

IN WHAT TRUE WISDOM CONSISTS

(adopted from St. Alphonsus Liguori's sermon within the Octave of Christmas)

Jesus Christ is the cause for the fall & rise of many in Israel. Meaning, by him, many sinners, after this short life, would either rise to heaven or descend to hell. One day, the damned shall say of the saved, "We fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honor." (Ws 5:4) Let us discover true wisdom & see why saints are truly wise. (Numbering & all cases, even divine pronouns, belong to the original.)

3. The greatest folly is to be able to be the friend of God yet choose to be his enemy. The Lord hates none of his creatures: he does not hate the tiger, the viper, or the toad: "Thou loves all things that are, and hates none of the things which thou hast made." (Ws 9:25) God loves us, but we make ourselves hateful to him by our sin: "To God, the wicked and his wickedness are hateful alike." (Ws 14:9)

4. God created us; he even now preserves our lives, not that we should amass riches or earthly honors, or indulge in amusements, but to love & serve him in this world, in order to love & enjoy him for eternity in the next.

5. The greater part of mankind, however, foolishly prefer earthly riches, honors & sensual pleasures to the love of God; such condemn themselves to burn forever in hell. Miserable souls! If, in punishment of a certain sin, their hand was to be cut off or they were to put ten years in a dark prison, they surely would not sin. Do they not know that in punishment for their sin, their whole body will suffer eternal torments?

7. Sinners think only of the present, not the end for which they were created. But what will it profit them to gain all things if they lose their last end, which alone can make them happy. Our last end is the one necessary thing; if we lose it, all is lost. Each day brings us nearer to death & eternity; but many know not their destination. Should a pilot, who is asked where he is going, answer that he knows not, would not all, says St. Augustine, "Cry out that he was bringing the vessel to ruin?" Such are the wise of the world, who know how to acquire wealth and honors, and to indulge in every kind of amusement, but who know not how to save their souls.

12. Tell me, brethren, to which class do you wish to belong: to the wise of the world or to the wise of God? Before you choose, go to the graves of the dead: these preach eloquently the science of the saints; they reveal the vanity of all earthly goods. Here we see nothing but rottenness, bones & worms; here, the noble, the rich, the learned are indistinguishable; all is dust; all greatness & glory have faded like a dream.

13. **What then must we do?** Hear St Paul: *Brethren, the time is short: use this world be as if using it not; for the fashion of this world passes away.* (1 Cor. 7:29-31) This world will end soon. In days ahead, let us live like men who are wise, not according to the world, but according to God, by working to save our souls. Let us adopt the means of salvation: flee dangerous occasions; practice daily prayer; join a pious sodality; frequent the sacraments; read a spiritual book daily; and, if possible, daily hear Mass, or, at least, visit Jesus in the holy sacrament of the altar, & an image of the most holy Mary. Thus we shall be truly wise, and shall be happy now & later.



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.

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

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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 low; 8:30 am low; 10:30 am sung; and 12:30 pm low.
[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 12:30 pm Mass.]

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

In the Diocese of Venice, the Sunday obligation is dispensed until sometime after the New Year.

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 12-27	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas	2/W	
Mon 12-28	Holy Innocents	2/R	St John Evangelist
Tues 12-29	5 th Day in the Octave	2/W	Day in the Octave
Wed 12-30	6 th Day in the Octave	2/W	St Thomas Becket
Thu 12-31	7 th Day in the Octave	2/W	St Sylvester I
Fri 01-01	Octave Day of Christmas	1/W	
Sat 01-02	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W	
Sun 01-03	Holy Name of Jesus	2/W	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-27	(7 am) <i>Priest's intentions</i> (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Julianne Weinmann (12:30 pm) Joan Marie Kitko+	rb C Plowman rb Shehwen family
Mon 12-28	(12 noon) Christopher Shenko+	rb S Shenko
Tues 12-29	(7 am) Rita Wallace+ (9 am) Peg Litzinger+	rb P Johnston rb her daughter
Wed 12-30	(7 am) Michael & Judy Hahn (9 am) M/M Robert Gabriel wedding ann.	rb M Kuziel rb Gabriel family
Thu 12-31	(7 am) Hilary J. Leuze+ (9 am) Fr Dupre	rb R & D Gabriel rb M Meza
Fri 01-01	(7 am) Isaac Ray Neeley+ (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Aaron Shehwen	rb M Neeley rb mom & dad
Sat 12-02	(9 am) Louis de Saizieu	rb M F Kitko
Sun 12-03	(7 am) Joseph Mercier+ 8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Kathy Mazzeo+ (12:30 pm) Joan Marie Kitko+	rb M & D Priest rb D Came rb M Frances Kitko

