

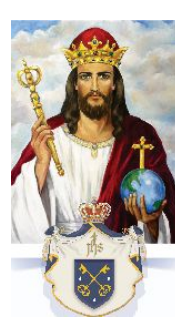
## On Exterior Humility (¼) (ref. [Introduction to the Devout Life](#), pt III, ch IV)

Vain glory is that which men take to themselves, either for what is not in them, or which being in them is not their own, or which being in them & which is not yet is not worthy of their self-satisfaction. For instance, noble birth, favor of great men, popular applause, all these are things nowise belong to ourselves, but come from our forefathers, or the opinion of others. Some people are proud and conceited because they ride a fine horse, wear a feather in their hat, and are expensively dressed, but who can fail to see their folly, or that if anyone has reason to be proud over such things, it would be the horse, the bird, and the tailor! Or what can be sadder than to found one's credit on a horse, a plume, or a ruff? Others again pride themselves upon their dainty moustaches, their well-trimmed beard or curled hair, their white hands, or their dancing, singing and the like: but is it not a vanity which craves esteem for such frivolous matters? Then again, some look for the world's respect & honor because they have acquired some smatterings of science, expecting all their neighbors to listen & yield to them; such men we call pedants. Others make great capital of their personal beauty & imagine that everyone adores it; but all this is utterly vain, foolish and impertinent, and the glory men take therein must be called vain, childish and frivolous.

True goodness may be tested as we test balm. If balm is dropped into water and sinks to the bottom, and rests, it is pure & precious. So, if you want to know whether a man is truly wise, learned, generous or noble, see if his life is molded by humility, modesty & submission. If so, his gifts are genuine; but if they are only surface and showy, you may be sure that in proportion to their showiness so is their unreality. Pearls formed amid tempest & storm have only an outward shell & are hollow within. When a man's good qualities are fed by pride, vanity and boasting, they will soon have nothing save empty show, without sap, marrow or substance.

Honor, rank and dignity are like the saffron, which thrives best when tramped upon. It is no honor to be handsome when a man prizes himself for it. Beauty becomes charmless & learning degenerates into pedantry, when they puff us up. Those punctilious about rank, title or precedence, invite criticism & degradation. They also heap contempt on all such things because honor is valuable when freely paid, but worthless when sought for or exacted. When the peacock opens his showy tail, he exhibits the ugliness of his body beneath; and many flowers which are beautiful while growing, wither quickly when picked. As men inhale mandragora from afar, they find it sweet, while those who breathe it closely become nauseated, so honor is pleasant when noted, without seeking or craving for it, but is hurtful to them that relish it.

The pursuit & love of virtue begins to make us virtuous; but the pursuit of honor makes us contemptible & blameworthy. Generous minds do not amuse themselves with trifles as rank, position or outward forms, they have other things to do. He who can find pearls will not stop to pick up shells. A man who aims at real goodness will not be keen about tokens of honor. Undoubtedly everyone is justified in keeping his own place, and there is no want of humility in that so long as it is done simply and without contention. Men seeking to grow in grace can take their natural rank and position, so long as they are not engrossed by such things, and do not involve themselves in anxiety, contention or ill-will on their account. I am not speaking here of those whose position is public, or even of certain special private persons whose dignity may be important. In all such cases each man must move in his own sphere, with prudence and discretion, together with charity and courtesy. (*abridged*)



## 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.*

### 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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.

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 03-23	3rd Sunday of Lent	/V
Mon 03-24	Feria of Lent	/V St Gabriel
Tues 03-25	Annunciation of BVM	/W Feria of Lent
Wed 03-26	Feria of Lent	/V
Thu 03-27	Feria of Lent	/V
Fri 03-28	Feria of Lent	/V
Sat 03-29	Feria of Lent	/V
Sun 03-30	4th (Laetare) Sunday of Lent	/V



### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 03-23	(7 am) John Woronowich+ (8:30 am) Poor souls in Purgatory (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Steven Bailey+ & family	rb M&K Weber rb L de Saizieu rb F Settineri
Mon 03-24	(12 am) Charles Wendel	rb Friends at CtK
Tues 03-25	(7 am) Francis J & Andrew Kramer++ (9 am) John Paul Neumann Cunningham	rb C Kramer rb Mom & Dad
Wed 03-26	(9 am) Thanksgiving for the conversion of a loved one (5:30 pm) Eileen Ferguson+	rb Anonymous rb M/M T Lynch
Thu 03-27	(9 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (5:30 pm) B Winters	rb B Schuetter rb G Sanchez
Fri 03-28	(9 am) Robert Bovienzo+ (5:30 pm) Carlos Mota+	rb Dr J Bovienzo rb B Rodriguez
Sat 03-29	(9 am) Andy Simonson+	rb M/M Marchand
Sun 03-30	(7 am) A friend (8:30 am) Children & grandchildren Mikluscak family (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Michele Romano	rb Anonymous rb J&J Mikluscak rb Anonymous

**Today's 10:30 am Mass:** Entr: Ave Regina Caelorum, #951; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #758; Exit: Forty Days and Forty Nights, #829.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** cash \$7,405.00; on-line \$1,874.00. CFA \$1,570.00.

**Do This in Memory of Me:** cash \$5,340.10; online \$3,479.47.

**Total souls: 513:** 7 am-82; 8:30 am-146; 10:30 am-201; 12:30 pm-84; **Ocala-297.**

**Please pray for:** McNamara family, Sheila Mills, Christopher McNichol (3/23); Claire Verdini, Christopher Perri, James Bovienzo (3/16); Sr. Maria Regina of Jesus OCD, Marie West (3/2); & Carol LaBrecque (2/23).

**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,** [no 7 am Mass], **Parish Mission begins** (5:30-8:30 pm); **Thursday,** [no 7 am Mass], staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), **Parish Mission continues** (5:30-8:30 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), **Parish Mission ends** (5:30-8:30 pm); **Saturday,** Vespers (4:30 pm).

**2025 CFA status at CtK as of March 15, 2025:** \$113,000.00 assessment; \$28,153.80 pledged (24.91% of goal); from 11.71% of 222 households; \$10,128.80 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

**Thank you** to those prayed at Sarasota's Planned Parenthood last week! The 35 who signed up & others who dropped by, THANK YOU! To sign up to prayer hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/sarasota/>.

**This week, you are invited** to a Parish Mission at CtK led by Fr Timothy van Zee, FssP, on March 26, 27 & 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm (5:30 pm Mass, 6:15 pm Meditation, 6:45 pm Adoration, & 8 pm Benediction). See you there!

**You are invited** to "Becoming Eucharistic Missionaries," a day-long Eucharistic Conference to celebrate the final year of the National Eucharistic Revival, and the Jubilee Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope." The day will feature the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as offered by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, inspiring talks by Dr. Scott & Kimberly Hahn, Spanish sessions with Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, & Andrés Arango, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for Confession, & Catholic shops & vendors. Where? Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL, Sat., March 29, quit, from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm. (Check-in at 7:30 am, Mass at 8:30 am) Space is limited. Register at <http://dioceseofvenice.org>.

**Ushers, \$ Counters & Finance Council members** who need SET & Fingerprints, please have these done by April 15 (tax day); otherwise, your inaction will be understood as either you quit, moved, or died – all resulting to the same end.

**Dear Faithful of Christ the King,**

3/23/25

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

A campaign packet is in process which will explain & advertise our project for us and for the public (especially those who show interest to support our work.) It will be ready by Mid-April & will bring up to date any recent changes. After issuing this document, individual letters will be mailed to our parishioners, (who have not yet done so), inviting them to make a pledge of some amount.

Our total (as of 3/17/25) of donations & pledges is \$3,244,808.07. Of our 3-year window, we have 1 year & 9 months left. Again, after 12/31/26, any project donation or pledge will be assessable by the diocese for our CFA.

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