

On the Duties of the Faithful to their Pastors

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, we see how good shepherds care for their sheep; we may also consider the duties of the sheep towards their pastors. (ref. Catechism of Trent)

I am the good shepherd: and I know mine and mine know me. Christ is the good Shepherd, but not the only shepherd for in His Church there are other *pastors*, namely, pope, bishop & parish priest, who share in His pastoral governance. In part, the Fourth Commandment obliges Catholics *to honor thy father*.

“To honor” means **“to think respectfully of anyone, and to hold in highest esteem all that relates to him. It includes love, respect, obedience, and reverence.”** Again, the commandment reads: *thou shall honor*, not “thou shall love” or “thou shall fear,” for authentic “honor,” honor “proceeding from the heart,” includes “both love and fear.”

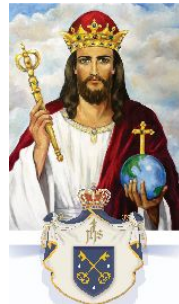
“To honor thy father” refers first to biological fathers, yet it applies to others who are *fathers* in various ways. We owe honor to fathers who govern our souls, the prelates of the Church, (priest, bishop & pope); who govern the state (president, governor, etc.); who have care of others (teacher, guardian, etc.); and, last, those who are advanced in years.

Regarding prelates, the Apostle clearly states our obligation: “Obey your prelates and be subject to them; for they watch as being (responsible) to render an account of your souls that they may do this with joy, and not with grief, for this is not expedient for you.” (Hb 13:17); and Christ Himself commands this even of wicked pastors, “Upon the chair of Moses have sat the scribes and Pharisees: all things, therefore, whatsoever they shall say to you, observe and do; but according to their works do ye not, for they say and do not.” (Mt 23:2)

Trent also speaks of our obligation to pray for our prelates: “Before all others the pastor of our souls have a right to our prayers, as we learn from the example of the Apostle” wherein he asks the Colossians to pray for him, “that God may open to him the door of his speech” (Col 4:3); he repeats the same to the Thessalonians. (1 Thess. 5:25) Scripture says prayers were offered in the Church “without intermission for Peter.” (Acts 12:5)

St. Basil puts the obligation to pray for our spiritual fathers this way: “We must pray for those who are charged with preaching the word of truth.” Again, this precept includes the local pastor who is responsible for a portion of the flock within a diocese, the Bishop who is responsible for an entire diocese within the universal Church, and the Pope himself who is the shepherd of all souls upon the earth at a given time. Again, lest it be missed, true Catholics pray for their prelates, not point out their real or perceived faults, nor speak or act in such wise as to deny them love, respect, obedience, and reverence.

St. Peter lived during a time of two notorious emperors, Caligula (37-41) & Nero (54-68), yet he commanded the early Christians to “honor the king” (1 Pt 2:17) without distinction to their being good or bad. In our time, it is shameful what some “good” Catholics say of government leaders. Regarding prelates, such talk is more reprehensible for here we approach things divine; here a lack of honor is shown Holy Orders (in degree) and scandal to the weak in faith is more easily given... even to the loss of eternal life! As a general rule, let us always & everywhere speak of our prelates as we would our earthly fathers; if we did but this, how much more a true Catholic we all would be.



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.

2nd Sunday after Easter

April 14, 2024, A.D.

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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.

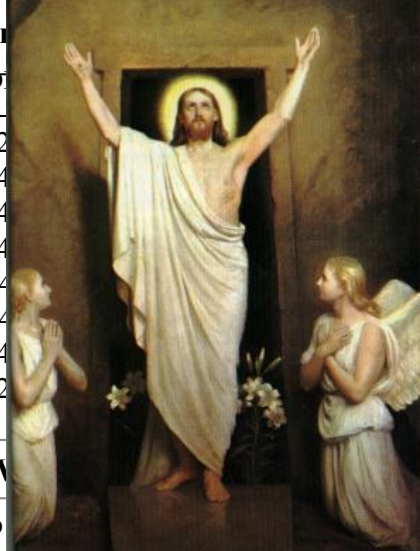
1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOUR
Sun 04-14	2 nd (Good Shepherd) Sunday after Easter	2
Mon 04-15	Feria in Paschaltide	4
Tues 04-16	Feria in Paschaltide	4
Wed 04-17	St Anicetus, Pope & Martyr	4
Thu 04-18	Feria in Paschaltide	4
Fri 04-19	Feria in Paschaltide	4
Sat 04-20	Saturday of Our Lady	4
Sun 04-21	3 rd Sunday after Easter	2



