

The prayers of today's leper & centurion & century & century; just so, these men show us *how to pray*, namely, with faith!, knowing God is *almighty* & believing in a *kindly Father*, Who cares should a sparrow fall to the ground.

The Roman Catechism on effective prayer.

Faith and Confidence

Without faith, we cannot know the power or mercy of God, which are the sources of our confidence in prayer, as Christ taught, "All things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." (Mt 21:22); St. Augustine says, "Without faith prayer is useless."

"Good prayer" is accompanied by "a firm and & unwavering faith." St. Paul says, "How shall they call upon him whom they have not believed." (Rm 10:14) Again, to pray effectively, we must know what we believe & believe what we say!; for as faith begets prayer, so it is prayer which removes doubts & strengthens faith. St. Ignatius says, "Be not of doubtful mind in prayer; blessed is he who has not doubted." Thus, to receive from God, "faith & assured confidence," come first; "Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering." (Jm 1:6)

Motives of Confidence in Prayer

Confidence in prayer begins with knowing God's outstanding gift to us: "He commands us to call Him **Father**, thus giving us to understand that we are His children." Also, we must recall "our chief advocate," Christ, is ever ready help us: "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the just; and he is the propitiation for our sins." (1 Jn 2:1) St. Paul writes, "Christ Jesus, that died, yea, that is risen also again, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Rm 8:34); and "For there is one God, and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tm 2:5) Thus, though we be unworthy to receive divine favors, "by considering & resting our claims upon the dignity of our great Mediator & Intercessor, Jesus Christ, we should hope & trust most confidently, that, through His merits, God will grant us all that we ask in the proper way." Third, we must know that "the Holy Ghost is the author of our prayer" under Whose influence "we cannot fail to be heard" for we have *received the spirit of adoption as sons, whereby we cry, "Abba, (Father)."* To advance our prayer, the Holy Spirit imparts confidence & removes ignorance; He even asks for us "*with unspeakable groanings.*" (Rm 8:15,26) Last, if our prayer wavers through lack of faith, let us say with the Apostles, "Lord, increase our faith." (Lk 27:5) & with the father of the demoniac; "Help my unbelief." (Mk 9:23)

Correspondence with God's Will

Moreover, effective prayer requires that "all our thoughts, actions & prayers" conform themselves to God's law & pleasure; "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you." (Jn 15:7)

Fraternal Charity

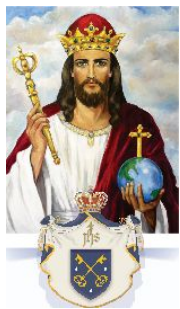
Finally, so that our prayers have power to obtain "all things from God" we must, as said, "forget injuries, cherish sentiments of good will & be kind towards our neighbor."

To end, Christ cured a leper by touch, *stretching forth his hand, touched him, saying: I will. Be thou clean. And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed*; and, *from afar*, He cured the centurion's servant, *as thou has believed, so it shall be done. And the servant was cured that same hour.*

Here is our *almighty* God, curing by a touch, curing from afar & by the faith of a disciple.

In the Commons of the Mass, "almighty" God is invoked 19 times; many Propers repeat the same, like today's Collect: "O *almighty* and everlasting God..." Often do we profess belief in an *almighty* God, but do we *really* believe? Does our confidence at prayer reflect this doctrine? Right now, I am no different than that leper or centurion, I too have Christ before me; indeed, soon He shall rest on my tongue. Do I have their bold confidence in His power? Their confidence which obtains by faith?

"Go, and as thou has believed, so it be done to thee."



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.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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/COLOR
Sun 01-21	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	2/G
Mon 01-22	Votive Mass for Peace	2/V Ss Vincent & Anastasius
Tues 01-23	St Raymond of Penafort	3/W St Emerentiana
Wed 01-24	St Timothy	3/R
Thu 01-25	Conversion of St Paul	3/W St Peter
Fri 01-26	St Polycarp	3/W
Sat 01-27	St John Chrysostom	3/W
Sun 01-28	Septuagesima Sunday	2/V

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 01-21	(7 am) In thanksgiving to St Roch (8:30 am) Carrol Gautreaux+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) James Mikluscak	rb M&K Weber rb Steindorf family rb J&J Mikluscak
Mon 01-22	(12 pm) Fr Huber, FssP	rb Kim D
Tues 01-23	(7 am) Holy Land Christians (9 am) Thomas Deitche & family	rb J Mahoney rb M Pruitt
Wed 01-24	(7 am) Veronica Furey+ (9 am) Tim Steindorf+	rb K Conetta rb B&M Kuziel
Thu 01-25	(7 am) Aaron Shehwen (9 am) Tom Costo+	rb Mom & Dad rb Altar Servers
Fri 01-26	(9 am) Cecilia Vargas (6:30 pm) Mary Jean Kirsch+	rb C Plowman rb K Kirsch & B Blake
Sat 01-27	(9 am) John McGrath+	rb K Houseweart
Sun 01-28	(7 am) Victor Milana+ (8:30 am) Phyllis M Meyer+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) FssP & Preservation of TLM	rb M Milana rb Steindorf family

Today's 10:30 am Mass Entr: What Child is This?, #821; Asperges, #567; Mass XI, #740 & Credo III, #776; Exit: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, #820.

This week, Monday, a Day of Penitential Observance for the sin of abortion, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), [**no Women's Book Club**] Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Cat. (5-6 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, Pro-Life meeting (10 am), **Vespers (3 pm)**.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,467.00; on-line \$2,255.00; CFA \$474.00.

Total souls: 545: 7 am-52; 8:30 am-168; 10:30 am-202; 12:30 pm-123. (*Ocala*, 351)

Please pray for: Mary Meza (1/21); Steve Perkins (1/14); Eileen McClain, Leo Labrecque, Danielle Hurley; Steindorf family (1/7); & Wis family (12/17).

2023 CFA status at CtK as of January 13, 2024: \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$127,298.28 pledged (103.49% of goal); from 51.27% of 236 households; \$121,304.28 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

CFA 2023 has ended. CtK exceeded its goal from over 50% of its parishioners, ranking CtK as third highest in the Diocese. This should please any bishop. Again, a bishop might not care for the TLM niche we fill, but he would appreciate such generous support for his Diocese as to consider such an asset. **Our 2024 CFA assessment is \$113,000.00;** but more on that next week.

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.

Holy Face novena begins Sunday, Feb 4 & ends, Monday, Feb. 12. See prayers at <http://theholysface.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Holy-Face-9Day-Novena.pdf>

In time for Candlemas, 100% beeswax candles for sale. See the office.

...et offer munus, quod praecepit Moyses, in testimonium illis.

See a profound mystery. The Law of Moses declared that a leper be condemned of uncleanness and driven from the camp as unclean. Afterwards, should the sickness depart, the Law allowed his return this way: *he shall be brought to the priest: who... shall command him that is to be purified, to offer for himself two living sparrows, lawful to eat: he shall command one of the sparrows to be immolated in an earthen vessel over living waters; but the other that is alive he shall dip in the blood of the sparrow that is immolated, wherewith he shall sprinkle him that is to be cleansed seven times, that he be rightly purified. And he shall free the living sparrow in the field. (Lev. 14).* One of the birds was slain; and one was sprinkled with the blood of the one slain and, being freed, escaped slaughter. Such events are figures of things now true. For Christ died for us; and we are baptized into His death, and He, by His blood, has redeemed us.

~ *A gloss on St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor; 318-386*

Up-date on CtK extension plan: The diocese received Fr Hathaway's certified letter on 1/2/24. As of 1/19/24, there has been no response. God's will be done!