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord.

We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.



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, March 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Barbara Hanna (dec)

Saturday, March 9, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. James Lawler and Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, March 10, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Willard Gilbert Ratcliff, Jr. (dec)

Monday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Judy Leach (dec)

Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Cheryl Price (liv)

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Judy Alvarez (dec)

Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Denny McGrady (dec)

Saturday, March 16, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Deacon Lionel Roberts (dec)

Saturday, March 16, Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Daniel James Ayers (liv)

Sunday, March 17, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Rodger F. Walsh (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Charles and Alice Cummins (dec)

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Every Wednesday

- Personal worship .. church is open all day
- 5:30 Rosary recitation
- 6:00 Exposition and Adoration
- Concluding with Benediction ending at 7:00



Join us as your schedule permits ..
 for as little or as much time as you wish!
 Spend some 'one on one' personal time with Jesus ..
 Jesus is here ..
 Body and Blood ..
 Soul and Divinity ..
 And He's looking .. just for **YOU!**



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.

- 03/10 • Rev. Robert J. Schneider
 03/11 • Rev. Michael Suszynski
 03/12 • Rev. Jose Tejada
 03/13 • For Vocations to
 Priesthood &
 Religious Life
 03/14 • Rev. Patrick Rebel
 03/15 • Alexander Fleming,
 Seminarian
 03/16 • Rev. Henry Riffle

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in two ways:

1. Use the Easter 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. **Deadline for inclusion of your name in the Easter bulletin is Tuesday, March 26.**

The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

Please Check One:

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

Donor's Name: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 10 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, March 11 6:30 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 12 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 13 8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Church open for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition & Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 14 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Penance Service	MR CH
Friday, March 15 8:30 am	Stations of the Cross	CH
Saturday, March 16 5:00 pm	K.O.C. St. Pat/St. Joe's Dinner	PH
Sunday, March 17 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, March 18 6:30 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 19 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 20 8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Church open for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 21 4:00-5:00 pm 6:00 pm	SVDP Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal	CYH-1 MR
Friday, March 22 8:30 am 5:00-7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross FISH FRY	CH PH
Saturday, March 23 10:00 am	Eucharistic Revival Session: 3	PH
Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
Monday, March 25 6:30 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	CYH
Tuesday, March 26 10:00-11:30 am	Scripture Class	CYH
Wednesday, March 27 8:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration Church open for all day prayer Rosary Eucharistic Exposition & Meditation Benediction	CH CH CH CH
Thursday, March 28 6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR

Key for Events

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room,
CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1



Lenten Fish Fry

March 22
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Parish Hall



The Blessed Trinity Parish Conference of St. Vincent DePaul hosted the Pinellas County Street Medicine Van for our homeless neighbors!

"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group

Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in
Courtyard Hall.

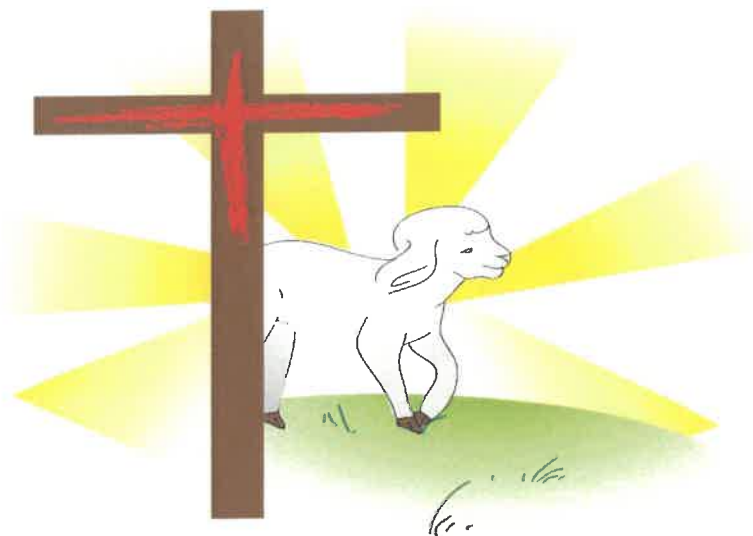
All are welcome!

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: SESSION 3



Restoring the Sacred

What the Mass "is"...

What the Mass is "not"...

**Morning will include a Video presentation,
group discussion and fellowship.**

***Don't forget to bring your "Brown Bag" lunch!**

Saturday March 23

10 am - 1:30 pm

A "SIGN-Up" call at the office would be appreciated.

727-867-3663



After years of tension between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, Russian forces began a devastating war in February 2022 by invading Ukraine. In addition to killing and wounding many, the conflict has forced millions of Ukrainians to flee the country. Many refugees went to neighboring countries in Europe, but many others came to the United States. For decades, the Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) department of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has assisted refugees fleeing wars and persecution, and in 2022 it responded to the Ukrainian refugee crisis with two initiatives to help local communities welcome refugees.

