

## On Trapping Pharisees

Tuesday of Holy Week witnessed the last verbal skirmish between Christ & His adversaries, especially the Pharisees who plotted to “trap him in his words.” (Mt 22:15).

The **Herodians**, a political group loyal to Herod’s dynasty, were urged by the Pharisees to expose Christ a traitor with their baited question, “Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?” (Mt 22:17) The **Sadducees**, a religious group supporting the Romans, wished to make Christ appear a fool & discredit him before the people with their question mocking the resurrection, “...whose wife shall she be of the seven? For they all had her.” (Mt 22:28). Finally, the **Pharisees**, a religious group opposed to the Romans, present their champion, a doctor of the law, who “tempting him” asks, “What is the great commandment in the law?” Although each group asks insincerely, the questions of the Herodians & Sadducees at least contain some complexity. In contrast, the **Pharisees** ask a Catechism 101 question, “What is the great Commandment?” What answer were they hoping to hear to “trap him in his words”?

Recently, in the Temple, on the Feast of the Dedication, they heard Him say, “The Father and I are one.” (Jn 10:30) Likely, the Pharisees hoped Christ would say the great commandment applied to Him as to God; but He only says, “Thou shall love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind. This the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments depends the whole law and prophets.” Then He asks the Pharisees, “What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?” Why such a question, unless He was guiding the Pharisees to the truth of Himself?

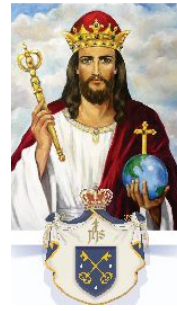
The Pharisees respond, “David’s.” “How then does David,” replies the God-man, “in spirit call him Lord saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord: Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then called him Lord, how is he his son?’” Baffled or routed, the Pharisees, from that moment, are silenced, “from that day forth no one asked him any more questions.” (Mt 22:24).

***They prepared a snare for my feet; and are fallen into it.*** (Ps 56:7)

When Christ answered the **Herodians**, we read, “Hearing this they marveled and went off”; answering the **Sadducees**, we read, “When the crowds heard this they marveled at his teaching”; of the **Pharisees**, we read only that they did not ask him any more questions.

The Herodians & crowds marvel, but the Pharisees, too ashamed to admit their ignorance or too proud to submit to the Word made flesh, do not ask Christ, “What say ye of Christ?” Instead, they choose to remain ignorant either to avoid further embarrassment or to preserve their bias.

**To end**, had the Pharisees asked Christ to explain David's meaning, perhaps He would have plainly revealed that David was speaking of Him, true Son of God & true son of man; Son of God by His divinity and son of man by His human nature (the only way to interpret what David wrote by divine inspiration). But, had Christ openly confessed His two natures, it likely would have made no difference. As the Pharisees had already failed to honor the great commandment by not loving Christ as man, so they likely would not love Him as God. Said again, Christ had caught the Pharisees in their own trap.



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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## 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Sarasota “Lost & Found” now located in the office

### In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
COMMEMORATION		
Sun 09-24	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 09-25	Feria	4/G
Tues 09-26	St Isaac Jogues et al.	3/R Ss Cyprian & Justina
Wed 09-27	Ss Cosmas & Damian	3/R
Thu 09-28	St Wenceslaus	3/R
Fri 09-29	Ded. of St Michael Archangel	1/W
Sat 09-30	St Jerome	3/W
Sun 10-01	Ex. Sol. O.L. Rosary	2/W 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 09-24	(7 am) Jerry Fabyanic	rb Fabyanic family
	(8:30 am) Joseph Conetta	rb Conetta family
	(10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm)	<b>No Mass</b>
Mon 09-25	(12 pm) Mary Kuziel	rb R Speer
Tues 09-26	(7 am) Gabrielle Boulanger+	<b>(not at CtK)</b> rb J Husmann
	(9 am) Therese Lena Truong	rb N Truong
Wed 09-27	(7 am) Brian Quinn	<b>(not at CtK)</b> rb V Quinn
	(9 am) Bro. Goretti Zilli	rb K Zilli
Thu 09-28	(7 am) Bob & Carolyn Ross & family	<b>(not at CtK)</b> rb M/M T Flamminio
	(9 am) Rosalie Bock+	rb B&B Wis
Fri 09-29	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
	(6:30 pm) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb L de Saizieu
Sat 09-30	(9 am) Susanne Perri	rb Ron Perri
Sun 10-01	(7 am) Ryan Husmann	<b>(not at CtK)</b> rb Conetta family
	(8:30 am) Stacy Steindorf	rb T&C Flamminio
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm)	<b>No Mass</b>

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

**Today's 10:30 am Music:** Entr: O Jesus Christ Remember, 941; Asperges, 567; Mass VI, 719 & Credo IV, 780; Exit: Now Thank We All Our God, 937.

**This Week:** (Fr Hathaway is away until 10/12; no 7 am Mass at CtK until he returns; Fr takes these Masses with him); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Book Club (6:30 – 8 pm); Thursday, CtK Day at PP (10:30-7 pm), Youth Catechism (5-6 pm); Friday, Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm).

**Next two Sundays**, no 7 am Mass and these will be low Masses.

**Last Sunday's Collection:** cash \$4,278.00; on-line \$1,850.00; CFA \$45.00.  
**Total souls: 447:** 7 am-70; 8:30 am-132; 10:30 am-245; **Ocala** (286).

**Please pray for:** Pamela Manuelian, Maureen & Bobby McNamara (9/17), Christian P., Eileen McClain, Elaine Zappala (9/10); & Peggy Grobe (8/27).

**2023 CFA status at CtK as of September 16, 2023 :** \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$82,445.48 pledged (67.03% of goal); from 41.01% of 217 households; \$69,198.31 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

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**On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will be having a ceremony of initiation of the members who have joined the Confraternity of St Peter in the past year. Please consider joining the Confraternity and praying for the Fraternity of St Peter. There are fliers in the vestibule that explain the Confraternity of St Peter as well as the inscription forms. The ceremony, consisting of one decade of the Rosary followed by the Confraternity prayer (as found in the materials) will only be conducted after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses that day.

### End of Year Financial Statement 2022-2023

<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expense:</b>
Offertory \$457,685	Salaries \$49,011
Votive Lights \$10,055	Stipends \$83,270
DOV S&L Interest \$5,983	Table \$18,000
Stole Fees \$17,985	Utilities \$13,826
	Liturgy \$17,033
	Office \$14,264
	Maintenance \$15,921

Total Revenue \$628,662      Total Expenditures \$389,539

Net Operating Revenue \$239,123

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