

(adapted from St Alphonsus Liguori's sermon for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost)

In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ heals the son of a ruler who was "at the point of death." "At the point of death" – this may be said one enslaved by any passion. By themselves, passions are not sinful; they become harmful, however, when unregulated by right reason and prudence. Today, I speak on the great danger of damnation of those dominated by any bad passion.

1. "God created man right" (Eccl 7:30) i.e., in the state of justice; but, by hearing out the serpent, he exposed himself to temptation, was conquered, and now suffers the result: "The flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh." (Ga 5:17) By God's grace, however, man can overcome: "The lust thereof shall be under thee, and thou shalt have dominion over it." (Gn 4:7) Though the assaults of flesh & demons be very violent, Jesus Christ has said: "Lo! the kingdom of God is within you." (Lk 17:21) Within us, he has established a kingdom, in which the will is able to rule over all the senses & passions.

3. Mastering of passions must include the heart. Many pay great attention to their external conduct; they labor to appear modest & respectful; but, at the same time, they cherish in their hearts sinful affections against justice, charity, humility, and chastity. These inherit the threat which the Savior gave the Scribes & Pharisees: "Woe to you, Scribes & Pharisees, hypocrites; because you make clean the outside of the cup & of the dish; but, within, are full of rapine & filth." (Mt 23:25) Christians who act so only cover their vices with the mantle of devotion.

9. Above all, we must find & conquer our predominant passion. The Syrian King commanded the captains of his cavalry to kill the King of Israel: "Fight ye not with small or great, but with the King of Israel only." (2 Paral 18:30) They obeyed, slew King Achab, and gained the victory.

10. Like the captains of Syria, we must kill the king i.e., our predominant passion, which blinds our reason and leads us to ruin: "If the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit." (Mt 15:14) St. Gregory says the devil tries to increase our predominant passion so that it produces many horrible excesses. Through passion for a kingdom, Herod spilled the blood of many innocent infants; through love for women, Henry the Eighth killed many, and lost the faith. No wonder: for he who is controlled by any passion no longer sees what he does. Therefore he disregards corrections, excommunications, and even his own damnation: he seeks only pleasures, and says: "Come what will, I must satisfy this passion."

11. It is necessary, then, when we see any passion beginning to reign in us, to beat it down instantly, before it grows. Once, a monk commanded his disciple to uproot a sapling; he easily did. Next, he told him to uproot a larger one; he succeeded with difficulty. Last, he told him to remove a tree; he could not. He then said: "So it is, my son, with our passions; when they have taken deep root in the heart, we cannot pull them out." Brethren, remember this maxim: Either the spirit tramples the flesh, or the flesh shall trample the spirit.

12. Cassian lays down an excellent rule for conquering our passions i.e., change the object of our passions from being vicious to being holy. Those prone to anger against all who mistreat them must change the object of their passion, turning their indignation into a hatred for sin, which is more harmful to them than all the devils in hell. Those inclined to love one possessing amiable qualities, must put all their affections on God, who is infinitely amiable. The best remedy, however, is to recommend ourselves to God, begging him to deliver us. And, when any passion becomes very violent, we must multiply prayers. Reasoning & reflections are then of little use; for passion obscures our faculties; and the more we reflect, the more delightful the object of passion appears. Hence, there is no other remedy than to have recourse to Jesus & Mary, saying with tears & sighs: "Lord, save us, or we perish: do not permit us to be ever separated from thee. We fly to thy protection, holy mother of God." O souls created to love God, let us rise above earth; cease to fix our thoughts & affections on perishable goods; cease to love dross, smoke, & dung; let us strive to love the Supreme Infinite Good, our most amiable God, who has made us for himself, and expects us in heaven to make us happy for eternity.



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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!] [The bookstore will open after the 8:30 am & 10:00 am Masses; items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall will be blessed after the 12 noon Mass.]

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

Please use only use the bathrooms in the vestibule.

