

On a Deeper Inward Humility (2/4) (ref. [Introduction to the Devout Life](#), pt III, ch. V)
Learn a deeper humility; the aforesaid humility is more worldly wisdom than humility.

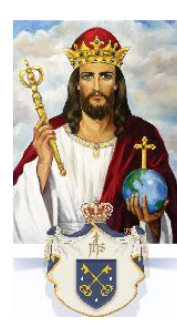
Nothing should humble us more than dwelling upon God's mercies to us and upon our misdeeds in view of His Justice. Again, you should not be puffed up when considering His merciful benefits, so long as you recall that whatever is good in you is not of yourself. Do mules cease to be clumsy, stinking beasts because they carry treasures & perfumes of a king? "What have you that you have not received? And, if you have received it why boast?" A lively appreciation of the grace given to you should make you humble, for appreciation begets gratitude. But if, when realizing the gifts God has given you, any vanity should beset you, the infallible remedy is to turn to the thought of all our ingratitude, imperfection, and weakness.

We often say we are nothing, that we are the refuse of the world, but we would be irked if someone took us at our word or told others. Rather, we pretend to run away and hide, secretly hoping to be sought out; we pretend to take the lowest place, hoping to hear, "come up higher." True humility does not do this. It seeks not only to conceal, but be buried such that, if it were lawful to deceive or give scandal, it would do so only to hide itself utterly.

Take my advice, do not use professions of humility, or else use them in truth; never cast down your eyes without humbling your heart; and do not pretend to wish to be last & least, unless you sincerely mean it. This is a general rule for courtesy sometimes requires us to advance those who would not put themselves forward, but this is not deceitful or mock humility; certain expressions of honor, while not strictly true, are not dishonest; they mean to impart honor & respect to whom they are addressed; and, although seemingly excessive, there is no harm if they are ordinary forms of society.

Nothing can be more foolish than to fancy we know that of which we are ignorant; to affect knowledge while aware that we are ignorant is intolerable vanity. For my part, I would rather not put forward that which I really do know, while on the other hand neither would I affect ignorance. When Charity requires it, you should readily & kindly impart to your neighbor not only that which is necessary for his instruction, but also what is profitable for his consolation. The same humility which conceals graces with a view to their preservation is ready to bring them forth at the bidding of Charity, with a view to their increase and perfection; therein reminding me of that tree in the Isles of Tylos, which closes its beautiful carnation blossoms at night, only opening them to the rising sun, so that the natives say they go to sleep. Just so, humility hides our earthly virtues and perfections, only expanding them at the call of Charity, which is not an earthly, but a heavenly, not a mere moral, but a divine virtue; the true sun of all virtues, which should rule all, so that any humility which controverts charity is truly false.

I would not affect either folly or wisdom; as humility deters me from pretending to be wise, so simplicity keeps me from pretending to be foolish; as vanity is opposed to humility, so all affectation is opposed to simplicity. If certain eminent servants of God feigned folly in order to be despised, we may marvel but not imitate them; they had extraordinary reasons & cannot be used as a rule for such as we are. When David danced before the Ark, it was not to affect folly but arose from his great gladness. His wife reproached his actions as folly, but he did not mind being "vile & base in his own sight." He welcomed to be despised for God's sake. Should you be despised for acts of genuine devotion, humility will enable you to rejoice in so blessed a contempt, the cause of which does not lie with you.



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.

4th (Laetare) Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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
Sun 03-30	4th (Laetare) Sunday of Lent	1/V
Mon 03-31	Feria of Lent	/V
Tues 04-01	Feria of Lent	/V
Wed 04-02	Feria of Lent	/V St Francis of Paula
Thu 04-03	Feria of Lent	/V
Fri 04-04	Feria of Lent	/V St Isidore
Sat 04-05	Feria of Lent	/V St Vincent Ferrer
Sun 04-06	Passion Sunday	1/V



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 03-30	(7 am) A friend	rb anonymous
	(8:30 am) Children & grandchildren Mikluscak family	rb J&J Mikluscak
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Michele Romano	rb anonymous
Mon 03-31	(12 am) Sr Maria Regina of Jesus, OCD	rb Mom & Dad
Tues 04-01	(7 am) FssP Confraternity intentions	rb J&J Mikluscak
	(9 am) Maria Nguyen Thi Que+	rb K Dinh
Wed 04-02	(7 am) Erin Mahoney	rb J Mahoney
	(9 am) Aida Negrin	rb B Rodriguez
Thu 04-03	(7 am) Fr Christopher Hathaway	rb a grateful parishioner
	(9 am) Sal Taormina+	rb M Condensa
Fri 04-04	(9 am) Jo Nell Cunningham+	rb M F Kitko
	(6:30 pm) Aaron & Sarah Pruitt	rb M Pruitt
Sat 04-05	(7 am) <i>Do This in Memory of Me</i>	
	(9 am) Fr Vincent Huber, FssP	rb B Rodriguez
Sun 04-06	(7 am) Hal Leopard	rb J Simmons
	(8:30 am) Grube family	rb T&A Grube
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Sylvia Przywalny birthday	rb P&D Gier

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entr: *Parce Domine*, #953; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #758; Exit: Throughout These 40 Days, #828.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,962.25; on-line \$1,718.26. CFA \$675.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$23,125.00 online \$1,718.26.

Total souls: 537: 7 am-74; 8:30 am-147; 10:30 am-236; 12:30 pm-80; **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).

This week, (Fr Huber will be away from 4/3 to 4/7), Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adult Catechism (6-7 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Thursday, staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Adoration (5-8 pm), Confession (5:30-6:30 pm), 1st Friday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Stations (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm) soup meal (7:30 pm); 1st Saturday, 7 & 9 am Mass & devotions, Vespers (4:30 pm), **no Mass in Ocala.**

April calendar corrections: normal 7 am Mass on April 3; Youth Catechism meets April 10th & 24th (make-up class); and no St Joseph Guild this month.

2025 CFA status at CtK as of March 22, 2025: \$113,000.00 assessment; \$28,768.80 pledged (25.46% of goal); from 12.16% of 222 households; \$10,803.80 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Ushers, \$ Counters & Finance Council members who need SET & Fingerprints, please have these done by April 15 (tax day); otherwise, your inaction will be accepted as your resignation.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

3/30/25

First, please know I recently declined a parishioner's suggestion that we have a BYO food/drink fellowship in the back field after the 10:30 am Mass; I said that a social/play event could be taken to the nearby Phillippi Park. I declined in order to avoid causing conflicts with the incoming 12:30 Mass goers. Last Sunday, however, something happened for which now I will make a compromise.

If people stay behind after the 10:30 am Mass, please do the following: park your vehicles on the grass, to give an asphalt space to a 12:30 Mass goer (you may park along the west fence and even leave out that gate (be careful, as it is tight); bring all your food & drink to the picnic tables at the far SW edge of the property, (already I put five tables there with a plastic trashcan and mowed the area; do not return to the building until the 12:30 pm Mass is over; finally, when you are done, empty the trash in the large garbage bin at the church. If this policy is adhered to, then it may continue; if not, this privilege will be removed, and any group wishing to play or social can go to Phillippi Park. Parents, please monitor your children on this policy & walk with them to the church if they NEED to go to the bathroom. Of course, on rainy days, there will be no social as if you park on the lawn, you may get stuck. Thank you for your cooperation!

Second, 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. 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 parishioners who have not yet done so, inviting them to pledge a certain amount over three years.

Thank you, St Joseph, for hearing us! God bless you, frh