

Mary's Second Fiat.

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Last week, on the Feast of the Holy Family, with Mary & Joseph, we heard the 12-year-old Jesus in the temple declare, "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business."

Again, at 12 years of age, Jesus begins his early, & independent, manhood by manifesting His purpose; the next 18 years will be a time of maturation which the Gospel sums, "he grew in wisdom and age and merit before God and men."

Finally, at 30 years of age, having reached His prime, Jesus begins His mission, *seemly* prematurely, by the prodding of His mother who notes, at the wedding, "They have no wine."

Here is one lesson: Now in some Dioceses a child of 12 years may be Confirmed. At this time, the child is expected to "man-up" to his faith; claim it for Himself, in a way; he declares for himself, now more than before: "I must be about my Father's business."

This is, at least, our hope in any Catholic who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Of course, after receiving the Sacrament, growth must continue: "in wisdom, age & merit before God and men."

Growth in age is obvious & unavoidable... but am I growing in wisdom & merit? Am I deepening my knowledge of the mysteries of my Faith? (do I even care?); am I advancing in my prudential judgments so as to best serve heaven? (or am I simply becoming better at fixing a car, predicting the stock market, playing computer games, watching Netflix movies, shooting pheasant?) Am I growing in merit before God (Who knows everything) and man (who knows some things)? Again, God alone knows what I *truly* am; but men *of judgment* know in measure... what do they think of me... am I progressing or regressing in the estimation of my fellow man (again, a man not of the world, but one seeking heaven.)

Today, at the Wedding at Cana, Christ performs His first public miracle at His mother's initiative, by that descriptive observation: "They have no wine."

With these brief words, Mary begins to change the course of history; again, now 18 years of hidden life comes to a close & a new era dawns.

The last time we saw Jesus we found Him in the temple declaring Himself to be about His Father's will; now, 18 years later, having matured in wisdom, age & merit, He will do His mother's will.

Let us read what follows, "Woman, what is that to me & to thee?" He says, "woman" not "mother" for she must be identified with the "woman" who, three years hence, Christ will give as a mother to all His disciples in the person of *the beloved disciple*, John, by the exchange, "Woman, behold your son" and "Behold your mother."

Regardless of Jesus' apparent reservation, "What is that to me and to thee," Mary knows her Son will consent and so promptly tells the waiters: "Do whatever He tells you."

Wonderful! Jesus seeks the Father's business & now Mary tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary's will is completely one with her divine Son which is one with the entire Godhead... even knowing this "will" will bring her dear Son to the cross.

Recall: at Bethlehem, Mary wondered at the shepherd's news; at the Presentation, she wondered again at Simeon's prophecy; and finding Him in the Temple, she wondered a third time that Her son must be *about His Father's business*.

Before she wondered; now, having wondered to a positive conclusion about what must happen she, at a wedding, gives the full consent of her will & enters a second nuptial contract. Again, Mary's first *fiat* made her the mother of God; now she says *fiat* that, by His Passion & death, Christ may enliven the world & beget the mystical body. Thank you, Mary!



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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
Sun 01-19	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	2/G
Mon 01-20	Ss Fabian, <i>Pope</i> & Sebastian, <i>Martyrs</i>	3/R
Tues 01-21	St Agnes, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i>	3/R
Wed 01-22	Votive Mass of Peace	3/V Ss Vincent & Anastasius
Thu 01-23	St Raymond of Penafort, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W St Emerentiana
Fri 01-24	St Timothy, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i>	3/R
Sat 01-25	Conversion of St Paul, <i>Apostle</i>	3/W St Peter
Sun 01-26	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	2/G

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 01-19	(7 am) Grozdana Jurman (8:30 am) Simona Burkett (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Chacho & Otilia Alvarez++	rb R&K Jurman rb M&C Burkett rb B Rodriguez
Mon 01-20	(12 noon) Mary Priest	rb M Priest
Tues 01-21	(7 am) The Fisher family (9 am) Carrol Gautreaux+	rb B&M Kuziel rb Steindorf family
Wed 01-22	(7 am) End to abortion (9 am) Suzanne Priest+	rb anonymous rb M Priest
Thu 01-23	(7 am) David H. Fields+ (9 am) Josephine Loperfido+	rb Grube family rb R&G Loperfido
Fri 01-24	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (6:30 pm) Kaitlyn Beggy	rb B&T Shehwen rb Beggy family
Sat 01-25	(9 am) Fr Vincent Huber, FssP	rb M Pruitt
Sun 01-26	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (8:30 am) Rick O'Brien (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Alcantara children	rb L de Saizieu rb R Speer rb Alcantara parents

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: As With Gladness Men of Old, #819; Asperges, #567; Mass VIII, #727 & Credo III, #776; Exit: Songs of Thankfulness & Praise, #820; also, we continue the **Church Unity Octave** which began yesterday (see handouts).

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adult Catechism (6-7 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Archconfraternity of the Holy Face (6:30-7 pm); **Wednesday,** a day of penance for the sin of abortion, all day exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament (10 am-6 pm); **Thursday,** staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Catechism (5-6 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); **Saturday,** Potluck & Rosary picnic (10 am-1 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Today, Candlemas candles are available in the social hall after the 7, 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses. Suggested donation costs for these 100% beeswax candles are: \$30/pillar & \$4/votive. They will also be available at the office during the weekday.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,975.89; on-line \$2,624.00; CFA \$4,365.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$14,115.00; online \$2,906.50.

Total souls:512; 7 am-59; 8:30 am- 150; 10:30 am-182: 12:30 pm-121; **Ocala-**362.

Please pray for: Cynthia Flamminio, Garrison Rainwater, Rick Miller (1/19); Aaron Pruitt, Steve Deitche, Peggy LaBrecque , Leonard West (1/5); Markus Dixon, & McNamara family (12/29).

2024 CFA status at CtK as of Jan. 11, 2025: \$113,000 owed the diocese; \$104,602.27 pledged (92.57% of goal); from 44.80% of 221 households; \$104,505.60 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.

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.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

1/19/25

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

Recently, it was discovered that our building is too high. The back story is, last spring, our architect asked a new county clerk about the height, who said it was fine; since then, a supervisor said otherwise. Last Thursday, the diocese met with the county on this issue. On Friday, the diocese spoke with the CtK building team about possible solutions. In the end, it was decided: redesign the church to a 35-foot mid-roof height, keeping a proportionally high bell tower; keep the same footprint; remove the 2nd story cry room, leaving only the choir loft; remove the elevator; remove the outside balconies; and reduce the size of the baptistry to accommodate a transitional cry room area. These changes will keep our momentum, make the build simpler while keeping its nobility & lessen the cost.

In making these decisions, besides the diocese input, I consulted two of our priests who have experience in building (Frs Neal Nichols & Charles Van Vliet). Carmine Carapella, our architect, has been notified. We should have new drawings soon as they are computer generated. We also need to calculate new hard numbers. Carmine will arrange a Team/Zoom meeting with CtK next week. At this rate the county should not be long in giving us permission to break ground and then I think we have to represent to the bishop. St Joseph, thank you for hearing us! ~ frh