In the Diocese of Venice, the Sunday obligation is dispensed until Sunday, November 27, 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 10-18	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	Propagation of the Faith, St Luke
Mon 10-19	St Peter of Alcantara	3/W	
Tues 10-20	St John Cantius	3/W	
Wed 10-21	Ss Ursula & Companions	4/R	St Hilarion
Thu 10-22	Feria	4/G	
Fri 10-23	St Anthony Mary Claret	3/W	
Sat 10-24	St Raphael the Archangel	3/W	
Sun 10-25	Christ the King	1/W	no comm. of 21 st Sunday



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 10-18	(7 am) President & Mrs. Trump (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Victoire, Christophe, Agathe, & Ludovic de Saizieu	rb Courville family rb L de Saizieu
	(12 noon) Martha Stojanova	rb mom & dad
Mon 10-19	(12 noon) Anna Dinh	rb M/M L Truong
Tues 10-20	(7 am) Trump family (9 am) Intention of FssP Confraternity	rb M Sutphin rb Sr Margaret
Wed 10-21	(7 am) Holy Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Annamarie Pech	rb K Slovak rb D Hrycyk
Thu 10-22	(7 am) President Donald Trump (9 am) In thanksgiving for graces to overcome all problems	rb Shehwen family rb A Wasilewski
Fri 10-23	(9 am) President Donald Trump (6:30 pm) Joseph Mercier	rb M/M L Labrecque rb D Priest
Sat 10-24	(9 am) President Donald Trump	rb M & K Weber
Sun 10-25	(7 am) President Donald Trump (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (12 noon) Reparation to the Sacred Heart	rb M & K Weber rb M/M T VanGeldereren

Today, the bookstore is NOT open; after the 12 noon Mass, items placed on the blessing table in the hall will be blessed. **PLEASE**, do not let your little ones run around in the hall like wild animals.

This week: Monday, Rosary after the 12 noon Mass; Saturday, Christ the King's day at the local planned Parenthood abortion mill in Sarasota, (if you have not done so yet, please sign-up after Mass), the Youth Group meets (9 am Mass, 10 am breakfast, then attendance at the 40-Days for Life event to pray (even sing?) the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For free: 5 4x8 insulation board and half sizes. Call the office.

Last Sunday's collection: \$ 5,467.00; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 41; 8:30 am, 79; 10:30 am 102; 12 noon 25; for a total of 247 souls.

Scam alert: via texting, someone is posing as Fr Hathaway to get money, gift cards, etc. from you. So far only they who have their phone numbers in our bulletin have been contacted by the impostor, but should others be texted by the scammer, you are welcome to reply: "Do you not know that thieves will go to hell?"

40 Hour Devotion at Christ the King: He Whom the whole world cannot contain, has enclosed Himself in the Tabernacle for love of you. Will you not spend one hour with Him? **40-Hour Adoration** begins at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 25th and ends with a Procession on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 a.m. This devotion is intended as reparation to our Dear Savior for the outrages committed against Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and for sins of our nation which cry out to heaven for vengeance. If you wish to participate in this event, please see the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Please pray for Victoria Saenz (10/18), David Lojacono (10/18), President and Mrs. Trump (10/2), Michael Tierney (9/28), Ryan Scott Lynn Jr family (9/24), and Robin Ahearn (9/20). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: As a community, Christ the King parish will pray outside the local abortion mill on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 9 am to 5 pm. Today, a table will be set up outside the church to sign-up; or you may do this by contacting Missy Funderburk at 316-258-4319.

My dearest friends and parishioners of Christ the King, I am happy to give you the news that I have been accepted for admittance at the Carmel of the Infant Jesus at Traverse City, Michigan. I have been desiring to return to my solemn vows since the close of Brooklyn Carmel in 1996. It will take a while before I am able to get free of my house, etc. so I will still be around at least a month or more. I will be grateful for your prayers and you most surely remain always in mine. ~ Sr. Margaret

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