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Do you really know how to place your trust in the Lord?



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It's hard to trust in the Lord, especially when life thwarts our personal plans. But this is what we must do if we want to be saved. Any lifeguard will tell you that nothing is more dangerous than rescuing people who are desperately trying to save themselves. In the struggle to stay afloat and catch a breath of air, they often put their own rescue at risk. This is exactly what we also tend to do in our spiritual lives. Instead of letting the Lord save us, we try doing things our way and

make His work more difficult.

Like a drowning man clinging to life, we all cling to the hope of finding happiness. It's a basic impulse that God has given us. But do we actually trust Him enough to know what is good for us?

Trusting in the Lord is neither cowardice nor laziness

God respects us too much to provide us with instant gratification. He has given us freedom to multiply our talents and join Him in the creation of the Heavenly Kingdom. But it doesn't mean we should claim that we don't need help and take our tendency to rely on ourselves for freedom. If we refuse to trust in the Lord, we are assuming that we are very strong and competent when in fact it isn't so.

However there also exists the danger of embracing evil disguised as good – a lazy person justifying his idleness by his supposed trust in Providence, or a coward taking refuge in prayer to avoid facing real challenges. But placing our trust in the Lord is neither cowardice nor laziness.

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Trust in the Lord is not reserved to saints

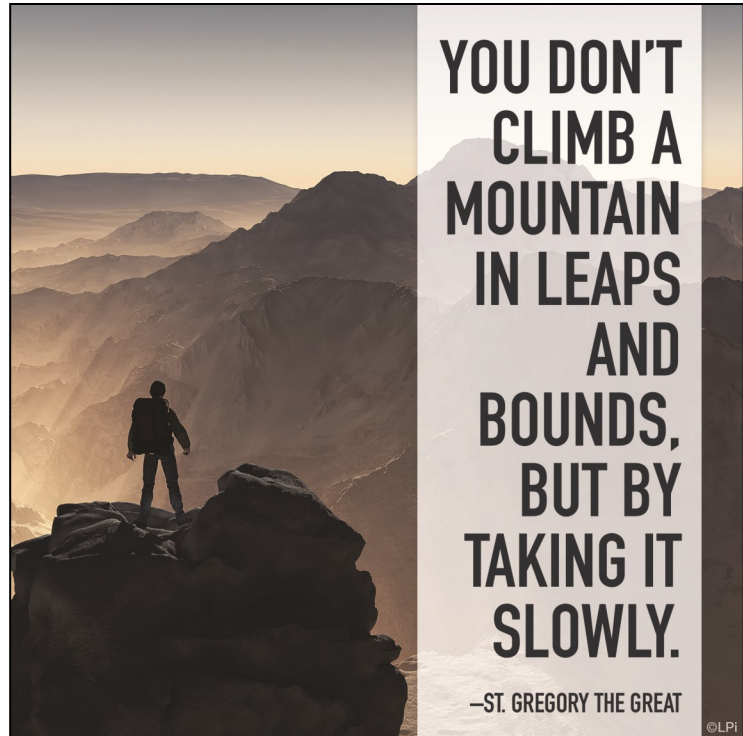
There is only one way to find God and serve Him. It consists of embracing our daily life in all its aspects. And of course, praising the Lord is the only prayer for those who have placed all their trust in Him. But to test the sincerity of these praises, they must be conformed to reality. Do they actually impact the way we deal with our work, family, financial troubles or plan our future?

“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3).

If we cannot become as little children and place our trust in the Lord, if we don’t consent to put everything that matters to us into Our Father’s hands, we won’t enter His Kingdom or taste the joy and happiness that has been promised to us.

Christine Ponsard

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29, Vigil for Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. John Omlor (dec)

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Michael Kehoe (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. James and Jean Bischoff (dec)

Monday, August 31, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Elise Zornow-Cronrath (liv)

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ronald Bento (dec)

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and Mary Lou Deuel (dec)

Thursday, September 3, Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, September 4, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Duane Webster (dec)

Saturday, September 5, Vigil for Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Charles P. Screeton & Christine A. Screeton (dec)

Sunday, September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Michael Kehoe (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Virginia Alianello (dec)



August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

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

Peter, understandably, responded to Christ's foreshadowing of his death with shock and horror – insisting that Jesus would not suffer and die. But Christ's words to his disciples taught them all to respond with humble obedience, trusting in the mission of God without fully understanding it. And Jeremiah in the first reading felt that God had “duped” him. Perhaps the message here is to expect the unexpected when taking on a life of holiness. In my own vocations of marriage, motherhood, and teaching, I regularly encounter challenges and surprises. As disciples, when we discern the will of God in our lives and choose to live according to his will, we do so not because we know all that it will entail, but because we know and trust the One who calls us. We are not promised an easy life, but we are promised abundant life. God calls us to a life of holiness because he knows that is what will bring us fulfillment and peace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the process of discernment, we consider our gifts and talents, humbly reflect upon what is needed to build the kingdom of God, and listen carefully in prayer to the voice of God. We have the immense gifts of Sacred Tradition and Scripture to facilitate the “renewal of [the] mind” (Rom 12:2) as we allow our minds and hearts to be transformed by God's will. And in humble obedience, we must be honest with ourselves about whether we are fully open to God's call, even when it is contrary to our plans. When we believe with our entire being that we are living according to God's will, we will not be able to remain quiet or live in a mediocre way. Just as Jeremiah was unable to keep himself from speaking on the Lord's behalf, the Good News of Christ will come pouring forth from our being in everything that we do. And in this outpouring of God's love, we will give others the opportunity to encounter Christ through us.

REFLECT

Spend some time this week considering the vocation to which you are being called. Reflect upon how you can grow in trust of God to depend upon his care and guidance as you serve according to his will. Although our specific call may be challenging and may seem overwhelming, we can trust in the promise that following God's will leads to a life of joy and peace.



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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 to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

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Come open yourself to the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit at our MAGNIFICAT MEAL

Saturday, September 12, 2026 – 9:15 am – 12:15 pm
St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo, Florida



Our Speaker: Sue Tassanari

On September 12, join us for breakfast followed by spiritual direction, prayer, and praise and worship at our Magnificat Meal, at the Parish Center at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo. Start your day at St. Patrick's parish Mass held in the Church at 8:00 am.

Your morning will culminate with meeting St. Patrick's parishioner, Sue Tassanari, and hearing her fascinating journey of how the Holy Spirit has guided her from Judaism to joyfully live her Catholic faith.

Reservations are \$18.00 each; tickets are on sale until September 5, 2026. No tickets are sold at the door, and seating is limited. Please respond early to allow time for the USPS to process your request. Your ticket/name tag will be at the door. Please make your check payable to "Magnificat" and mail to: Linda Barron, Treasurer, 6069 Second Ave N St. Petersburg, FL 33710

For more information: Email: magnificatofstpetersburg@gmail.com, or text to Linda at 727 415-2693, or Jane 727 452-7404.

Everyday Stewardship

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications

Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations, Masses will be held in Parish Hall.**

Saturday, August 29

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 30

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

***No Faith Community Nursing Event Today**

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 pm KOC Officers Meeting FF

7:00 pm KOC Council Meeting FF

Wednesday, September 2

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting FF

5:30 pm Adoration PH

6:00 pm KOC 4th Degree Meeting FF

Saturday, September 5

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, September 6

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall,
MC=Ministries Center, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1,
CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room, PL= Parking Lot

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 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

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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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.

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.

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