

ON IMPENITENCE

(adapted from St Alphonus Liguori's sermon for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

In today's Gospel, a ruler, whose daughter just died, says, "Lord, my daughter is even now dead; but come, lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live." In explaining this passage, St. Bonaventure addresses a sinner, "Brother, your soul is your daughter, that has just died by committing sin. Now! Return to God; if you delay, and defer your conversion, the wrath of God shall suddenly befall you, and you shall be cast into hell." Today, I will show the danger to which he who is in the state of sin, and defers his conversion, is exposed; and the remedy to be adopted by him who is in sin, and wishes to save his soul.

The danger to which a person in sin, who defers his conversion, is exposed

1. St. Augustine considers three states of Christians: those who have always preserved their baptismal innocence; those who have fallen into sin, and have afterwards returned to God, and persevered in grace; those who have fallen and have always relapsed into sin, and are found in that unhappy state at death. Speaking of the first two classes, he pronounces them secure of salvation; of the third he says: "I do not say; I do not presume; I do not promise." Meaning, it is very improbable that they obtain eternal life. Why? Because, although they knew the great advantage of sanctifying grace, because they are deprived of grace, always relapse, in spite of all their efforts to avoid sin. A branch cut off from the vine cannot produce fruit: "as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in me." (Jn 15:4)

The remedy for those who find themselves in sin, and wish to save their souls

9. One day, Jesus Christ was asked if the number of the elect is small. He said, "Strive to enter by the narrow gate; for many, I say to you, shall seek to enter, and they shall not be able." (Lk 13:23 & 24.) Many seek heaven, but do not enter, Why? They wish a heaven without inconvenience; no strong efforts to abstain from forbidden pleasures. Therefore, he said: "strive to enter at the narrow gate." The heavenly gate is narrow: to enter, we must labor with violence to ourselves. Let us do what we can Today; tomorrow may be too late. The delay of conversion sends many Christians to hell: by delay, we grow weak, our sight dims, our hearts harden, all of which hinder grace. And, in this way, the soul shall die in her sins

11. "My soul is continually in my hands." (Ps 118:109.) He who own a high-end Smartphone frequently ensures it has not been lost; just so, we ought to watch over our souls. And, should we see that it has been lost by sin, we ought instantly to adopt every means in our power to recover it. We ought to turn immediately to Jesus, our Savior, like Magdalene, who, as soon as she knew that he sat at meat, ran to him, cast herself at his feet, and by her tears obtained pardon. (Lk 7:37) "Now the axe is laid to the root of the tree." (Lk 3:9) For all who are found in sin, the axe of divine justice is at hand to take away their life as soon as the time of vengeance arrives. Arise, then, Christian souls, and if you are bound by any bad habit, burst your chains, and remain no longer the slaves of Satan.

12. You say your sin is a bad habit? Ah, if you wish to give up sin, who can force you to commit it? All bad habits and all the temptations of hell are overcome by the grace of God. Recommend yourself to the heart of Jesus Christ, and he will give you grace to conquer all enemies. But should you be in any near occasion of sin you must immediately remove it, otherwise you shall relapse. Wait not to loose your bonds gradually; cut them by a single stroke. The devil seeks to make you slow in shaking off your fetters. Look for a good confessor; he will tell you what to do. And should you have the misfortune of falling hereafter into any mortal sin, go immediately to confession, even on the same day or the same night, if you can. Finally, listen to what I now say to you: God is ready to assist you: if you wish, it is in your power to save your soul. Tremble, brethren, lest these words of mine, if you despise them, should be for you so many swords in hell for all eternity.



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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

Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:30 am; and 12 noon.

[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.

