

On the Epistle: the Fruits of the Spirit

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Death, judgment, heaven, and hell – these are critical realities of every human soul. Just so, the knowledge of our being worthy of heaven should be important to us. And, as the Fruits of the Spirit are the first fruits of eternal life (and signs of our predestination for that blessed land), so knowledge of them should be especially important to us.

Today, we speak on the fruits of the Spirit as found in today's Epistle (Gal. 5)

The “works of the flesh” are called “works” because God has nothing to do with them; sins are purely the work of man. Again, we can surely say any un-repentant act of impurity, New Age practice, strife, envy, quarrel, drunkenness, “and such like,” are all signs of future damnation. In opposition to this, the “fruits of the Spirit” are so called because God is their primary cause; again, in the docile soul, the fruits are the natural productions of God which every Christian should possess in some degree.

St. Thomas Aquinas (Commentary on Galatians, Lecture 6) presents the twelve fruits in a logical manner whereby we may easily think upon them; we appended a short examine in parenthesis to help define the particular fruit in question.

St. Thomas says five relate directly to God and seven relate indirectly to God.

Relating to God: **Charity** (do I love God more than myself, do I wish to please Him above all); **Joy** (does my love of God bring me gladness?, am I joyful for His friendship?); **Peace** (does my Joy obtain for me a measure of tranquility whereby I can say, ‘my heart is at peace?’); **Patience** (in a passing trial, is my Peace preserved?); **Longsuffering** (in a prolonged trial, is my Joy preserved, again, at least, in some degree?) Again, Patience and Longsuffering preserve my Peace and Joy, respectively, when I am afflicted with some evil.

Relating to things outside of God, of which there are three kinds:

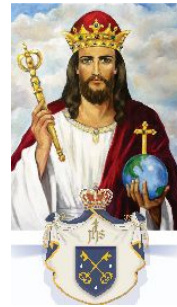
Things beside man, namely, his fellow man: **Goodness** (do I wish for my fellow man what I myself wish for?, e.g., do I wish heaven for my enemy?); **Generosity** (do I willingly share my time, my talent, my goods with others?, e.g., do I share my toys, let someone else have the bigger donut after the 10:30 am Mass?); **Mildness** (do I refrain from revenge when my neighbor offends me?, e.g., do I bless and not curse when someone cuts me off in traffic?)

Things above man: **Faith** (do I believe all revealed truth or that truth which the Church demands my assent for the salvation of my soul?, e.g., The Creed and all things therein related e.g., the Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity)

Things beneath man, namely, his body: **Modesty** (do I dress, walk, talk, sit and otherwise behave in ways worthy of heaven?, do I even care?); **Continency** (do I hold fast with a reasonable mind when base desires afflict it?); **Chastity** (do I use creatures properly so that they help me to heaven and not to hell?)

To end, “the fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory.” CCC 1832. As such, they are a reference point to help us determine whether or not we are on the right road, that is, the road to heaven or on the road to hell. Said again, they help us know if the good Spirit is with us or not.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, enkindle in them the fire of Thy love and Thou shall renew of the face of the earth. May we all be dry wood for such a fire.



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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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.

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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 office

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
COMMEMORATION		
Sun 09-03	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 09-04	Feria	4/G
Tues 09-05	St Lawrence Justinian	3/W
Wed 09-06	Feria	4/G
Thu 09-07	Feria	4/G
Fri 09-08	The Nativity of the BVM	2/W St Adrian
Sat 09-09	St Peter Claver	3/W St Gorgonius
Sun 09-10	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 09-03	(7 am) Gloria Flynn+ (8:30 am) T&C Flamminio anniversary (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass	rb G Flynn rb T Flamminio
Mon 09-04	(12 pm) M/M J Hanick++	rb G Hanick
Tues 09-05	(7 am) Mary Ann Dombro (9 am) Alexander Baugh	rb her daughter rb C Clough
Wed 09-06	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one (9 am) Teresa Tocher	rb anonymous rb R Speer
Thu 09-07	(7 am) Bart Vereb+ (9 am) Olivier Castellanos	rb Angley family rb M/M T Flamminio
Fri 09-08	(9 am) Intentions of the Pastor (6:30 pm) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a Tertiary rb a friend
Sat 09-09	(9 am) Isabella Shehwen	rb Mom & Dad
Sun 09-10	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (8:30 am) James & Patricia Linder (10:30 am) Bill & Barbara Wis (12:30 pm) No Mass	rb M Linder rb B&B Wis

The 12:30 pm Mass will be retired until the Fall.

Today's 10:30 am Music: no coffee and donuts after the 10:30 am Mass.

This Week: Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face (10:15 am); Thursday, Deanery meeting (11 am), Vespers (4:30 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), sung Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, server practice (10 – 12 noon); Vespers (4:30 pm).

If you want boxed envelopes, please contact the office by September 8th.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$3,663.28; on-line \$2,183.00; CFA \$1,089.00.
Total souls: 406: 7 am-51; 8:30 am-130; 10:30 am-225; **Ocala** (269).

Please pray for: Peggy Grobe (8/27), Mary Meza, Rodney Eberhardt (8/6); & Eileen McClain (7/30).

2023 CFA status at CtK as of August 26, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$79,895.48 pledged (64.96% of goal); from 40.47% of 215 households; \$64,339.19 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Parishioners, don't wait, don't be as those five foolish virgins, register this week for Youth Catechism during office hours (call ahead if you come after 3 pm). You **must** register your children for them to attend class. **The registration deadline is September 9, 2023.** Classes will be held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 5 to 6 pm; the first class is September 14.

Safe Environment Training & fingerprinting is required by the Diocese of Venice for all employees & volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults. For further information, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website for scheduled training dates.

Some of you have asked about receiving confirmation. Please know Fr Hathaway did not schedule Confirmation this year as, at the time, he knew of no prospective candidates until now. Please know, however, that Fr Van Zee is hoping to have Confirmation this coming Easter. If you wish for this Sacrament, Fr Huber or Fr Hathaway will test you; and, if you pass, Fr Van Zee says he will happily receive you to be confirmed.

ACT OF FAITH

O MY GOD, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

ACT OF CHARITY

O MY GOD, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.