

Talking like the Holy Family

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Today's collect reads: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being subject to Mary & Joseph, did sanctify home life with ineffable virtues: grant that, with the aid of both, we may be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family, and attain to eternal fellowship with them."

Again, the prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family asks that our families resemble the Holy Family; and, while we don't know *everything* about this Family, we *should* know enough to be without excuse. Put again, on Judgment Day, not one of us will have the excuse, "Oh, I was supposed to do that in my family to make it like the Holy Family?"

Just in case, however, a few feasts over the Christmas season provide *some* direction.

On Dec. 25, we celebrate Christmas Day, the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world; again, God is born into a family to give life to the world; our families must be **open to life...** isn't that what marriage is about *really*, to bring life into the world?

On Dec. 26, The Feast of St. Stephen, we honor the *proto* martyr, St. Stephen, stoned to death shortly after the Ascension; like Christ, he prayed for his enemies, "Lord, lay this not to their charge." Our families must be **forgiving**.

On Dec. 27, The Feast of St. John, we honor St. John the apostle. Although willing to die for Christ, (indeed, he suffered as a martyr, once being divinely rescued from boiling oil,) yet his feast is celebrated in white, not red vestments. Again, as John most resembled Christ in His purity, so Christ named him, "*the beloved disciple*." Our families must be **pure**.

On Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, we honor the victims of a cruel king who took their lives in seeking to destroy the Infant King; this act illustrates the devil's hatred for mercy & purity; put again, these infants, for all their innocence, received absolutely no mercy... Is there a king Herod in our families?... unforgiving, envious, destructive of innocence?

On Jan. 1, the Feast of the Circumcision, we see an example of **obedience**; on the Feast of the Holy Name, as the prayer reminds us, we see the **reverence** owed the Divine Name.

Each feast presents a virtue worthy of the Holy Family & needful in all families. Again, to be like the Holy Family, our families need **openness to life, mercy** (*the forgiveness of punishment owed for a wrongful act*) & **purity** (in word & deed); proper **obedience** between members & **reverence** for holy things. (By these, may our families change the world.)

More pointedly: Regarding purity in word, vulgar speech has no place in a Catholic family. While words like *sh*t, cr*p & s*cks* do have a place in human vocabulary, often they are used out of context to show disgust at a person, place, thing, or circumstance. Is this right? Is this Catholic? To answer this, we ask: "Would the Holy Family have talked like this about king Herod, or the smelly manger?"

There are many Catholics, even esteemed Catholic priests, who speak so to communicate their idea of some event or person; yet, the question remains: "Would Mary, or Joseph, let alone their Holy Child, use these words as commonly done in the world today?"

Again, the Mass prayer reads, "*may we be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family.*" Does the speech in our families reflect our *imagined* example of the Holy Family?

To end, some may say, "Oh, Father, this is a small thing, why bring it up?" In answer: because, Christ said, "for every idle word we shall be held accountable" (Mt 12:36); because, it is hypocrisy to pray to be like the Holy Family without meaning it; because, if in small things we fail, we cannot achieve the greater; because, we are called to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect; because, as Christ came to save the world & our families share in His mission, so the rise or fall of civilization depends on us!, and we might as well start on something, *however small*, we can do something about, right now. The Holy Family, pray for us!



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

"Lost & Found" is in the vestibule; if not there, check with the office.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 01-12	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	2/W	
Mon 01-13	Comm. of the Baptism of the Lord	2/W	
Tues 01-14	St Hilary, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>	3/W	St Felix
Wed 01-15	St Paul the First Hermit, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	St Maurus
Thu 01-16	St Marcellus I, <i>Pope & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Fri 01-17	St Anthony, <i>Abbot</i>	3/W	
Sat 01-18	Votive Mass of the Chair of St Peter	3/W	St Paul, St Prisca.
Sun 01-19	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	1/W	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 01-12	(7 am) a friend	rb anonymous
	(8:30 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Matthew Dobos+	rb R J Dobos
Mon 01-13	(12 noon) Maria Amy Lynn Pham	rb N Truong
Tues 01-14	(7 am) Judith Filippo+	rb B Meier
	(9 am) Joshua Kearns	rb M Priest
Wed 01-15	(7 am) Peter Mathsen+	rb E Mathsen
	(9 am) Augustine Toan Pham	rb N Truong
Thu 01-16	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory from CtK	rb C Plowman
	(9 am) The Sanctification of William X Bragg	rb R Sete
Fri 01-17	(9 am) Christina Gallagher	rb M&B Cunningham
	(6:30 pm) Anna & Stanley Kuziel++	rb B&M Kuziel
Sat 01-18	(9 am) Carlos Rodriguez+	rb family
Sun 01-19	(7 am) Grozdana Jurman	rb R&K Jurman
	(8:30 am) Simona Burkett	rb M&C Burkett
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Chacho & Otilia Alvarez++	rb B Rodriguez

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: What Child is This?, #821; Asperges, #567; Mass XI, #740 & Credo III, #776; Exit: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, #947.

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adult catechism (6-7 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); **Wednesday,** CtK Day at PP (9-5 pm); **Thursday,** staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), St Joseph Guild (6:30 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); **Saturday,** Pro-Life March Mass (6:45 am, the bus to Ave Maria departs at 7:30 am & returns at 5 pm), normal 9 am Mass, Vespers (4:30 pm).

Epiphany Water, blessed salt, & blessed chalk are available in the social hall.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,842.00; on-line \$5,244.00; CFA \$2,340.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$35,727.00; online \$13,898.00.

Total souls:471; 7 am-63; 8:30 am- 126; 10:30 am-170; 12:30 pm-112; *Ocala*-392.

Please pray for: Aaron Pruitt, Steve Deitche, Peggy LaBrecque , Leonard West (1/5); Markus Dixon, McNamara family (12/29); Piotr Gier, & Mendez family (12/15).

2024 CFA status at CtK as of Jan. 4, 2025: \$113,000 owed the diocese; \$100,297.27 pledged (88.76% of goal); from 43.12% of 218 households; \$100,140.60 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org). Thank you for your support!

We are preparing your 2024 contribution statements. If you have moved, please let us know your current address. Thank you for assisting us.

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Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites have been established in the Diocese of Venice. Epiphany Cathedral (350 Tampa Ave. W, Venice FL 34285); St John XIII Parish (13060 Palomino Ln., Fort Myers, FL 33912); St John the Evangelist Parish (625 111st Avenue N., Naples, FL 34108); Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center (3989 South Moon Dr., Venice, FL 34292. Hours for these sites and a schedule of events will be published (by the diocese) in the near future.

Candlemas Candles will be sold after the 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am Sunday Masses from 1/19 through 1/26.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

1/12/25

Thank you for your continued prayers & donations in support of our building project *Do This in Memory of Me*.

I hope everyone has seen the videos of our planned build; they remain on our website. After watching the videos, in sending us his \$100,000 donation, Fr Fryar wrote CtK saying, "I hope that you will raise all the money needed to build the new church soon - I am very excited about this!"

Also, **please consider making a pledge over three years.** Donations are welcome, but pledging helps CtK by way of seeing future outlays. Also, on the pledger's side, pledging exercises confidence in God which allows a soul to experience the providence of God. (Of course, if a circumstance arises, and you cannot fulfill your pledge, CtK will not send *Guido & Luigi Collection Services* after you.)

God bless you all, frh