

The Catholic church teaches that Mary is the Mother of God, the Mother of all the elect of God &, although a mother to so many, is ever a virgin, never having had children through any man. Christ was conceived in her by the Holy Ghost at the Annunciation; her Motherhood of the elect began with the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

Why do some say Mary had other children? First, because certain scriptures like “Is this not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary, and his *brothers* James and Joseph and Simon and Jude?” (Mt 13:55-56); second, because they dismiss her immaculate conception, thinking Mary had natural children after her virginal birth of Jesus because, well, a human being is unable to live without the sensual joys associated with married life.

In our rebuttal, let us reply: first, the term “brother” has a broad meaning in Hebrew tradition. Abraham & Lot are said “brothers” but they were actually uncle & nephew (Gn 13:8 & 14:12); Jesus says to call one another “brothers” with no regard to a same biological mother (Mt 23:8); another Mary is said “the mother of James & Joseph” but no one has two biological mothers (Mt 27:56); finally, from the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to John, “Behold thy mother” (Jn 19:27) as Mary had no other children to care for her. Second, Mary, conceived without sin, had no fallen nature. Again, Mary had no natural inclination towards lust; we must not judge Mary as having a weakness common to others. (Where the virtue of a perfect continence is found in others, this is due to God’s supernatural grace, and not from nature itself.)

Consider the harm in denying the Perpetual Virginity of our Blessed Mother

“The idea that Mary had other children is disrespectful to the Holy Spirit who claimed and sanctified her as His sanctuary. It insults Christ, who was the only-begotten of His mother even as He was the only-begotten of His heavenly Father. It insults Mary, who would have been guilty of great ingratitude to God, if she threw away the gift of virginity which God had so carefully preserved in her in the conception of Christ. It insults St. Joseph. God told him by an angel to take Mary to wife, and that the child to be born of her had no earthly father but was the very Son of God. God merely gave St. Joseph the privilege of protecting her good name amongst the undiscerning Jews, and He chose a God-fearing man who would respect her. Knowing that her child was God Himself in human form, Joseph would at once regard her as on a plane far superior to that of any ordinary human being, and to him, as to us, the mere thought of her becoming a mother to merely earthly children would have seemed a sacrilege.” (Radio Replies, vol. 1, #783; printed 1938)

Consider the mind of holy mother the Church on this matter

The Church addresses Mary, *Semper Virginis* (always virgin) which is to say, “Mary was a virgin before, during, and after she became the Mother of God.” May we all hold dear this and all what Mother Church teaches: may her thoughts be our thoughts; her loves our loves; her ideals our ideals. May we all be convinced that sharing in her life is the greatest gift God has ever given us, and losing her life is the greatest evil that could ever befall us, “Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.” If I am a member of this living Body, let me believe what she believes; if this Mother calls Mary, *Semper Virginis*, so do all her true children.

To end, what would we think if someone said something untrue of our earthly mother? Let us apply this sentiment towards our other mothers, too, i.e., Mary & the Church.



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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.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the “Blessing Table” in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

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

Sarasota “Lost & Found” now located in the vestibule; or check with the office if not found.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 05-12	Sunday after Ascension	2/W
Mon 05-13	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor	3/W
Tues 05-14	St Boniface	4/R
Wed 05-15	St John Baptist de la Salle	3/W
Thu 05-16	St Ubald, <i>Bishop</i>	3/W
Fri 05-17	St Paschal Baylon	3/W
Sat 05-18	Vigil of Pentecost	1/R
Sun 05-19	Pentecost Sunday	1/R



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 05-12	(7 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
	(8:30 am) <i>Deo gratias</i>	rb N Truong
	(10:30 am) <i>pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Juana Carvallo+	rb daughter
Mon 05-13	(12 pm) in honor of BVM	rb a friend
Tues 05-14	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one	rb anonymous
	(9 am) Fr Santino Fanucci+	rb Fay-Lu wu
Wed 05-15	(7 am) Michele & Frank Williams	rb M Meza
	(9 am) Aaron & Sarah Pruitt	rb M Pruitt
Thu 05-16	(7 am) Krystyna Guzewicz+	rb D Gier
	(9 am) All souls in Purgatory	rb K&R Jurmann
Fri 05-17	(9 am) Francis J Kramer+	rb AB Kramer
	(6:30 pm) Patrick Michael Came+	rb B&M Kuziel
Sat 05-18	(9 am) Welfare of the Church	rb MT Anton
Sun 05-19	(7 am) Charles J Lima+	rb M/M E DeVerna
	(8:30 am) Alberto Hidalgo	rb T&D Lima
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Marie Meza	rb M Meza

You will never have another one

Just because she is your mom and she's going to love you forever - no matter what - you can't treat her just any old way & think it doesn't matter. Don't treat the person who loves you the most, the worst. Don't take her for granted. She may not let you see it, but your shortness, impatience, and harsh words make her steal away to a quiet place and cry. Her heart hurts to understand why you seem so angry with her. She will not always agree with you, but she will always love you. And it doesn't matter how old you are, or how old she is... treasure your mom.

Happy Mother's Day!

Today, at the 10:30 am Mass, is CtK's May Crowning. We will honor our Blessed Mother with an outdoor procession & flowers (provided). Father will lead us in singing the Litany of Loreto as we process once around the parking circle. Returning to the sanctuary, Mary's image will be placed between the communion rail gates. In turn, each soul may approach to give a server a flower which he will be put in a vase. (If you have no flower, you may kiss your hand then the statue's foot; this will please her as much as if you had a flower to give.) Last, we will sing "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" (see handout) while a girl crowns Mary. Mass begins without the *Vidi Aquam*.

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entr: Be Joyful Mary, Heavenly Queen, #847; May Crowning (see handout); Mass I, #696 & Credo III, #776; Exit: Immaculate Mary, #906. **Today**, confirmation criteria due!

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,752.05; on-line \$5,233.00.00; CFA \$1,281.01. **Total souls: 485;** 7 am-44; 8:30 am-160; 10:30 am-163; 12:30 pm-118. **Ocala-283.**

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); **Wednesday,** CtK Day at PP (9 am-5 pm); **Thursday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), St Joseph's Guild (6:30 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm), **Saturday,** Youth Group (10 am), last class for 1st Holy Communicants (10-11 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Please pray for: Glenn & Emily Anstead, Logan Husmann (5/12); Rick Connick (5/5); McNamara family, Angelo Manganello, Michael C. Gallock, Chanelle Quesada (4/21); Anthony Milana, & Deana Meadows (4/14).

2024 CFA status at CtK as of May 4, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$54,148.27 pledged (47.92% of goal); from 28.70% of 216 households; \$36,391.59 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Holy Scripture on mothers:

Jesus said to the disciple: "Behold thy mother." Jn.19:27

Honor thy father & thy mother... Ex. 20:12

Cursed of God that angers his mother... Eccu. 3:18

Thou shall honor thy mother all the days of her life... Tob. 4:3

Forget not the groanings of thy mother... Eccu. 7:29

Despise not thy mother when she is old... Prov. 23:22

Dear Faithful,

Thank you for your continued prayers & financial support for our building project, **"Do This in Memory of Me."** The diocese is reviewing the contract between CtK and its new architect. Once settled, more detailed plans will be constructed. Thank you for your patience! frh