

The grass of the field, which is today, and tomorrow is cast into the oven
(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost)

God commanded, "Cry!" And I said: "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, and all the glory thereof as the flower of the field." (Is 40:6) The riches, as the flower, shall pass away. Just so, the rich glutton, after a splendid appearance in this life, "was buried in hell." (Lk 16:22) Let us, beloved Christians, attend to the salvation of our souls, and to the acquisition of riches for eternity, which never ends; for everything in this world ends, and ends very soon.

Everything ends

1. When a great man of this world is in the full enjoyment of the riches and honors which he has acquired, death shall come, and he shall be told: "Take order with thy house; for thou shalt die, and not live." (Is 38:1) Oh! what doleful tidings! The unhappy man must then say: Farewell, world! farewell, O villa! farewell, grotto! farewell, relatives! farewell, friends! farewell, sports! farewell, balls! farewell, comedies! farewell, banquets! farewell, honors! all is over for me. There is no remedy: whether he will or not, he must leave all: "For when he shall die, he shall take nothing away; nor shall his glory descend with him." (Ps 48:18) St. Bernard says, that death produces a horrible separation of the soul from the body, from all things of this earth.

2. But how great so ever a man's attachment to the things of this world may be, he takes none of them at death. Naked, he entered this world; naked, he departs from it: "Naked, I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither." (Job 1:21) In a word, they who have spent their whole life gathering riches and possessions, shall take nothing with them at death: then shall they see; and of all they had so dearly acquired, they shall find nothing in their hands. At the tomb of Caesar, a man exclaimed: "Princes feared thee; cities worshipped thee; all trembled before thee; where is thy magnificence now?" So David says: "I saw the wicked highly exalted, as the cedars of Libanus. And I passed by, and lo! he was not." (Ps 36:35)

All soon ends

4. Men know well, and believe firmly, that they shall die; but they imagine death is far off as if it were never to arrive. But man's life is short. "Man born of a woman, living for a short time, is filled with many miseries. Who comes forth like a flower and is destroyed." (Job 14:2) At present, the health of men is so impaired, that, as we see by experience, the greater number of them die before they attain the age of seventy. Our life is a vapor, a blast of wind, which a fever, a stroke, a puncture, a heart attack, removes as to be no more: "What is your life? It is a vapor which appears for a little while." (St. Jm 4:15) Just so, we ought to live for eternity.

10. But a father will say: "I must labor for my children, whom I wish to leave in comfortable circumstances." I answer: "If you squander your goods, and leave your children in poverty, you do wrong, and are guilty of sin. But will you lose your soul in order to leave your children comfortable? If you fall into hell, will they come and release you from it? O folly! Listen to David: "I have not seen the just man forsaken, nor his seed seeking bread." (Ps 36:25) Attend to the service of God; act according to justice; the Lord will provide for the wants of your children; and you shall save your souls, and shall lay up that eternal treasure of happiness which can never be taken from you, a treasure unlike any earthly one, which a robber may snatch from you, but death surely will. Heed the Lord's advice: "Lay up to yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consume, and where thieves do not break in nor steal." (Mt 6:20) **To end**, St. Gregory tells all who wish to live well & gain eternal life: "In this life, let the end of all our actions be the acquisition of eternal goods; let us use temporal things only to preserve life for the little time we are on this earth." Again, as there is an infinite span between eternal time & earth time, so there ought to be an infinite span between the attention we give to eternal goods, which shall be enjoyed for ever, and the care we take of the goods of this life, which death shall soon, and very soon, take away from us.



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Please call the office to arrange your Sunday Mass attendance; registered parishioners will have preference over others. No appointments are needed for daily Mass.

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; Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is (in Sarasota): 7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:30 am; and 12 noon. [Call the office!] **In Ocala,** Mass is 4:30 pm. (No need to call.)

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

Please only use the bathrooms in the vestibule.


Finally, please keep a safe distance.

