

Behold, here was a certain man before him, who had the dropsy
(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost)

As the man with dropsy, although full of water, is ever thirsty, so the man who indulges in impurity is, likewise, never satiated. Today, I speak on impurity, exposing the delusions of those who say: "It is but a small evil" and "God pities this sin so as not to punish it."

Delusion of those who say that sins against purity are not a great evil

1. The unchaste say a sin against purity is a small evil. As "the sow wallowing in the mire" (2 Pt 2:22), so these, being immersed in their own filth, do not see the malice of their actions; and, therefore, they neither feel nor abhor the stench of their impurities, which disgust others. Can you deny that impurity is a mortal sin? If you do so, you are a heretic; for as St. Paul says: "Do not err. Neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, etc., shall possess the kingdom of God." (1 Cor 6:9) Impurity is no small evil; it is more sinful than theft, or detraction, or the violation of the fast. How can you say: "It is not a great evil?" Perhaps mortal sin, to you, is a small evil? Is it a small evil to despise God's grace and lose his friendship, for a transitory, beastly pleasure?

8. St. Jerome says habits of impurity eventually end in hell: "infernal fire, lust, whose fuel is gluttony, whose sparks are brief conversations, whose end is hell." The unchaste are like vultures which fall prey to the fowler, rather than abandon the carcass on which they feed. Once a young female, who, after living sinfully with a man, fell sick, and appeared to convert. Nearing death, she asked her confessor if she could exhort her accomplice to change his life; he imprudently complied. At first sight, she forgot her promise and embraced him, saying, "I always loved you; even now; I know, on your account, I will go to hell: but I care not: I am willing, for the love of you, to be damned." After these words, she expired. Oh! how difficult is it for the habitually impure to amend & return sincerely to God!

Illusion of those who say that God takes pity on this sin

9. The impure think God takes pity on this sin; but sacred Scripture finds no other sin so punished as impurity. In punishment for this sin, a deluge of fire descended from heaven on four cities, and, in an instant, consumed not only the inhabitants, but even the very stones: "The Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven. And he destroyed these cities, and all things that spring from the earth." (Gn 19:24) St. Peter Damian says a man and a woman, who had sinned thus, were found burnt and black as a cinder.

12. So that none who may be addicted to impurity, may despair, but be cured, let us speak of its two remedies: prayer and the flight from dangerous occasions. "Prayer," says St. Gregory of Nyssa, "is the safeguard of chastity." Solomon, speaking of himself, said the same: "I knew that I could not otherwise be continent, except God gave it... I went to the Lord, and besought him." (Ws 8:21) It is impossible to conquer impurity without God's help. Hence, when unchaste temptations arise, go instantly to God for help, repeating the most holy names of Jesus and Mary, which especially banish bad thoughts of that kind. I say "immediately" without listening to, or arguing with the temptation. When such thoughts occur, they must be rid of instantly, as floating embers, by invoking aid from Jesus and Mary.

13. As to flight from dangerous occasions, St. Philip Neri used to say, "Cowards - they who flee from occasions - gain the victory." Hence you must, first, restrain & abstain from looking at young females. Otherwise, says St. Thomas, "you can scarcely avoid the sin." Hence Job said: "I made a covenant with my eyes, that I would not so much as think upon a virgin." (Jb 31:1). He feared to look at a virgin as looks easily pass to desires then to acts. St. Francis de Sales adds that the second look is worse than the first; and, if looks must be restrained so should idle converse be avoided: "Tarry not among women." (Eccl 42:12) In avoiding occasions of impurity, no caution is too great. Hence, we must be always fearful, and fly from them: "A wise man fears and declines from evil; a fool is confident." (Prv 14:16) A wise man is timid, and flies away; a fool is confident, and falls.



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Please call the office to arrange your Sunday Mass attendance.

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:

7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:30 am; and 12 noon (there will be no 12 noon Mass on 9/27 & 10/4). [Call the office!]

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.

In the Diocese of Venice, the Sunday obligation is dispensed until Sunday, November 1, 2020.

In Ocala:


Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm. (No need to call.)

Monday Mass at 7 am.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 09-20	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 09-21	St Matthew	2/R	
Tues 09-22	St Thomas of Villanova	3/W	Ss Maurice & Companions
Wed 09-23	St Linus	3/W	
Thu 09-24	Our Lady of Ransom	4/W	
Fri 09-25	Feria	4/G	
Sat 09-26	Ss Cyprian & Justina	3/R	
Sun 09-27	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 09-20	(7 am) Virginia Strong+ (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Joe & Margaret Hanick+		rb L Marchand
Mon 09-21	(12 noon) Nicholas A Slovak (12 noon) Maria (Sonnga) Chu +		rb C DiGiacinto & G Hanick rb K Slovak
Tues 09-22	(7 am) Larry & Mary Jo Sciscenti (9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory		rb N Truong rb L Sciscenti
Wed 09-23	(7 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Dianne M Wedd+		rb M/M Marchand rb a friend
Thu 09-24	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) Norman Schlosser+		rb B & T Shehwen family rb a friend
Fri 09-25	(9 am) Fr Dupre (6:30 pm) Hilari Sharkoski		rb K Kirsch & B Blake rb L de Saizieu rb mom & dad
Sat 09-26	(9 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory		rb M/M L Truong
Sun 09-27	(7 am) Mhill Suka (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Gregory Joseph Johnson+		rb P & A Suka rb R & M Johnson

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.

This week: Monday, Rosary after the 12 noon Mass; Tuesday, Adult Catechism from 6-7 pm; Wednesday, KoC meet beginning at 6 pm and Fr Hathaway takes vacation (he returns Oct. 9).

Next and the following Sunday, there will be no 12 noon Mass; please plan accordingly and know there is much unused room in the social hall.

Be reminded, G Fried Flooring America has allowed us use of their parking lot.

Last Sunday’s collection: \$ 5016.25; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 55; 8:30 am, 64; 10:30 am, 82; 12 noon, 48; for a total of 249 souls.

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.

Forty-Hour Devotion at Christ the King: Filled with holy zeal & a contrite heart, please register for our forty-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Christ the King to repair for sacrileges against the Real Presence. This begins on Sunday, Oct. 25, after the 12 noon Mass, and ends on Tuesday, Oct. 27, before the 7 am Mass (this may include an outside procession around the church at 6:30 am). At least two people must be signed up each hour (in case one can not attend, our Lord will not be left alone.) Moreover, at least one man should be present from 7 pm to 7 am to protect women and vulnerable adorers. If you wish to participate in this event, please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Please pray for Robin Ahearn (9/20), Dennis Joy (9/13), Fr Stephen Arabadjis, SSPX (9/13), 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). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

Gardening Committee: Christ the King is starting up a gardening committee headed by Mike Priest and Stanley Shenko. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mike at mikepriest@yahoo.com

Hospitality Committee: Christ the King is starting up a hospitality committee which would help new parishioners adjust into our parish life and liturgy as well as help with reception at funerals and weddings and other special functions. Please contact Stacy Steindorf, 941-928-9639, if you are interested to help this ministry.

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If your child(ren) is (are) to attend our Catechism Class, please sign and return the consent forms. No child will be admitted into class without these papers. Moreover, any child(ren) who does (do) NOT attend the Catechism Classes will NOT be eligible for Confirmation next Spring.