

On Being Deaf & Dumb

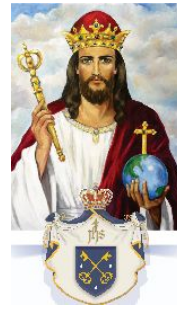
The Old Testament often compares godless people to lifeless statues: “The idols of the Gentiles are silver & gold, the works of men’s hands. They have a mouth, but they speak not. They have eyes, but they see not. They have ears, but they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths. Let them that make them be like to them: and every one that trusts in them.” (Ps 134:16-18); “Hear, O foolish people, and without understanding: who have eyes, and see not: and ears, and hear not. Will you not fear me, says the Lord: and will you not repent at my presence?” (Je 5:21-22); “Go and thou shalt say to this people: Hearing, hear and understand not; and see the vision, and know it not. Blind the heart of this people, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes: lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.” (Is 6:9-10)

The Old Testament also foretells a time of healing: “In that day, the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and out of darkness & obscurity the eyes of the blind shall see.” (Is 29:18); “Say to the faint hearted: Take courage and fear not, behold your God will bring the revenge of recompense: God himself will come and save you. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.” (Is 35: 4-5)

These prophecies were fulfilled perfectly in the Person of Jesus Christ; the Gospels overflow with His healing miracles. Ultimately, He performed these so that people might believe in Him & in His teaching. Alas, it remained a hard sell. A sampling: **Regarding Baptism:** Our Lord says, “Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus cautiously replies, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb?” (Jn 3:3-12) **Regarding Confession:** Jesus forgives the sins of a man with palsy and the Pharisees object, “...he blasphemeth, who can forgive sins but God alone?” Jesus replies, “That you may know that the son of man has power on earth to forgive sins, I say to you (to the man with palsy): Arise take up thy mat and walk.” (Mk 2:3-12) **Regarding the Holy Eucharist:** Our Lord says, “Amen, Amen, I say unto you: *Except you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you...* Many of his disciples, hearing it, said: This is a hard saying, and who can hear it?... And many of his disciples walked no more with him.” (Jn 6:54-67).

No wonder our Blessed Lord often begins a lesson: “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.” (This phrase appears 8 times in the Gospels). Now all men have ears, but how many use them unto salvation? Even we who hear the Gospel often, how many really believe what we hear? Not merely hearing, but really believing them by their faithful & confident practice. How many?

To end, Jesus Christ came to open our ears to saving truths & loose our tongues to practice a confident faith. No doubt, in varying degree, or from time to time, the deaf & dumb man is in us. We do well to say often the prayer of the father whose boy was possessed from his infancy, “I do believe Lord: help my unbelief.” For only after saying this did Jesus expel the deaf & dumb spirit who could then no-longer throw the poor lad into the fire. (Mk 9: 20-28)



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

“Lost & Found” is in the vestibule; if not there, check with 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 08-04	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 08-05	Ded. of Bas. of St Mary Major	3/W
Tues 08-06	Transfiguration of D.N.I.C	2/W Ss Sixtus II & Companions
Wed 08-07	St Cajetan, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W St Donatus
Thu 08-08	St John Marie Vianney, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W Ss Cyriacus, Largus, & Smaragdus
Fri 08-09	Vigil of St Laurence	3/V St Romanus
Sat 08-10	St Laurence, <i>Martyr</i>	2/R
Sun 08-11	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 08-04	(7 am) Claire Verdini (not at CtK)	rb K Zilli
	(8:30 am) the Saizieu family	rb L de Saizieu
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) No Mass until Fall	
Mon 08-05	(12 pm) our grandchildren	rb Mimi & Jidu
Tues 08-06	(7 am) Roberta Speer (not at CtK)	rb T Shehwen
	(9 am) Dinh's family	rb K Dinh
Wed 08-07	(7 am) Charles Wendel (not at CtK)	rb Wendel family
	(9 am) Maria Ngoc Pham	rb N Truong
Thu 08-08	(7 am) Carrol Gautreaux+ (not at CtK)	rb Steindorf family
	(9 am) Fr Sean Kopezynski	rb R Galatolo
Fri 08-09	(9 am) Robert Simmons+	rb T Simmons
	(6:30 pm) Poor Souls in purgatory	rb M/M JP Marchand
Sat 08-10	(9 am) John DiCino	rb M T Anton
Sun 08-11	(7 am) Maria Servin+ (not at CtK)	rb P Furlong
	(8:30 am) Judy Steindorf+	rb Steindorf family
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) No Mass until Fall	

Today's 10:30 am music: Enter: Hail Holy Queen, #908 & Exit: Holy, Holy, Holy, #929

This week, [Fr Huber is away until 8/14; there is no 7 am Mass until he returns, including Sunday]; Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Wednesday, **Finance Council** (5 pm); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, server practice (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,162.65; on-line \$1,715.00; CFA \$2,075.83.

Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$195.00; on-line: \$8,295.00.

Total souls: 471; 7 am-66; 8:30 am-150; 10:30 am-255. *Ocala-315.*

2024 CFA status at CtK as of July 27, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$69,020.07 pledged (61.08% of goal); from 34.56% of 217 households; \$57,479.21 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

ALERT! ALERT! Next Sunday, there will be no 7 am Mass & the 10:30 am Mass will be a low Mass to free the choir room for 8:30 am Mass attendees.

Please pray for: Brian Meadows, (8/4); Markus Dixon, Rick Connick (7/28); Randy Engels, Terry Angley, (7/21); Carole Staron, Jorge Luis, Emily Anstead, (7/14); Julie Johnson, Carol Labrecque, & Sheila Mills (7/7).

Prepping the Catholic way. Fr Chad Ripperger at *Sensus Fidelium* on Youtube offers a 5-part series entitled: "Living Through These Trying Times."

And another thing: besides dressing our best at Sunday Mass, we should also attend to our marks of reverence. Father is seeing more people give a curtsy upon entering or leaving their pew. Properly, the reverence given Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a genuflection i.e., in facing the tabernacle, the right knee touches (kisses) the ground. Of course, there may be legitimate reasons that one cannot genuflect, but Father writes this in case there is no excuse but a show of sloppiness. Again, we are appearing before "the Lord of lords, King of kings." Let's give Him what He deserves. He who has ears to hear, will hear what I am saying.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

8/4/24

Thank you for your continued prayers & donations for the success of our building project, "**Do This in Memory of Me.**"

Be reminded, Bishop Dewane has given CtK three years to run its Capital Campaign for its building project **Do This in Memory of Me** without this money being assessed by the Diocese. After three years, all monies donated to CtK will be liable for assessment. Again, the Diocese supports its programs through its annual Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA); the CFA assessment is 26% of all monies given any Parish in the Diocese of Venice.

Moreover, while running our Campaign, CtK remains in debt to the diocese for its current CFA assessment which is, and will remain so for three years, \$113,000.00. Of course, the bishop expects CtK will also maintain its current operations with normal donations. Please keep all of this in mind. This may require of us that we temporarily discontinue donating to other entities. It would be to our disadvantage if, in three years time, we were not able to raise all the needed funds, and had to continue raising funds, as these monies would increase our CFA debt to the diocese substantially.

Again, if you wish to donate now, please do so through our website. You may also donate by check, writing on the memo line: "Do This in Memory of Me" or "Building Project." Project donation envelopes are on their way; and, eventually, pledge envelopes will be available, too.

God bless you,

Fr Hathaway