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 04-14	(7 am) Brenden & Teresa Waters (8:30 am) Mya Blakesley (10:30 am) <i>pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Brianne, Bianca, Andrew	rb rb M Meza rb moMma
Mon 04-15	(12 pm) Manuel Hidalgo+	rb T&D Lima
Tues 04-16	(7 am) Larry Walters (9 am) Fr Stephane Dupre	rb your friends at CtK rb CtK parishioners
Wed 04-17	(7 am) Robert J Mahala+ Lin (9 am) Lino Carvallo Sr.+	rb B&M Harkins rb family
Thu 04-18	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one (9 am) John Plowman	rb anonymous rb C Khoi
Fri 04-19	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (6:30 pm) Samantha Tilden	rb KD rb T Tilden
Sat 04-20	(9 am) Christian P	rb M Meza
Sun 04-21	(7 am) Alfred C LaBocchetta+ (8:30 am) Alexander Baugh (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Art Magnusson+	rb M/M L Labrecque rb M T Anton rb B Magnusso

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Wednesday, CtK Day at PP (see infra); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), St Joseph Guild (6:30 pm); Friday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm), Saturday, Youth Group (10 am), 1st of 2 classes for 1st Holy Communion candidates (10-11 am), Pro-Life talk (see infra), Vespers (4:30 pm).

40 DFL vigil at Planned Parenthood on Wed 4/17 from 9-5. 24,242 lives have been saved through 40 DFL. 148 abortion centers have closed, and 256 abortion workers have quit. Please sign up in the vestibule for an hour of prayer with your CtK family. We have new signs available, contact Missy with any questions (her info is on the sign-up sheet).

Guest speaker Savannah Evans will be here Saturday 4/20 following the 9am Mass. Join us in the social hall to hear about her pro-life journey as a young adult spreading a culture of life.

Please pray for: Anthony Milana, Deana Meadows (4/14), Eileen McClain, Emily Anstead (4/07); Colette Conetta, Christina Slovak (3/31); Sr M Gertrude, OCD, (3/24); Megan Roberts, McNamara family, & Kari Harrisville (3/17).

CtK will host First Holy Communions this year on Sunday, June 2, the external solemnity of Corpus Christi at the 10:30 am Mass with reception to follow (for communion parties only.) Candidates! see **“First Communion 2024” letter in the vestibule**. As requested, two **non-mandatory preparation classes will be held the Saturdays of April 20 & May 18 from 10-11 am in the choir room**. Contact the office if you believe your child(ren) is ready to receive their 1st Holy Communion.

By delegation, Fr Hathaway will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at CtK on Pentecost Thursday, May 23, 2024, A.D. at 6 pm followed by Holy Mass with reception to follow. As soon as possible, **candidates must contact your place of baptism & ask them to send CtK a recent copy of your baptismal certificate**. Also, those desiring the sacrament must attend the next two catechism classes, i.e., the Thursdays of April 11 & 25 from 5-6 pm. **Please see “Confirmation 2024” letter in the vestibule.** [Finally, if you cannot attend this event, Bishop Dewane directs you receive the sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.]

Dear Faithful,

The Campaign Committee for CtK’s building project, **“Do This in Memory of Me,”** will meet with Bishop Dewane on April 24 at 11 am to discuss its revised plan for a church seating 400 souls, reflecting God’s majesty, and within our sacrificial means. Please continue this in your prayers. Frh

Today, and for the two Sundays following, will be low Masses at 10:30 am.

Last Sunday’s Collection: cash \$5,838.00; on-line \$2,665.00; CFA \$810.00.

Total souls: 473; 7 am-65; 8:30 am-149; 10:30 am-150; 12:30 pm-109.

2024 CFA status at CtK as of April 6, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$44,733.50 pledged (39.59% of goal); from 24.88% of 213 households; \$25,795.99 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**