

Humility Makes Us Love Our Own Abjection (3/3) (ref. [Introduction to the Devout Life](#), pt IV, ch VI)

I go further and bid you everywhere & in everything to rejoice in your own abjection. What do I mean? In Latin abjection means humility, and humility means abjection, so that when Our Lady says in the Magnificat, *all generations shall call her blessed, because God has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid*, she means that God accepted her abjection to fill her with graces & favors. Nevertheless, there is a difference between humility & abjection; for abjection is the poverty, vileness & littleness in us simply, but humility identifies with those marks of abjection. The acme of humility is not merely accepting one's abjection, but in taking pleasure therein - to glorify the Divine Majesty & to esteem one's neighbor above self.

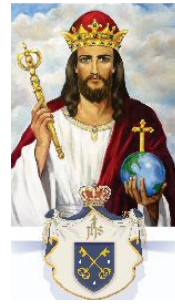
More clearly said, the trials which afflict us are sometimes abject, sometimes honorable. Now many people will accept the latter, but very few the former. Everybody respects & pities a pious hermit shivering in his worn-out garb; but let a poor gentleman or lady be in a like case, and they are despised for it, and so their poverty is abject. A religious receives a sharp rebuke from his superior meekly, or a child from his parent, and all will call it obedience, mortification, wisdom; but let a knight or a lady be so treated and they will be called weak. This again is abject suffering. One person has a cancer in the arm, another in the face; the former has but the pain, but the latter has both pain & repulsion of the disease. The lesson: we should not only rejoice in our trouble (by patience) but also cherish the abjection (by humility).

Again, there are abject & honorable virtues. Almsgiving & forgiveness of injuries are both acts of charity, but while everyone esteems the first, the world looks down on the last. A young man or a girl who refuses to join in the excesses of amusement, or gossip of their circle, is ridiculed and their self-restraint is called affectation or bigotry. Well, to rejoice in that is to rejoice in abjection. If one trips & falls in the street, there is the shame to be borne, as well as the possible pain; and this is an abjection we simply must accept.

There are faults, however, we should avoid due to civility & decorum, but of which, if accidentally committed, we ought to accept the abjection heartily, out of humility. To go further still, if in anger or excitement I spout unseemly words, offending God & my neighbor thereby, I will repent heartily, and be very grieved for the offence, which I must strive to repair; but meanwhile I will accept the abjection and disgrace which will ensue, and were it possible to separate the two things, I ought earnestly to reject the sin, while I retain the abjection readily.

Again, while we rejoice in the abjection, we must be careful to remedy the evil whence it arises, especially when that evil is serious. Thus, if I have an abject disease in my face, I should try to cure it, although I do not wish to obliterate the abjection it has caused me. If I have done something awkward which hurts no one, I will not make excuses, because, although it was a failing, my own abjection is the only result; but if I have given offence or scandal through my folly, I must try to remedy it by a sincere apology. Also, there are occasions when charity requires us not to acquiesce in abjection, but in such a case one ought the more to take it inwardly to heart for one's private edification.

Those most helpful abjections are such as come to us, as a natural course of events, because we have not chosen them ourselves, but simply accepted God's choice, which is always preferable. But, if we must choose, the greatest abjections are those most contrary to our individual inclination, so long as they conform to our vocation. Oh, who can truly say with David, "I would rather be abject in the house of God than dwell in the tents of sinners"? No one save He Who lived & died "the scorn of men & the outcast of the people," in order that we might be raised up. I have said things here which must seem very hard to contemplate, but, believe me, they will become sweet as honey when you try to put them in practice. (*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.

Passion Sunday

April 6, 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.

