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Pope Leo's prayer for October: Mental health



Global public spending on mental health continues to represent barely 2% of the health budget. Pope Leo prays that the Church becomes increasingly a place to help.

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Pope Leo's prayer intention for the month of October turns attention to the issue of mental health. The Holy Father invites the faithful to pray "that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church."

"We cannot do it alone"

Pope Leo XIV has also directly addressed the challenges faced particularly by young people in regard to mental health. During the [Prayer Vigil with young people in Barcelona](#), on June 9, 2026, in response to a young woman who had shared her experience with depression, the Pontiff observed that it is important to become aware of how **mental health is increasingly threatened in the context of societies that consider themselves advanced**, and warned that this is a sign that something is profoundly wrong with a certain idea of progress that subjects people to pressures, expectations and tensions that compromise "fundamental balances". Later, reflecting on pain and extreme loneliness, the Pope stated: **"We cannot do it alone."**

Pray with the Pope

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of life,
You know the innermost depths of our hearts—
the light and shadows within us,
the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees.

Today we bring before you our brothers and sisters
who struggle with challenges to their mental health,
who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or any other mental illness.
You call them by name, with tenderness,
and in You they find dignity and hope.

Forgive us for the times we have looked the other way,
feeding the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.
May your Church be an open house,
a safe space where everyone has a place—

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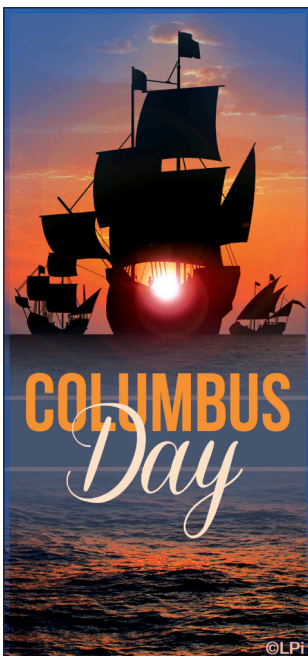
a community that accompanies and never excludes,
that listens without judging and draws near without fear.

We pray to you, Lord, for those who care:
professionals, family members, volunteers—
men and women who, with patience and love,
build bridges of understanding and comfort.
Give them strength and compassion to sustain others.

Send your Spirit upon us,
that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church,
and thus become a living sign of your mercy,
which never abandons and always restores.

Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10, Vigil for Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Larry Getgen, Sr. and Larry Getgen, Jr. (liv & dec)

Sunday, October 11, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Therese Hernandez (liv)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Jimmy Taxiera (dec)

Monday, October 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. The Kinoo Family (liv & dec)

Tuesday, October 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Patty Brown (dec)

Wednesday, October 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 15, Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Friday, October 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Jo Ann Marchese (dec)

Saturday, October 17, Vigil for Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Charles Fegley Murray (dec)

Sunday, October 18, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (dec)
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Molly Webb (liv)

October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

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

Today's Gospel comes from the latter chapters of Matthew, in which Jesus repeatedly speaks about our readiness for the end times and the coming judgment. This parable concludes with the striking image of a man being thrown out of the king's feast because he was not dressed in a proper wedding garment. While Tradition has often used this passage to communicate the importance of being properly disposed when approaching holy Communion, we ought not forget its other sense. To find a place at both the *earthly* and the *heavenly* wedding feast of the Lamb, we must strive to clothe ourselves with righteous deeds (see Rev. 19:7-9), cooperating with the grace the Lord has given us in baptism.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our readings today reveal God's astonishing invitation to all humanity. Isaiah tells us that God "will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines." The king in Jesus' parable announces this same divine invitation: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." In his letter *Desiderio desideravi*, Pope Francis wrote: "The world still does not know it, but everyone is *invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb* (Re: 19:9)." (5) As disciples of Jesus, our task is to be like the servants of the king in today's Gospel. So, too, the Lord sends us out to bring whomever we find to the feast. And, as Pope Francis said, "We must not allow ourselves even a moment of rest, knowing that still not everyone has received an invitation to this Supper or knowing that others have forgotten or have got lost along the way." (5)