The first initiative, Welcome Circles, is a community-led program that helps local groups work together to provide financial support and connect refugees to services such as health care and education. Although Welcome Circles are locally led, they are certified, vetted, and given ongoing guidance by MRS staff or local affiliate experts. MRS's support and guidance help each Welcome Circle accompany refugees effectively during the resettlement process. As of early 2023, the Welcome Circles program already had 25 circles engaging more than 200 volunteers and had expanded to welcome refugees from Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela in addition to Ukraine.

Since 2010, MRS has led the second initiative, Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees (POWIR), a program that works with select diocesan resettlement programs to empower parishes and local Catholic institutions so they can welcome and assist immigrants and refugees at the diocesan level. From May 2021 to January 2023, this diocesan support helped nearly 10,000 local volunteers, working in Catholic communities in 23 active POWIR

programs nationwide, to spend more than 100,000 volunteer hours working with and on behalf of about 24,000 clients.

Funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection allow MRS to help victims of war and oppression begin new lives in welcoming, supportive communities through innovative initiatives like Welcome Circles and POWIR. In addition to MRS, the collection supports other Catholic organizations that aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless.

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Kenya and Zambia . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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REVELA EL AMOR DE *Cristo*



En febrero del 2022, después de años de tensión entre Ucrania y la Federación Rusa, las fuerzas rusas invadieron Ucrania dando inicio a una devastadora guerra. Este conflicto, aparte de matar y de herir a muchas personas, ha forzado a millones de ucranianos a huir de su país. Muchos de los refugiados huyeron a países vecinos en Europa, pero muchos otros han venido a los Estados Unidos. A lo largo de muchas décadas, Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), un departamento de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB), ha socorrido a los refugiados que huyen de las guerras y la persecución y, en el 2022, respondió a la crisis de los refugiados ucranianos con dos iniciativas para ayudar a las comunidades locales a fin de recibir y acoger a los refugiados.

La primera iniciativa, Welcome Circles, es un programa dirigido por la comunidad, el cual ayuda a grupos locales a trabajar juntos para proporcionar ayuda financiera a los refugiados y a conectarlos con servicios como el cuidado para la salud y la educación. Aunque los Welcome Circles están dirigidos a nivel local, estos están certificados, aprobados y reciben orientación continua de parte del personal de MRS o de expertos afiliados locales. El apoyo y la orientación que proporciona MRS ayuda a cada Welcome Circle a acompañar eficazmente a los refugiados durante el proceso de reasentamiento. A inicios del 2023, el programa Welcome Circles ya contaba con 25 círculos, involucrando a más de 200 voluntarios y se ha ampliado para recibir a refugiados de Haití, Cuba, Nicaragua y Venezuela, aparte de los refugiados provenientes de Ucrania.

Desde el 2010, MRS ha dirigido una segunda iniciativa, Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees (POWIR), un iniciativa que trabaja con programas diocesanos seleccionados para empoderar a parroquias y a instituciones católicas locales para que puedan recibir y ayudar a inmigrantes y refugiados a nivel diocesano. Desde mayo del 2021 hasta enero del 2023, este apoyo diocesano ha ayudado a cerca de 10,000 voluntarios locales, trabajando en comunidades católicas en 23 programas POWIR a nivel nacional, sumando más de 100,000 horas de voluntariado trabajando con y a favor de cerca de 24,000 clientes.

Los fondos recibidos a través de The Catholic Relief Services Collection permite que MRS ayude a las víctimas de guerra y opresión a empezar una nueva vida en comunidades acogedoras y solidarias mediante iniciativas innovadoras como Welcome Circles y POWIR. Además de MRS, la colecta proporciona ayuda financiera a otras organizaciones católicas que socorren a las víctimas de persecución y de desastres naturales, ofrece servicios legales a los inmigrantes de bajos recursos y aboga por los más necesitados.

Tus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. . .

En los Estados Unidos

Alimentando el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren. . . a través del **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Ofreciendo asesoría legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante. . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Acercándose a consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados. . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Y, alrededor del mundo

Dando agua para saciar la sed de Jesús en los pueblos de Siria y Níger. . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Abogando en nombre de Jesús por el pobre y el marginado. . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Enviando ayuda a Jesús en las víctimas de desastres naturales. . . a través del **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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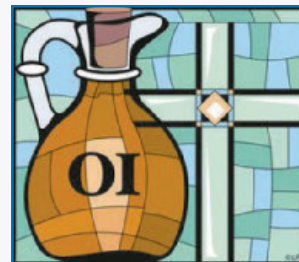
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