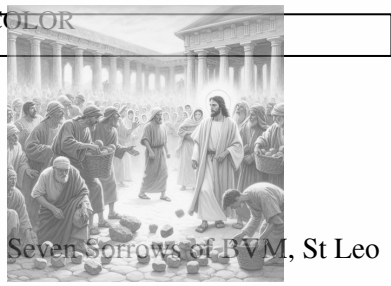
1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 04-06	Passion Sunday	1/V
Mon 04-07	Monday of Passion Week	3/V
Tues 04-08	Tuesday of Passion Week	3/V
Wed 04-09	Wednesday of Passion Week	3/V
Thu 04-10	Thursday of Passion Week	3/V
Fri 04-11	Friday of Passion Week	3/V
Sat 04-12	Saturday of Passion Week	3/V
Sun 04-13	Palm Sunday	1/V



Seven Sorrows of BVM, St Leo

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 04-06	(7 am) Hal Leopard (8:30 am) Grube family (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Sylvia Przywalny birthday	rb J Simmons rb T&A Grube
Mon 04-07	(12 am) Miyoko Hazelrigg+	rb B Meier
Tues 04-08	(7 am) Thomas M Schwartz+ (9 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory-favor received	rb B Meier rb M&B Cunningham
Wed 04-09	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Louis Armstrong+	rb L de Saizieu rb R&K Jurman
Thu 04-10	(7 am) Robert Zilli (9 am) Richard Gemanani+	rb C Zilli Verdini rb J Bovienzo, MD
Fri 04-11	(9 am) Genevieve Matthews+ (6:30 pm) Anna Van	rb D&B Matthews rb L&L Truong
Sat 04-12	(9 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
Sun 04-13	(7 am) for the Fraternity (2nd Sunday of the month) (8:30 am) Fr James Fryar, FssP (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Claire Verdini	rb T&B Shehwen rb K Zilli

He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. (Lk 9:51) **Only 12 Days left!!!!**

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entrance & exit: O Sacred Head Surrounded, #837.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,456.20; on-line \$1,41900. CFA \$1,855.00.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$15,520.00 online \$4,709.78.

Total souls: 537: 7 am-74; 8:30 am-147; 10:30 am-236; 12:30 pm-80; **Ocala-304.**

Please pray for: Jennifer Arthur-Wong, Carla Levis (4/6); McNamara family, Sheila Mills, Christopher McNichol (3/23); Claire Verdini, Christopher Perri, & James Bovienzo (3/16).

The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide. During this time all the crucifixes and sacred images are veiled in violet. In Masses of the season, the Psalm *Judica me* is omitted at the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, and there is no *Gloria Patri* at the *Asperges, Introit, & Lavabo*.

This week, Monday, Fr Huber returns, St Theresa Devotions Guild (1-3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); **Thursday,** staff meeting (3 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Catechism (5-6 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Stations (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm) soup meal (7:30 pm); **Saturday,** server practice (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Next Sunday, the blessing of palms & outdoor procession (good weather permitting) will only occur at 7 am & 10:30 am Mass; palms will be blessed in the church followed by an outdoor procession. Please do not hoard palms.

2025 CFA status at CtK as of March 29, 2025: \$113,000.00 assessment; \$32,023.80 pledged (28.34% of goal); from 15.32% of 222 households; \$12,658.80 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.

On Thursday, Friday & Saturday of Holy Week, from between 10 to 11:45 am, Fr Hathaway **invites you** to join him for *Tenebrae*, the Office of Matins & Lauds prayed on these three holy days. In this Office, the Church mourns the sufferings & death of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, in pleas & dirges, with Psalms of sorrow. In the Roman Catholic Daily Missal, this Office is on pages 1694 and following. **He invites you to a review & practice on Monday, April 14 5:30 to 6:30 pm.** Handouts with melody provided.

Holy Week Schedule
Sarasota: Holy Thursday, April 17, Tenebrae (10-11:15 am), Mass of the Last Supper (7 pm; practice 2-4 pm). **Ocala:** 4 pm
Good Friday, April 18, (Divine Mercy Novena begins), *Tenebrae* (10-11:20 am), Stations of the Cross (2:30 pm, led by a server), Confessions (2:30 pm), Service (3 pm; practice 1-2 pm). **Ocala:** 12 pm
Holy Saturday, April 19, Tenebrae (10-11:45 am) & Easter Vigil Mass (10 pm; practice 5-7 pm). **Ocala:** no Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 20, Low Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm.
Ocala: 1:30 pm.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King, **4/6/25**
 Thank you for your continued prayers, donations & pledges in support of our building project **Do This in Memory of Me.**
 Thank you, St Joseph, for hearing us! God bless you, frh