



# Blessed Trinity

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August 10, 2025 • The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Young people need to encounter Jesus and not simply know him



Philip Kosloski

Many young people were taught about Jesus from their birth, but that knowledge needs to lead to an encounter that will help their faith endure.

Often it is the case that some older Catholics will lament about how many young people lose the faith after they graduate from high school. Many of these children were taught the Catholic faith from infancy and even attended Catholic schools.

Yet, all that knowledge about Jesus and the Church did not sustain their faith as they navigated the many storms of life.

What was missing in their lives? What could bring them closer to Christ?

### **An encounter with Jesus**

St. John Paul II dealt head-on with this topic in a letter to the youth of Rome in 1997:

You have certainly heard of [Jesus] since you were small. But let me ask you a question: **Have you really met him?** In faith have you had a **living experience of him** as a loyal and faithful friend, or does his image still seem too far removed from your real problems to excite any interest?

It's possible to attend Catholic school throughout your entire life and never to have "met" Jesus in an intimate way.

What this means is changing our view of Jesus as a historical figure, but someone who is living and by our

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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

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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 and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

**Confessions** will be held Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm

### Parish Office

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side, as St. John Paul II explains:

Jesus is not only a great figure of the past, a teacher of life and morals. He is the risen Lord, the God **who is close to every person, to whom we can speak** and with whom we can experience the joy of friendship, hope in time of trouble and the certainty of a better future.

Young people are often not presented with this simple reality that God is not "in the clouds," but next to them. He is standing at the door, knocking at their hearts.

Jesus is someone who wants to be involved in every person's life. He wants to be with us in our joys and sorrows and most of all, to love us.

What young people need to do is to open up to that love, as St. John Paul II proclaims:

Dear young people, who does not want to love and to be loved? But to experience sincere love, you must **open the door of your heart to Jesus** and take the way he marked out with his own life: the way of self-giving. This is the secret to the success of any real call to love, particularly of that call born in a surprising way in an adolescent's heart which leads to marriage, the priesthood or the consecrated life.

If we want young people to keep the faith when they are older, they need to "meet" Jesus on the road of their lives.

Knowledge is good, but it needs to lead to something deeper, an encounter with the Risen Lord.

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## 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.*

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8:00 AM - Mass  
8:30 AM - Beginning Adoration  
5:30 PM - Rosary Recitation  
6:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration  
7:00 PM - Adoration Ends for the Day



August 10, 2025

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

Written by  
THE  
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DISCIPLE

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

If we're honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to emulate Abraham's obedient trust: "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today's Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master's return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

### **PRAY**

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord — as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.



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## **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



### **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, August 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Gary Ayers (liv)

### **Saturday, August 9, Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

### **Sunday, August 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Joseph and Dolores Ciminera (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Shirley Bunsey (dec)

### **Monday, August 11, Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**

8:00 a.m. Alyse Williams (liv)

### **Tuesday, August 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Dominic Bommarito (dec)

### **Wednesday, August 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### **Thursday, August 14, Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Jason Bayly (liv)

### **Friday, August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. Albin and Roberta Zaweski

60th Wedding Anniversary  
7:00 p.m. Anniversary of Fr. Wayne's Ordination

### **Saturday, August 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Patricia Dubois (liv)

### **Saturday, August 16 Vigil for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Ladyne Handel (liv)

### **Sunday, August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Tobias, Rose and John Weber (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Brown (dec)



### **August 15**

*Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation*  
*Mass times will be 8:00 am and 7:00 pm*





August 15 is the 28th Anniversary of Fr. Wayne's Priestly Ordination. His unwavering faith, dedication, and service has been a true blessing to us. Thank you!

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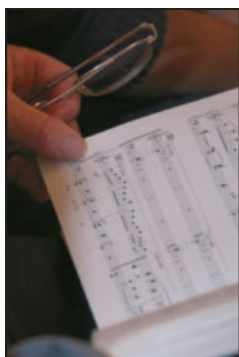
I do! Are you ready to make beautiful music and create fun memories? Can you hold a handbell? Do you like to make beautiful music, laugh and have fun?

Blessed Trinity Music Ministry has just the place for YOU!

We are forming a handbell ensemble! No experience is necessary, and you do not need to read music, just be willing to learn an easy notation system. Handbells are a beautiful way to enhance liturgy and become part of our growing Music Ministry.

Soon we will have a meeting about the where, when, and how, but in the meantime, please contact Lisa at [lss@btsp.org](mailto:lss@btsp.org), or by calling 727-867-3663, ext. 309.

## Blessed Trinity Music Ministry



Blessed Trinity Music Ministry is now actively recruiting members for weekly choir, Cantors of the Psalm, an Advent Festival Chorus (limited commitment) for a special Lessons and Carol service December 7, 2025, and - wait for it - a **CHOIR TOUR TO ROME** in January, 2027 where singers AND pilgrims will attend the Papal Mass for Mary, Mother of God.

All voice parts are needed and welcomed, and you do not need experience or to read music. Lifting a voice in song enables those who sing to pray twice! Come and join the Music Ministry in our new season of renewal and growth. Contact Lisa in the music office by calling 727-867-3663, ext. 309 or at [lss@btsp.org](mailto:lss@btsp.org).



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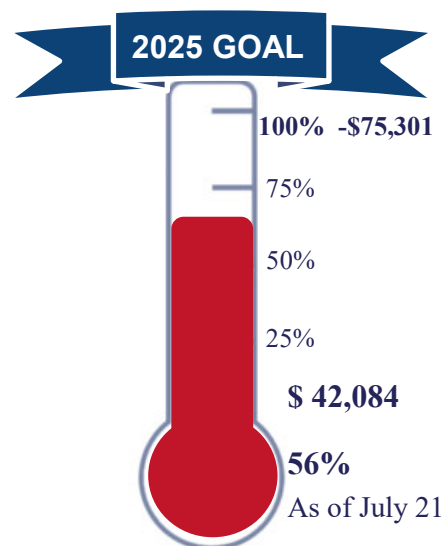
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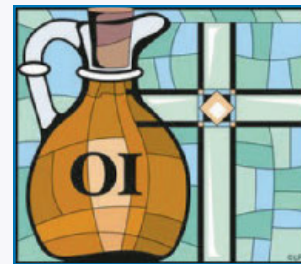
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