PRAY

Immediately following baptism, infants, children, and adults are clothed in a white garment as an outward sign of the grace just received in the sacrament. In the prayer that accompanies this part of the baptismal rite, the celebrant exhorts the newly baptized to bring this garment unstained before the judgment seat of Christ. Take a moment this day to pray for all the newly baptized in your community, and indeed, for all the baptized – that together, we may strive for the holiness that is fitting for those who have "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) and so come to share in his heavenly feast.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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 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.

YOU'RE INVITED
40
DAYS FOR LIFE

Wednesday, September 23 - Sunday, November 1st.

Blessed Trinity's Day for Peaceful Prayer:
Thursday, October 29th

Monday-Friday: 8 am to 6 pm
Saturdays 1 pm to 6 pm



For Information Call: Cathy Browne
phone: (646) 552-8015
Email: cathy6browne@yahoo.com



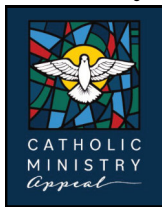
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Weekly Giving 10/04/26

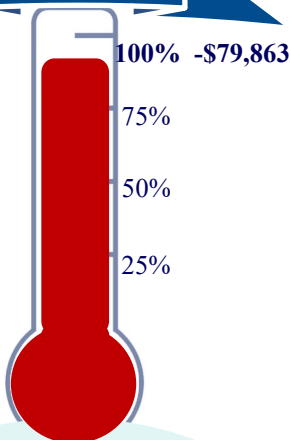
Offertory	\$ 8,860
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Catholic Ministry Appeal



2026 GOAL



Collected to date: \$72,878.00
which is 91%

Amounts pledged or expected:
\$85,104 which is 106.6%!

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!



Everyday Stewardship

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return? — Tracy Earl Welliver, TS©LPi

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, October 10

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, October 11

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

& Birthday Box Assembly CYH

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

Wednesday, October 14

4:00 pm SVDP Meeting FF

5:30 pm Adoration PH

Thursday, October 15

10:00 am Book Club FF

Saturday, October 17

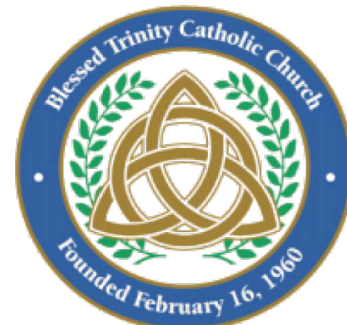
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, October 18

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



Pastor

Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

Clergy Assistance

Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM

Fr. Randall Roberts, OFM

Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM

Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM

Fr. Victor Bartolotta

Fr. Eric Peters

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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Birthday Cake Boxes Assembly

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Sunday, October 11th
After the 8:00 AM Mass
Courtyard Hall

These boxes will then be delivered by the Committee
to Whispering Pines and Trinity House.



Text BTSP to 84576 or online at
btsp.flocknote.com



**St Jude Medal, Trinity Medal of Honor,
and the Distinguished Service Award
October 25, 9:30 a.m. Mass**

October 11, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to announce this years' honorees for exceptional service to Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

**St. Jude Medal Ceremony-3:00 p.m. Cathedral of St. Jude.
Presider, Bishop Gregory L. Parkes
Honoree, Christopher Grimberg**

Trinity Medal of Honor

**Su Wilson
Carol Shier
Charles W. Ankerberg, Jr.**

Distinguished Service Award

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Paula Tito
Joanne Heffern
Tracy Deuel
Sue Curcio
Karen Brine
Joanne Slivanik
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Rita Congiu
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Maria Ferrer
Jim Gillis
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Ron Maginot
Maripol Mendoza
Bob and Lori Novak
Ed Prchal
Nancy Tebo**

**A Reception for our Honorees will be held in the Parish Center in late January when our
Church Renovation is completed.**

