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Our goal should be to give without counting the cost



By Philip Kosloski

Sometimes we can be hesitant about our giving, not wanting to give too much of our money or possessions away, afraid of making any major sacrifice.

Jesus was clear that we should give to the poor generously. He did not provide an exact amount, or tell us precisely what we should give to those in need.

The primary requirement is that we should **give**.

Yet, many of us hesitate to be generous, often holding too tightly our own possessions.

It's true that some of us don't have much and we already give all that we can bear.

At the same time, most of us likely don't give enough, only giving pennies when we have millions of dollars saved up for a rainy day.

The cheerful giver

Ideally what we should do is give from a joyful heart. This means that we don't hoard our wealth to ourselves, but generously give the poor what we can cheerfully.

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St. Gregory of Nazianzen points this out in a homily that is provided in the *Office of Readings*:

When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. *If you undo the shackles and the thongs*, says Isaiah, that is, **if you do away with miserliness and counting the cost, with hesitation and grumbling**, what will be the result? Something great and wonderful! What a marvelous reward there will be: *Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will rise up quickly*. Who would not aspire to light and healing.

It is good to give, but it is better to give with a joyful heart.

This doesn't mean that giving will be easy or that it won't hurt, but if we trust God and his goodness, we can experience a profound peace when we give.

Above all we need to remember that we are giving to Jesus Christ, as St. Gregory explains:

The Lord of all asks for mercy, not sacrifice, and mercy is greater than myriads of fattened lambs. Let us then show him mercy in the persons of the poor and those who today are lying on the ground, so that when we come to leave this world they may receive us into everlasting dwelling places, in Christ our Lord himself, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Whenever we show mercy and give to those in need, we are showing mercy and giving to Jesus Christ.

This reality should help us to recognize Jesus in the poor and to do all that we do in a spirit of love and compassion.

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Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday
At Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
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Begin the day with:

8:00 AM - Mass

8:30 AM - Beginning Adoration

5:30 PM - Rosary Recitation

6:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration


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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

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

Today's culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God's power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today's Gospel, instead of condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus' mercy has touched her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God's call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God's ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being "taken possession of by Christ Jesus," because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God's chosen people in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.

PRAY

Transformation doesn't happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they've helped to conform your will to God's. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It's not too late to offer a loving sacrifice to God!



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

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Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:
867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Elly McManus (dec)

Saturday, April 5, Vigil for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. Bill Alemaghides (dec)

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Pierre Hanot (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. James J. Annarelli (liv)

Monday, April 7, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Shirley Knox (dec)

Tuesday, April 8, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Thomas D, Carr (dec)

Wednesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and

Mike Maxson and Briana Maxson (liv)

Thursday, April 10, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Robert Radice (dec)

Friday, April 11, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Alan Brower (dec)

Saturday, April 12, Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Bonaer (dec)

Saturday, April 12, Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler, Matt Lawler, Annette Lawler and
Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 a.m. Donna, Bryce and Ed Fakes (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Josephine Maher (dec)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Some celebrities do a lot to help out various causes that are meaningful to them. Sometimes they give of their time, talent, or treasure, while other times they create giving opportunities for the rest of us to be generous. The celebrity then does much to highlight the cause, and the hope is that enough people will give to make a difference.

I never judge another's motive when they choose to give to or support a cause. However, I hear many times a criticism levied against seemingly rich people who start a fundraiser and ask the rest of us to give: "Since they have so much money, they could simply give all the money needed themselves!" This exclamation often comes with disdain and a tone of superiority. This sentiment also comes frequently from those who have chosen to give little to nothing to the cause themselves.

Stewardship begins with the person in the mirror. You and I are accountable to each other, but at the end of the day, the only one who knows the true level of our generosity is God. As this Lent draws to a close, it is time to take a good long look in the mirror. You probably aren't famous, so there probably won't be a crowd of people to question the level of your sacrifice, devotion, and generosity this Lent. Of course, God knows and so does that person looking back at you in the mirror.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar flowers, you may do so in one of 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 April 6.** The names listed for remembrance and honor will be placed on the altar.

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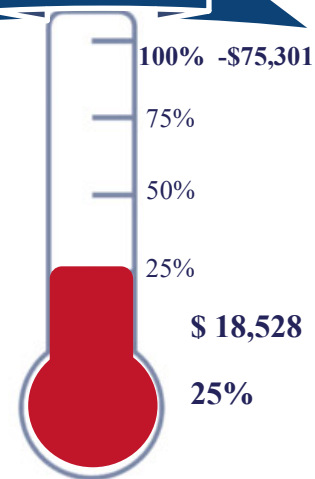
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2025 GOAL



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 6

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, April 7

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group CYH

Wednesday, April 9

Adoration

8:30 am Church open all day for prayer CH
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation
7:00 pm Benediction

Friday, April 11

8:30 am Stations of the Cross CH
5:30-7:30 pm K.O.C. Fish Fry PC

Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, April 14

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Group CYH

Wednesday, April 16

Adoration

8:30 am Church open all day for prayer CH
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation
7:00 pm Benediction

Thursday, April 17- Holy Thursday

Parish Office will be Closed

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No Mass) CH
4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting CYH-1
7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass CH

Friday, April 18- Good Friday

Parish Office will be Closed

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No Mass) CH
8:30 am Stations of the Cross CH
3:00 pm Passion of Our Lord CH
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Begins CH

Saturday April 19- Holy Saturday

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena CH
8:00 pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil CH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room



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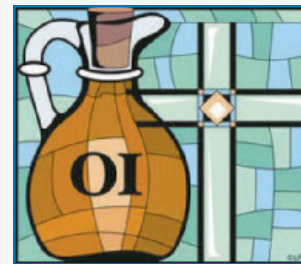
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