

**A young lad of a TLM parish once** asked, “Why would God, an infinite Being, allow a man, a finite being, to offend Him knowing that man could never repair the offense?” This is an answer to that question. But first let us briefly review the history of man’s fall from grace & a few (of many) divine promises of man’s restoration in grace.

**Recall God’s test given Adam.** “Of every tree of paradise thou shall eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat. For in what day soever thou shall eat of it, thou shall die the death.” (Gn 2:16-17) Alas, Adam did eat & now the consequences of his disobedience infect all mankind. But, in this tragic episode, God plants a seed of hope. In His decree of perpetual warfare between the man & his true enemy, the devil, God promises mankind the final victory: “I will put enmities between thee and the woman, between thy seed & her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shall lie in wait for her heel.” (Gn 3:15)

**2000 years Before Christ (BC),** God tested another man, Abraham; he passed, “Because thou has done this thing, and has not spared thy only-begotten son for my sake, I will bless thee, and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, as the sand that is by the seashore. Thy seed shall possess the gates of their enemies, and **in thy seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou has obeyed my voice.” (Gn 22:16-18). This promise went to Abraham’s grandson, Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel: “I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac, the land wherein thou sleep, I will give to thee and to thy seed. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth... and in thee, **and in thy seed**, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gn 28:13-14). Of the 12 tribes, Jacob prophesied one to rule until the promised seed should sprout: “the scepter shall not be taken away from Judah... **till he come that is to be sent**... the expectation of the nations.” (Gn 49:10)

**1500 years B.C.,** Moses, in obedience to God & helped by Him, freed the Hebrews from Egypt & led them in the desert; at the end of his life, noting his failure to bring this *stiff-necked people* into the Promised Land, he prophesied One coming whom they would obey, who would lead them to the true land of Promise: “The Lord shall raise up to thee a prophet of thy nation and of thy brethren like unto me, **him thou shall hear.**” (Dt 18:15)

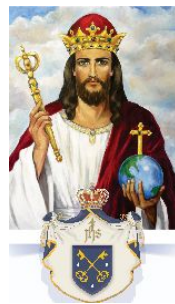
**1000 years B.C.,** King David ruled the twelve tribes now a kingdom; but as he had shed much blood, he is prohibited from building God’s temple; but God promised this to his seed, *a most quiet man & peaceable*, who would build an eternal temple: “He shall build a house to my name... and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**” (2 Kg 7:12,13)

**700 years B.C.,** the prophet Isaiah spoke clearly about the promised One: “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and **shall call his name Emmanuel** (God with us).” (Is 7:14); “God himself will come and save you.” (Is 35:4)

**400 years B.C.,** the prophet Malachi breathed the last prophecy, “Lo, I send my angel, he shall prepare the way... **the Lord, whom you seek... shall come to his temple.**” (Ma 3:1)

**Finally, 2000 years ago,** an angel, sent from God, tells a virgin girl, “Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb & shall bring forth a son, & thou **shall call his name Jesus.**” (Lk 1:31) The same angel tells the virgin’s troubled betrothed, “Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20-21)

So, again, “Why would God test a finite being knowing this finite creature could never repair for an offense against an infinite Being?” One answer: God, knowing all outcomes, knew this was the best way to reveal His immeasurable love for man; by Himself becoming man, to repair Adam’s fault, is a wonderful testament of visible love! Indeed, so stupendous is this Gift that God needed millennia to prepare the world to receive It. Ah, and here we only concern ourselves with the crib; how much more the proof of divine love when we consider the Cross!



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls  
according to the liturgical books of 1962.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

(Immaculate Conception transferred to December 9)

December 8, 2024 A.D.