Kind personal regards,

Father Wayne C. Genereux, Pastor

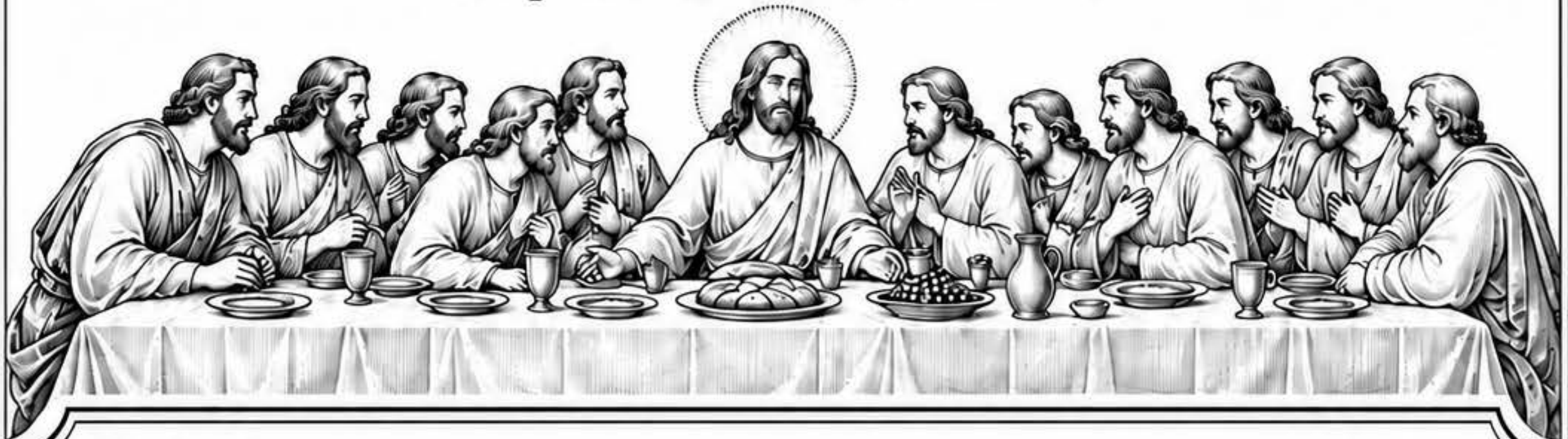
Last Supper Club

— *October Dinner* —

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Come hungry. Leave blessed.

Join us for an evening of
food, friendship, and fellowship.

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All parish friends are welcome.



Thursday, October 15th



6:00 PM



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Clark, Christine and
Henry
Clark, Brittany Noel
Clark, Matthew Pierce
Comeau, Teresa
Cortez, Patrick
Coughlin, Bernadette
Curcio, Louis
Daniels, Joshua
DeLong, Judy
DeLong, Todd
Dietrich, Wayne
Distefano, Michael
Ellis, John
Feltes, Lauren

Fitzgerald, Dan
Gawlik, Frank and Sofia
Genereux, Carol
Grimberg, Carol
Gutske, Karl
Hawkins, Ashlyn
Hawkins, Barbara
Helbig, Len
Hoffman, Bette
Hoskins, Kevin
Hurley, Scott
Joyal, Christina
Kartsaklis, Michael
Klima, Sue
Kraynak, Gary
Lague, Norbert
Lashley, Diana
LeVan, George
Lewis, Cynthia
Mays, Hank
McDowell, Jack
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Membreno, Mary & Gus
Narinelly, Sarah

Newcomb, Jeff
O'Connor, Mary
Parillo, Ceil
Parillo, Dave
Parmigiani, Valerie
Preeper, Helen
Riordan, Donald
Romani, Angelo
Sacks, Laura
Shelby, Montez
Smith, Elizabeth
Stankiewicz, Cy
Vanderbeck, Cindy
Vanderbeck, Jay
Wagoner, Diane
Walsh, Thomas
Watson, Linda
Weselowski, Chris
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.

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.

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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