

**Jesus seeing their thoughts, said: Why do you think evil in your hearts**  
(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

**In today's gospel**, after Jesus Christ heals a paralytic, in body & soul, saying, "thy sins are forgiven thee," some Scribes think: "He blasphemes." Our Savior exposes their bad thought: "Why do you think evil in your hearts." Indeed, God knows all bad thoughts & punishes them. Today, we examine: when bad thoughts are sinful; their danger; and remedies against them.

**When bad thoughts are sinful**

1. In two ways men err regarding bad thoughts. Some are scrupulous, and think every bad thought is a sin. This is an error. It is not the bad thought, but the consent to it, that is sinful.

3. Others are not scrupulous, but ignorant, and have lax consciences, think evil thoughts, though wilfully indulged, are not mortal sins, unless acted upon. This error is worse. What we cannot lawfully do, we cannot lawfully desire: "Perverse thoughts separate from God." (Ws 1:3)

4. In a bad thought, we consider three things: suggestion, delectation, and consent. Suggestion is the bad thought presented to the mind: this is no sin, but, when rejected is an occasion of merit. "As often, as you resist, you are crowned." (St Antonine) Delectation is delight obtained from the bad thought; unless the will consents to it, this is not a mortal but a venial sin. When the thought which excites the delight is against chastity, however, we are bound, under pain of mortal sin, to positively resist the delectation; for, if not resisted, the delight easily obtains the consent of the will: "With all watchfulness keep thy heart, for life issues out from it." (Prov 4:23) Consent, the cause of mortal sin, takes place when the person clearly knows that the object is mortally sinful, and embraces it perfectly with the will.

**The great danger of bad thoughts**

6. We must guard ourselves against all bad thoughts, which are an abomination to God: "Evil thoughts are an abomination to the Lord." (Prov 15:26) They are called "an abomination," because 'bad thoughts, particularly thoughts against the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> commandments, sometimes inflict on the soul a deeper wound, and are more dangerous than external acts.' (Council of Trent) Sins of thought are more dangerous than sinful acts because they are more easily committed, they do not depend as much on sinful occasions, and, by indulging in them, they harden the heart in sin: "All the thought of their heart was bent upon evil at all times." (Gn 6:5)

7. Also, at time of death, sinful acts are impossible, not bad thoughts. If there is a habit of consenting to them during life; the devil will use this habit to his advantage: "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time." (Apoc 12:12)

**On the remedies against bad thoughts**

8. To be freed from bad thoughts, we must take away the evil of our thoughts: "Take away the evil of our devices." (Is 1:16) Meaning, we should take away the occasions of evil thoughts, avoid bad persons, places and things e.g., abstain from reading books that are obscene, or otherwise bad & avoid dances with females and profane comedies, at least when the dances or comedies are immodest.

11. When thoughts against chastity, which often occur without any immediate occasion, present themselves to our mind, it is necessary to banish them at once, without examining them.

12. Should the temptation endure, tell your confessor: "A temptation disclosed is half conquered." (St Philip Neri) In assaults of impurity, some saints practiced severe mortifications: St. Benedict rolled his naked body among thorns; St. Peter of Alcantara threw himself into a frozen pool. But the best remedy for these temptations is recourse to God: "Praising, I will call on the Lord, and I shall be saved from my enemies." (Ps 17:44) Moreover, we must multiply prayers, sigh & groan before the Blessed Sacrament, the Crucifix, or an image of holy Mary, the mother of purity. In such combats with hell, it is useful in the beginning to renew our purpose never to offend God, and to die rather than lose his grace; and then, repeat our petitions: "Lord, strengthen me; permit me not to part from thee: take my life rather than allow me to lose thee."



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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. [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 10-04	Ext. Sol., O.L. of the Rosary	2/W	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
Mon 10-05	Feria (18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)	4/G	Ss Placid & Companions
Tues 10-06	St Bruno	3/W	
Wed 10-07	O. L. of the Holy Rosary	2/W	St Mark
Thu 10-08	St Bridget of Sweden	3/W	Ss Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus & Apuleius
Fri 10-09	St John Leonardi	3/W	St Denis & Companions
Sat 10-10	St. Francis Borgia	3/W	
Sun 10-11	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	Maternity of the BVM

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 10-04	(7 am) Bill & Barbara Wis (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Lizzy Steindorf		rb S Hemeryck
Mon 10-05	(12 noon) Vicente Truong+		rb C & C Walker
Tues 10-06	(7 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Ileana Maria Gener+		rb M/M L Truong rb a friend rb M Vicente
Wed 10-07	(7 am) Wasilewski & Nazarian families (9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary		rb A Wasilewski
Thu 10-08	(7 am) Larry & Mary Jo Sciscenti (9 am) Fr Joseph Kelly		rb a friend rb L Sciscenti
Fri 10-09	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (6:30 pm) Wilhelmina Mercier+		rb S A Bradl rb K Dinh
Sat 10-10	(9 am) Jane J Strong+		rb M & D Priest
Sun 10-11	(7 am) <i>priest's intention</i> (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Louise Michaud+		rb Shewen family
	(12 noon) Robert & Grace Mahoney		rb M/M L Labrecque rb J Mahoney

**Today**, after the 10:30 am 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; Friday, Fr Hathaway returns.

Saturday, Rosary Rally in the Public Square, see sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Or call Denise Priest for information 941-799-0444.

**Last Sunday's collection:** \$4,163.00; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 38; 8:30 am, 74; 10:30 am, 112; for a total of 224 souls.

**FRAUD ALERT:** You may have recently been contacted by someone posing as Fr. Hathaway and asking for help. Someone has created an email account (revfr48@gmail.com, and there may be others) in order to commit fraud by impersonating our priests. Please be assured that none of our priests or staff will ever contact you by phone or email in this manner. If you receive such a request, you may immediately identify it as a scam and alert the proper authorities.

**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 6:00 am). If you wish to participate in this event, please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**Please pray for** President and Mrs. Trump (10/2), Carla Hanley (9/29), Michael Tierney (9/28), the family of Ryan Scott Lynn Jr. (9/24), Robin Ahearn (9/20), Dennis Joy (9/13), Fr Stephen Arabadjis, SSPX (9/13), and Fr Vincent Sheehy (9/6). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** As a Community, we will pray outside the local abortion mill on Saturday, October 24, 2020. A table will be set up outside the church on Oct. 11 & 18 for sign-up. Or, contact Missy Funderburk at 316-258-4319.

**RETREATS & DAYS OF PRAYER** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center (Venice, FL): The retreat center of our diocese offers retreats and single days of prayer in a safe, tranquil setting along the Myakka River. Monthly Days of Prayer will be offered on Oct. 11 & 14, which include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for Confession, 2 conferences and 2 meals. A special weekend retreat “Living Our Faith During COVID-19” will be offered Oct. 16-18. For information call 941-486-0233 or visit the website at [www.olph-retreat.org](http://www.olph-retreat.org).

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