

The Kingdom of Heaven, here spoken of by our Lord, is the Church Militant,- the society of them that believe in him. And yet, the field he has tilled with so much care is over-sowed with cockle; heresies have crept in, scandals have abounded; are we, on that account, to have misgivings about the foresight of the Master, who knows all things, and without whose permission nothing happens?

Far from us be such a thought! He himself tells us that these things must needs be. Man has been gifted with free-will; it is for him to choose between good and evil; but God will turn all to his own greater glory.

Heresies, then, like weeds in a field, may spring up in the Church; but the day must come when they will be uprooted; some of them will wither on the parent-stems, but the whole cockle shall be gathered into bundles to burn.

Where are now the heresies that sprang up in the first ages of the Church? And in another hundred years, what will have become of the heresy, which, under the pretentious name of The Reformation, has caused incalculable evil?

It is the same with the scandals which rise up within the pale of the Church; - they are a hard trial; but trials must come. The Divine Husbandman will not that this cockle be torn up, lest the wheat should suffer injury. First of all, the mixture of good and bad is an advantage; it teaches the good not to put their hopes in man, but in God. Then too, the mercy of our Lord is so great, that at times the very cockle is converted, by Divine grace, into wheat. We must, therefore, have patience.

But whereas it is when the men are asleep that the enemy over-sows the field with cockle, it behooves us to pray for Pastors and ask their Divine Master to bless them with that Vigilance, which is the primary condition of the flock being safe, and is so essential a quality in every Bishop, that his very name is, - one who watches.

~ Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB; *The Liturgical Year*, Vol. 4, Septuagesima, p.97.

The Fathers of the Church often identify “cockle” here, and “weeds” in another parable, as heresy and not as heretics, albeit there is a close relationship. Why? Perhaps to impart the lesson: to love the heretic but hate his heresy. And we heard already the reason why the good God allows cockle in his field in the first place: to exercise men of goodwill in patience and to inspire them to pray for those tending the field, both practices are worthy of eternal crowns. Let us fix this in our minds: the heretic is redeemable, but never his heresy. Lord, help us dwell in Thy truth!



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.

5th Sunday after Epiphany

(Superbowl Sunday?)

February 9, 2025 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.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
	COMMEMORATION	
Sun 02-09	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	2/W
Mon 02-10	St Scholastica, <i>Virgin</i>	3/W
Tues 02-11	Apparition of BVM Immaculate	3/W
Wed 02-12	Seven Holy Founders... <i>Confessors</i>	3/W
Thu 02-13	Feria	4/G
Fri 02-14	St Valentine, <i>Priest & Martyr</i>	4/R
Sat 02-15	Ss Faustina & Jovita, <i>Martyrs</i>	4/R
Sun 02-16	Septuagesima	2/V

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 02-09	(7 am) Thanksgiving to the BVM for answered prayers	rb Fabyanic family
	(8:30 am) Robert+ & Barbara+	rb their sisters
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Conversion of sinners	rb anonymous
Mon 02-10	(12 noon) Tim Van Gelderen	rb mom & dad
Tues 02-11	(7 am) In reparation & thanksgiving to O.L. of Lourdes	rb a penitent daughter
	(9 am) intentions of the Pastor	rb a tertiary
Wed 02-12	(7 am) Helene Rodriguez+	rb L de Saizieu
	(9 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
Thu 02-13	(7 pm) David Matthews	rb B Matthews
	(9 am) Jacob Hoffman	rb M/M T Flamminio
Fri 02-14	(9 am) Alanna Alfano	rb Beggy family
	(6:30 pm) Thanksgiving for conversion of a loved one	rb anonymous
Sat 02-15	(9 am) Bridget Zuleg+	rb R&G Loperfido
Sun 02-16	(7 am) Aiden McDonald+	rb S Gordon
	(8:30 am) Ted Cover+	rb M Priest
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Leo Labrecque	rb Therese N

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entr: Daily, Daily, Sing to Mary, #912; Asperges, #567; Mass IV, #710 & Credo III, #776; Exit: Panis Angelicus, #895.

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adult Catechism (6-7 pm); Tuesday, **Consecration Prayer to O.L. Lourdes after 7 & 9 am Masses**; Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); Wednesday, St Therese Devotions Guild prays Servite Rosary (10 am); 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, Youth Group (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Today, we continue Our Lady of Lourdes Novena for the needs of the FssP. We will end on February 11th with an Act of Consecration. Programs are available in the vestibule. Please take one per household.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$6,377.00; on-line \$4,359.00; CFA \$425.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$117,533.79; online \$3,574.32.

Total souls: 541; 7 am-63; 8:30 am-163; 10:30 am-219; 12:30 pm-96; **Ocala-343.**

Please pray for: Nick Byrne (2/9); Markus Dixon, McNamara family, Rosemarie Carter (2/2); Lora Williamson (1/26); Cynthia Flamminio, Garrison Rainwater, & Rick Miller (1/19).

Today, "Commitment Sunday," we are invited to pledge what we can towards satisfying Christ the King's assessment of \$113,000. Information & pledge envelopes are available on the table near offertory box. Thank you for doing what you can.

Your 2024 contribution statements have been mailed.

Recently, Fr Hathaway visited a fine home for sale, 0.3 miles from CtK. (3 bdrm; 2 full baths; backyard borders Phillippi Park; 500 yards from inshore yet in 24 years no insurance claims for hurricanes; quiet neighborhood. After 24 years, the elderly homeowner needs to move. She is asking \$675,000 and is willing to negotiate. He posts this as often asked about homes near the church. If interested, contact him.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

2/9/25

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

The architect has submitted our new drawings to our General Contractor "Waterstone" and MEP (mechanical, electrical & plumbing) engineers. Soon we will have new & lower hard numbers of our costs. Also, the meeting with the county has transpired and Joe Rego, of the diocese building department, will meet with the CtK building team on Tuesday, via internet, to discuss further our project.

Moreover, at last week's Finance Council meeting, the council members agreed, it is time for our project thermometer in the vestibule! This will likely feature St Joseph with his staff as the measure. With refined drawings in hand, we can also put a board up featuring the complex itself. This is important for two reasons: to help keep the project in our own hearts & minds and to advertise our hopes to our frequent visitors who attend our Masses.

Finally, after getting new hard numbers we will have another meeting with the bishop.

God bless you & thank you, St Joseph, for hearing us!

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