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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.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 12-08	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	1/V
Mon 12-09	Immaculate Conception ( <i>transferred</i> )	1/W Feria of Advent
Tues 12-10	Feria of Advent	3/V St Melchiades
Wed 12-11	St Damasus I, <i>Pope &amp; Confessor</i>	3/W Feria of Advent
Thu 12-12	O.L. of Guadalupe	3/W Feria of Advent
Fri 12-13	St Lucy, <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr</i>	3/R Feria of Advent
Sat 12-14	Feria of Advent	3/V
Sun 12-15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	1/V

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-08	(7 am) Intentions of the pastor	rb a tertiary
	(8:30 am) Terry Angley	rb Steindorf family
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Fr Michael Martine	rb anonymous
Mon 12-09	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12 noon) Rick & Teresa Lewis	rb T&C Flamminio
	(6:30 pm) Conversion of our parents	rb J&M Funderburk
Tues 12-10	(7 am) Giles family (living & deceased)	rb Wendel family
	(9 am) Ralph Deitche+	rb M Pruitt
Wed 12-11	(7 am) Special intention	rb anonymous
	(9 am) Martin D	rb K.D.
Thu 12-12	(7 am) Aurora Madrazo+	rb D&T Lima
	(9 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
	(6:30 pm) Larry Walters	rb anonymous
Fri 12-13	(9 am) Barbara Angeloni+	rb M&D Hrycyk
	(6:30 pm) Lucy Burns	rb B Rodriguez
Sat 12-14	(6 am) Armand & Lauretta LaBrecque++	rb M/M L LaBrecque
	(9 am) Lizzy Steindorf	rb S Steindorf
Sun 12-15	(7 am) Lucille R O'Leary	rb C Carr
	(8:30 am) Christopher Lawton	rb family
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Barbara Blake	rb R Dunn

**Today's 10:30 Mass:** Entr: Savior of the Nations, Come, #798; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #768; Exit: Hark, a Herald Voice is Calling, #795.  
 Monday, 12/09/24 (6:30 pm): Mass IX, #731 & Credo I, #768; Exit: Immaculate Mary, #906. Saturday, 12/14/24 (6am): Mass IX, #731; Exit: O Come O Come Emmanuel, #796.

**Today, Fr. Perozich offers** the 7 am Mass & hears Confessions at 8 am.

**This week, Monday,** transferred Feast of the Immaculate Conception ( a holy Day of obligation) three Masses (7 am, 12 noon & 6:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), *in Ocala*, Mass (7 am); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); **Thursday,** staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), no youth Catechism, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, procession & a potluck (see infra) (6:30 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); **Saturday,** *Rorate Mass* (6 am), Server Practice (10 am) wedding (1 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm).

**Last Sunday's Collection:** cash \$5,111.72; on-line \$3,889.00; CFA \$279.16.

**Do This in Memory of Me:** cash \$3,590.00; online \$6,165.00.

**Total souls: 489;** 7 am-54; 8:30 am-140; 10:30 am-215; 12:30 pm-80; *Ocala* ~ 304.

**The Rorate Caeli Mass,** a traditional Advent votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is offered just before dawn. This Mass, lit only by candlelight, prepares us to honor the Light of the world, soon to be born, and praises God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds, the church becomes brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. It will be held on Sat., Dec. 14th at 6 am.

**St Joseph's Guild welcomes you** to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at CtK on Thurs., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a 6:30 pm Mass followed by a Procession & potluck. Please bring a dish to share & a rose to place at the foot of Our Lady after the procession, in the Mary's Garden. Desserts provided by the Guild will.

**Please pray for:** baby Gardner, Amanda Smith (12/8); Richard Wallace (12/01), McNamara family, Leonard West, Markus Dixon (11/24); Gloria Flynn (11/17); Jacob Hoffmann & John Motzenbecker (11/10).

**Your offertory envelopes** have arrived and are in the vestibule.

**This year,** whereas the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday & the new calendar transfers this feast to Monday, the custom prior to 1913, and whereas the FssP advised us to transfer the feast to Monday, so December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the second Sunday of Advent, and Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> will be the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Dear Faithful of Christ the King,**

12/08/24

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

MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) contractor finalizations continue.

Meanwhile, a video production is planned which will explain & promote the project. The building committee asks if there is a parishioner who is a videographer. Please let the office know.

Thank you for your patience & God bless you.

Fr Hathaway