

**Today's Introit takes from** St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, ch. 4, vs. 4-6 & Psalm 84:2. We review them scripturally then understand them in relation to the feast.

**The Epistle to the Philippians** addresses the citizens of Philippi, a city north of the Aegean Sea, named after Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great (360 BC). In 51 AD, during his second apostolic journey, St. Paul established the first Christian church here. Later, while in prison at Rome (61-63 AD), St. Paul wrote to the Philippians to witness thanks to God, *the Father of all consolation*, and to exhort the Philippians towards charity, unity, and humility; he also warns them against false teachers whom he calls dogs and *enemies of the cross of Christ*.

**Chapter 4** is summed: "He exhorts them to perseverance in all good; and acknowledges their charitable contributions to him."

4. **Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.**
5. **Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh.**
6. **Be nothing solicitous; but in every thing, by prayer** (and supplication, with thanksgiving,) **let your petitions be made known to God.**

**Rejoice in the Lord always.** In another place we read: *Always rejoice... In all things give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all* (1 Thes.5:16-18). Obviously, St. Paul got carried away... or did he? If we are God's and God is ours, if even now we have certain possession of our true joy, what is keeping us from rejoicing... perhaps, our hearts seek something besides God?

**Psalm 84** is paraphrased: "The coming of Christ to bring peace and salvation to man."  
2. **Lord, thou hast blessed thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.**

**The Feast of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent continues our Christmas preparation with a special note on gladness.** During this time of expectation (ticking off the days till Christmas) and penance (if only in an organ-less liturgy, flower-less altar, and oft sight of purple), the Church eases our burden by reminding us of the great joy to be had (when Christmas finally arrives) by allowing the liturgy to be dressed with organ, flowers, & rose (not pink, but rose) vestments. The Epistle stills our impatience: "*The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous...*"; the Gospel stirs our vigilance: "*...there has stood one in your midst...*". **Rejoice in the Lord...** Indeed, the *Lord is nigh*, He stands in our midst, in every tabernacle, at every Mass, in the faithful soul... why be solicitous? **Rejoice in the Lord...** The Lord blessed the land; He freed the captive from certain death... what is lacking? **Rejoice in the Lord always...** Again, "*Rejoicing in the Lord*" is an act of the will, informed by the intellect, which regards God's goodness and the moral certitude of one's salvation; it is not the *rejoicing in the world* as when one's football team wins, nor that derived from the fruit of the vine; no, this rejoicing regards peace of soul in the heart of man, not the piece of *Aunt Chovy's* pizza in the belly (no matter how tasty). Understanding this, we may clearly see that, in the Church of God, there is no room for a sad Christian; said again, the cry-room is for fussy babies, not sad Christians.



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls  
according to the liturgical books of 1962.

3<sup>rd</sup> (*Gaudete*) Sunday of Advent

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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. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)  
Saturday at 9:00 am.

### The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; 10:30 am sung; and 12:30 pm low.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the 12:30 pm Mass; or, after the 10:30 am Mass, if there is no 12:30 pm Mass.

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

### In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm  
Monday Mass at 7 am.  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

Sarasota "Lost & Found"  
now located in the office

## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 12-12	3 <sup>rd</sup> ( <i>Gaudete</i> ) Sunday of Advent	3/Rose	
Mon 12-13	St Lucy	3/R	Feria
Tues 12-14	Feria of Advent	3/V	
Wed 12-15	Ember Wednesday	2/V	
Thu 12-16	St Eusebius	3/R	Feria
Fri 12-17	Ember Friday	2/V	
Sat 12-18	Ember Saturday	2/V	
Sun 12-19	4 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Rorate</i> ) Sunday of Advent	1/V	



### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-12	(7 am) Fr Mahowald (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Maureen Hallagan+ (12:30 pm) Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart again	rb M/M L Truong  rb MF Kitko
Mon 12-13	(12 pm) Tim Steindorf+	rb M/M L Labrecque
Tues 12-14	(7 am) Genevieve Fiorito (9 am) Elizabeth Steindorf	rb D Matthews rb S Steindorf
Wed 12-15	(7 am) MP Sir David Amess+ (9 am) Michael Komack+	rb G Scarano rb P Rincon
Thu 12-16	(7 am) Lizzy Steindorf (9 am) Ricky & Michael Casini	rb anonymous rb C DiGiacinto
Fri 12-17	(9 am) Mary C Kitko (6:30 pm) Conversion of sinners per Mediatrix of All Graces	rb MF Kitko
Sat 12-18	(9 am) Tim Steindorf+	rb K Dinh
Sun 12-19	(7 am) Amy Miller Allen (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Jack Kitko+ (12:30 pm) Thanksgiving to God	rb MF Kitko rb N Truong

**Today's 10:30 am Mass:** On Jordan's Bank (#800), *Asperges* (#567); Mass XVII (#762) & Credo I (#768); Exit: Hark a Herald Voice Is Calling (#795).

**Tonight, Our Lady of Guadalupe dinner! Don't be square, be there!!**

**This week, Monday,** Adult catechism (5-6 pm) & Vespers (5 pm), St Teresa guild (7-8:30 pm); **Tuesday,** Bishop's gathering of priests (5-8 pm); **Wednesday,** Vespers (5 pm), Choir practice (7 pm); **Thursday,** Youth Catechism (5-6 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (5 pm), **Saturday,** St Joseph Guild puts up Christmas lighting, Youth Group (10 am) & Vespers (5 pm).

**Last Sunday's collection:** \$7,393.10; CFA \$200.00.

**Attendance:** 7 am-53; 8:30 am-108; 10:30 am-142; 12:30 pm-74; total 377 souls.

**Christmas Caroling!** On Dec. 21, from 10:45 to 11:30am, join sidewalk counselors in front of Planned Parenthood to witness Jesus Christ, once in Mary's womb. Help touch the heart of any pregnant woman, PP worker, passerby by a Christmas hymn or two! Contact Missy if you have questions.

**HELP!** Christ the King's day at Planned Parenthood nears (12/23). Sign-up for an hour from 1-5 pm in the vestibule; or email Missy at [mlfunderburk@gmail.com](mailto:mlfunderburk@gmail.com).

**We are collecting money** to replace our aging shutter-windows with impact windows, a \$10,000.00 project. To date \$3,535.00 has been collected.

**Status of 2021 CFA at Christ the King as of November 23, 2021:** \$73,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$55,440.41 pledged; 75.95% of goal; from 29.87% of 154 households; payments being \$52,780.41. (from [dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org)) **Regarding CFA donations,** write checks to "Catholic Faith Appeal" or "CFA" and on memo line "Christ the King."

**Thank you for your donations to CFA.** This last month, may I suggest you concentrate your giving to this fund; it really does help us.

**Please pray for:** McNamara family, Frank Burns, Debbie Jaquith, Larry & Mary Jo Sciscenti, Mark Wendel, Anne Finazzo, Jo Cunningham (12/5); Lynda Hall, Winston Shuttleworth, Tom Costo (11/28); and Hoa Pham (11/21).

**Sunday Dress & Modesty:** Please dress appropriately at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. When sitting, a woman's dress should reach below her knees, cover the shoulders, and rest near the pit of the throat; a man ought to wear a suit & tie, or, at least, a collared shirt & clean slacks; shorts, short skirts, shirts with slogans, baggy or tight-fitting clothes are all inappropriate.

**Heads-up:** Dec. 23, Youth Group decorates church (no youth on ladders).

**2022 FssP Calendars for sale;** \$10 each; 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served. We will not reorder.

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*Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all in a great battle!*