

**JUNE 2023**  
**@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 7 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am low Masses <b>only</b> . <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	29 (Memorial Day) <b>Pentecost Monday</b> 12 noon Mass (frh) 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala</b> - 7 am Mass, no class	30 <b>Pentecost Tuesday</b> 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	31 <b>Ember Wednesday in the Octave of Pentecost</b> 9 am Mass 7 pm choir practice	June 1 <b>Pentecost Thurs.</b> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers <b>5 - 8 pm Adoration</b>	2 <b>Ember Fri. in Octave</b> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass <b>7:30 pm Young Adults</b>	3 <b>Ember Sat. in Octave</b> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala</b> - 10:30 am Mass & devotions ( <b>frv returns</b> )
4 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm Masses.  <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	5 <b>St Boniface</b> 12 noon Mass 1:30 pm St Theresa Guild 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala</b> - 7 am Mass	6 St Norbert 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 Holy Face Devotions	7 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers <b>5 pm begin 40-hour Adoration</b> (frh) 7 pm choir practice	8 <b>Corpus Christi</b> 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frv) 4:30 pm Vespers <b>5 - 6 pm last Youth Cat. class</b>	9 Feria <b>9 am end 40-hour Adoration then Mass</b> (frh) 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	10 St Margaret, Queen of Scotland 9 am Mass 10 am - 12 pm server practice 4:30 pm Vespers
11 <b>Ext. Sol. of Corpus Christi</b> (1st Holy Communion at 12:30 pm Mass) 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm Masses. <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	12 St John of San Facundo ( <b>frh away; no 7 am Mass until he returns on 6/30</b> ) 12 noon Mass 7 pm St Theresa Guild <b>Ocala</b> - 7 am Mass	13 St Anthony of Padua 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions <b>6:30 - 8 pm Book Club</b>	14 St Basil the Great 9 am Mass 7 pm choir practice	15 Feria 9 am Mass 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild	16 <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> 9 am Mass 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	17 St Gregory of Barbarigo 9 am Mass 10 am Youth Group
18 (Father's Day) <b>Ext. Sol. of the Sacred Heart</b> 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses <b>only</b> . Coffee & donuts after 10:30 Mass <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	19 St Juliana Falconieri 12 noon 4:30 Vespers <b>Ocala</b> - 7 am Mass (frh on retreat)	20 Feria 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	21 St Aloysius Gonzaga 9 am Mass 7 pm choir practice	22 St Paulinus of Nola 9 am Mass CtK Day at PP (1-6 pm)	23 <b>Vigil, Nativity of SJB</b> 9 am Mass 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	24 <b>Nativity of SJB</b> 9 am Mass
25 (Fr Van Zee, here) <b>4th Sun. after Pentecost</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm Masses <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	26 Ss John & Paul 12 noon Mass <b>Ocala</b> - 7 am Mass	27 O.L. of Perpetual Help 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions <b>6:30 - 8 pm Book Club</b>	28 Vigil, Ss Peter & Paul 9 am Mass 7 pm choir practice	29 <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b> 9 am Mass	30 Comm. of St Paul 9 am Mass 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass <b>(frh returns)</b>	<b>July 1</b> <b>Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> 9 am Mass & devotions  <b>Ocala</b> - 10:30 am Mass & devotions (frv)

***Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*** (Mt 5:10)

The 8th & last Beatitude is immediately followed by the phrase: "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ***Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven***, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:11-12).

St Thomas says the 8th Beatitude is a summation of them all, "for from the very fact that a man is confirmed in poverty of spirit, meekness, and the rest, it follows that no persecution will induce him to renounce them. Hence the eighth Beatitude corresponds, in a way, to all the preceding seven" (STh I-II, Q. 69, art. 3, ad 5).

Again, Jesus Christ lived all the Beatitudes but the 8th is uniquely our example: "Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, did not revile, when he suffered, he threatened not: but delivered himself to him that judged him unjustly." (1 Pt 2:22) Likewise, St Paul repeats this sentiment: "we are reviled, and we bless: we are persecuted, and we suffer it: we are slandered, and we entreat, we are made the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all even till now... Wherefore, I beseech ye, be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor 4:12-16)

Again, As Christ suffered in many ways and from many groups: the Jews, the government, even from his own kin, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." (Jn 1:11), so any disciple of Jesus must expect a similar experience, "Remember my word that I said to you, 'The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you.'" (Jn 15:20)

This is not a pleasant expectation, but it must be noted lest we be unduly surprised, "If the world hate you, know ye that it hated me before you. If you had been of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (Jn 15:18) St Paul echoes the Master: "All who will live piously in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Tm 3:12).

Contrariwise, not to be persecuted is a bad sign. Fr Hardon says "In doing so, you must expect to be opposed. If you are not persecuted, if you are not opposed, if you are not spoken falsely about, if people don't say all manner of evil against you for Christ's sake - suspect today your loyalty to the Master." He says further, "we are being persecuted in our country, not with fire and sword, but with what is often even more successful: seduction, blandishment, and the sad example of those who still call themselves Christians, but who have betrayed the name of Christ."

**To end**, as we have seen, St. Augustine relates each Gift of the Holy Spirit to a Beatitude, but not the 8th Beatitude. Why? Because the last Beatitude returns to the first, forming a circle. This Beatitude is an *alpha et omega*; it contains Wisdom & the Fear of the Lord & everything in between; in suffering for justice sake, you have a likeness of all the Gifts.

And what can we say of the promised reward i.e., "the kingdom of heaven." This is beyond comprehension, "Eye has not seen nor has ear heard, nor has it entered into heart of man to know what things God has laid up for them that love him." The willingness to suffer for the sake of truth, however, is some idea. Even now, there is a great peace in having a clean conscience uncompromised by a lie.