In the Diocese of Venice, the Sunday obligation is dispensed until Sunday, November 27, 2020.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 11-08	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 11-09	Ded. Arch. of Our Holy Savior	2/W	St Theodore
Tues 11-10	St Andrew Avellino	3/W	Ss Tryphonis <i>et alia</i>
Wed 11-11	St Martin of Tours	3/W	St Menna
Thu 11-12	St Martin I	3/R	
Fri 11-13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini	3/W	St Didacus
Sat 11-14	St Josaphat	3/R	
Sun 11-15	Resumed 6 th Sunday after Epiphany	2/G	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 11-08	(7 am) Leka Suka (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Maryanne VanGelderren (12 noon) Friends & family in Purgatory	rb P & A Suka rb S Hemeryck rb A Wasilewski
Mon 11-09	(12 noon) Ezekiel Tracy	rb Emke family
Tues 11-10	(7 am) Mary E Kotsay (9 am) Tim VanGelderren	rb K Kotsay rb S Hemeryck
Wed 11-11	(7 am) William & Mary Mahoney (9 am) Fr Hathaway	rb J Mahoney rb P & A Suka
Thu 11-12	(7 am) Rita Wallace + (9 am) Karen Montgomery	rb R & K Millward rb anonymous
Fri 11-13	(9 am) Levin family (6:30 pm) Phyllis Ingersoll+	rb M Sutphin rb Emke family
Sat 11-14	(9 am) Fr James Alfred Bucaria	rb M & M Meza
Sun 11-15	(7 am) <i>priest's intention</i> (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Marie, Camille, Helene de Saizieu (12 noon) <i>priest's intention</i>	rb Louis de Saizieu

FYI: Until further notice, no appointments needed for Sunday Mass attendance.

Today, bookstore is open after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses (2021 FssP Calendars available)

This week: Monday, St Therese Prayer Guild meets at 7 pm; Tuesday, adult catechism 6-7 pm, "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried."

Last Sunday's collection: \$ 5414.20; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 42; 8:30 am, 64; 10:30 am 82; 12 noon ?; for a total of 231 souls.

Please pray for Cecilia & Virginia Vargas (11/8), Winston Shuttleworth (11/1), Kimberly Wells (10/25), Victoria Saenz (10/18), David Lojacono (10/18), & President and Mrs. Trump (10/2). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

Please join us for Advent Wreath Making and Cookie Exchange on Saturday, November 28 in Christ the King Hall, 10-12 pm. Cost \$15/ family. All supplies provided including live greenery and candles. One wreath per family. Please contact Jennifer Husmann: jennifer.husmann@gmail.com

Join us for a special sunset Rosary to pray for the faithful departed on **Saturday, the 21st of November** at Palms Memorial Park, followed by a special presentation and complimentary dinner hosted by Christ the King parishioner Frank Burns, a Family Service Counsellor for Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home. This fun and informative event will be held exclusively for the benefit of Christ the King parishioners and their families. Come learn about the many benefits of planning funeral and cemetery arrangements, and ensure that they are handled in a truly traditional and authentically Catholic manner. Learn how to avoid the pitfalls of being shoved in a closet or ending up as fish food in the Gulf of Mexico. The event will take place at the Palms Memorial Park Premium Event Centre located at **170 Honoré Avenue in Sarasota**, at the Southwest corner of Fruitville Road and Honoré Avenue, right off of I-75 Exit 210. The Rosary led by Father Hathaway will begin in the cemetery at **5:00 p.m.**, followed by the presentation at 5:30 p.m. and a delicious dinner catered by Valentino Pizzeria Trattoria at 6:00 p.m. RSVP if you plan to attend by contacting Frank Burns directly at **(941) 685-9772** or **Frank.Burns@DignityMemorial.com**.

A Christmas tree anyone? Corpus Christi Chapel, our subsidiary to the south, is hosting a fundraiser in which 300 donated Fraser trees from NC will be sold to raise money for their building project. To support this cause, place your order at www.corpuschristifssp.com/announcement/2020-10-24-christmas-tree-fundraiser; They need 25 orders by the end of November. For more information, please contact Rev. Jonathan Romanoski FSSP, Corpus Christi Chapel 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120; (239-360-9977).

Our Lady of La Leche Florida Pilgrimage (January 15th - January 17th, 2021): Join us for a three day pilgrimage to St. Augustine, FL and learn about your Catholic heritage and the Florida martyrs. We will participate in the annual March for Life, have Latin Mass offered every day (by Fr. Jonathan Romanoski FssP), visit several Catholic sites, listen to great talks about the Catholic history of St. Augustine and the Florida Martyrs and more. For more information and to register contact Ruby Galatolo at (786)554-1300 or email at dnrGalatolo@hotmail.com