The Sunday obligation is dispensed until Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 09-06	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 09-07	Feria	4/G	
Tues 09-08	Nativity of the BVM	2/W	St Hadrian
Wed 09-09	St Peter Claver	3/W	St Gorgonius
Thu 09-10	St Nicholas of Tolentino	3/W	
Fri 09-11	Ss Protinus & Hyacinth	4/R	
Sat 09-12	Most Holy Name of Mary	3/W	
Sun 09-13	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 09-06	(7 am) Rebecca Marie Land (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Cayden Emke (12 noon) Joan & Frances Kitko		rb Patricia Miller rb Emke family rb B & T Shehwen family
Mon 09-07	(12 noon) Jacqueline de Lambilly+		rb L de Saizieu
Tues 09-08	(7 am) Special intention (9 am) FssP Confraternity intentions		rb L Marchand rb M/M T VanGeldereren
Wed 09-09	(7 am) Isabella Shehwen (9 am) Deo Gratias		rb Mom & Dad rb M/M L Truong
Thu 09-10	(7 am) Vicente H Truong+ (9 am) Rolando Rodriguez+		rb Nhung Truong rb B & M McNamara
Fri 09-11	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (6:30 pm) Fr Lorenzo Hatch		rb K Dinh rb K & K Moore
Sat 09-12	(7 am) Msgr James Heslin+ (9 am) Maryanne VanGeldereren		rb Lawton family rb S Hemeryck
Sun 09-13	(7 am) Gabriel M Tinnaro (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Sam Harris (12 noon) Jane Strong+		rb M/M Meza rb J & J Mikluscak rb Donna Hrycyk

Today, after the 12 noon Mass, items on “the blessing table” in the hall will be blessed; the Bookstore is open after the 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses.

Last Call: if you have not done so, and are 16 years or older, email Fr Hathaway if you would like to be Confirmed at Christ the King on May 26, 2021.

Last Sunday’s collection: \$ 4461.00; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 44; 8:30 am, 67; 10:30 am, 84; 12 noon, 57; for a total of 252.

This week: Monday, Rosary after the 12 noon Mass; Tuesday, Adult Catechism class on the “The Creed” as presented in the Catechism of the Council of Trent, translated by John McHugh and Charles Callan, from 6 to 7 pm – see information handout in vestibule; Wednesday, requiem Mass for Virginia Strong (see infra).

Please pray for the soul of Virginia Strong, sister of our Louis Marchand, who died Wed., Sept 2, 2020. On Wed., Sept 9, at 10 am, a Rosary will be prayed for her repose followed by Mass then a 12 noon burial at Palms Memorial Park.

Correction: the September calendar should read the fall Ember Days as September 16, 18 and 19, NOT September 23, 25 and 26.

Please, STAY HOME if you appear sick (sneezing, wheezing, sniffing etc.), even though you feel fine; space yourself one seat away from non-family members; wear the face mask in transit to & from your pew.

St Theresa Prayer Guild resumes Mon., Sept. 14th at 7 pm in the hall. Must be 18 or older; sign-up in the vestibule; for more info, call Denise Priest (941-799-0444).

Beware of the Toy Monster: a hideous creature, who feeds on abandoned items, now lurks the hall of CtK. Therefore, after a community function, if you have item(s) e.g., play things, etc. dear to you, please neatly return them to their place; things neatly stored are safe from this devouring monster. If you do not do this, please know any abandoned item is prey to his insatiable & insensitive appetite. *You have been warned!*

Please pray for Leonard West (9/6), Fr Vincent Sheehy (9/6), Jody Koehler (8/30), James Ahearn (8/30), Karen Boylan (Petrosky) (8/30), Jessica Patraw Branham (8/30), Sciscenti family (8/23), and Bill & Barbara Wis (8/16). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

God is patient; He gives the sinner time to repent & change his life

Men are wont to punish quickly; not so God. He long endures the revolt of the wicked. It is not the will of God that a sinner should die, but that he should be converted from his wicked ways, and live (Ez. 18:23). God often gives men long warning of coming judgments. He gave those who lived in the days of Noah a warning of a hundred and twenty years; to the Ninivites, forty days; to the Jews a warning of forty years before the destruction of Jerusalem. A storm does not break out at once; we are forewarned by the gathering of clouds and the darkness; so God warns us of coming punishment. He does not at once cut down the barren tree (Lk 13:8,9). God’s manner of action is opposite that of man. Man constructs slowly, and destroys quickly. God constructs the universe in six days, but He took seven days for the destruction of the little town of Jericho. Every man prefers to build up, rather than to destroy; much more so God.

God is patient with us because He has compassion on our weakness, and because He desires to make conversion easy to the sinner.