HAPPY^{almost} NEW YEAR!

Fathers Hathaway & Mahowald thank you for your many kind cards & gifts given them over this most holy season. *Deus retribuat vos!*

Please pray for: Ronnie Caron (12/27), Ralph Johnson & Gregory Balmes (12/20), Mandi Baker, Sandy Curran, Came family, & Ryan Parker (12/13); Jason Moyer & Bill & Barbara Wis (12/6); Fr. Simeon & Emilee Hogan (11/29); Joseph Bolus & Luke Rubino (11/29); Tom; and Cecilia & Virginia Vargas (12/3). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

Please remember to pick-up your 2021 offertory envelopes from the vestibule.

This week:

In Sarasota - Thursday, after each Mass, we will sing or say the *Te Deum**; **Friday**, after each Mass, we will sing or say the *Veni Creator Spiritus**; **Friday**, at Ocala, after Mass the 6 pm Mass, we will sing or say the *Veni Creator Spiritus**; **First Saturday**, devotions and NO altar server practice. (* ~ indulgenced prayers for the ending & beginning of the year; handouts provided.)

In Ocala - Friday, at Ocala, after the 6 pm Mass, we will sing or say the *Veni Creator Spiritus**; **First Saturday**, devotions. (* ~ indulgenced prayers for the ending & beginning of the year; handouts provided.)

Epiphany (Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021) Schedule:

In Sarasota - Masses at 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:30 pm.

In Ocala - Mass at 6:00 pm.

[Epiphany holy water will be made at First Vespers (Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021) at 6 pm at both places; you are welcome to attend.]

The Home Epiphany Blessing is given from Jan. 6 through Jan. 13. Father will bless your home if he is able. Call to schedule an appointment. Otherwise, blessed Epiphany water, chalk and a prayer pamphlet will be available for you to do this yourself. **Note:** Epiphany water will not be handed out as in past years; instead, you are asked to bring an old Epiphany water container (you must have many stored away) and obtain this water yourself from one of the four large vats in the hall (any bottle may be used, but no larger than a quart, please.) **Also**, you may bring salt to be blessed, but no water; put your salt on the blessing table.

Join Christ the King church for an Epiphany-Parish anniversary potluck party on Sat., Jan. 9, at noon in the field. Please bring folding chairs, food to share & rosary! CtK became a parish on Jan. 11, 2017.

Last Sunday's collection: CtK - \$ 5,604.00 & Catholic Faith Appeal - \$335.00.

Last Sunday's attendance: about 250 immortal souls.

Thank you for your generous response to the 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal.

Please make pledge or payments through the church collection, making checks payable to Catholic Faith Appeal; or, if you pledge directly on-line, let us know the total amount; we are trying to independently track all monies pledged from CtK.

As of Dec. 17, status of CFA at Christ the King: \$ 20,2214.00 pledged; 27.65% of goal from 26.92% of 130 households; payments being \$ 20,124.00. (from Diocese of Venice.org)

Thank you for not parking on the grass! Be reminded, especially new comers, that G. Fried Flooring America, to our NE about 75 yards, allows us use of their 30-space-beautiful-asphalt-parking-lot; if our beautiful church lot is full, **please** fill up these spaces before parking on the grass, to help keep it beautiful, too.