

APRIL 2024

@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 Easter Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 1:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>APRIL 1 Easter Monday 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>2 Easter Tuesday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>3 Easter Wednesday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>4 Easter Thursday / 1st Thursday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm Confessions 5-8 pm Adoration</p>	<p>5 Easter Friday / 1st Friday QAA egg Hunt! 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Young Adults</p>	<p>6 Easter Saturday / 1st Saturday 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala 10:30 am (frv)</p>
<p>7 Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses. Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>8 Annunciation BVM 12 noon Mass 1 pm St Theresa Guild 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm low Mass (frh), for Capital Campaign Ocala- 7 am Mass</p>	<p>9 Feria in Paschaltide 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frv)</p>	<p>10 Feria in Paschaltide Felicity 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>11 St Leo, the Great 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Cat.</p>	<p>12 Feria in Paschaltide 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>13 St Hermenegild 9 am Mass 10 am server practice 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>14 2nd (Good Sheperd) Sunday after Easter 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>15 Feria in Paschaltide 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>16 Feria in Paschaltide 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>17 St Anicetus, Pope 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 9-5 pm CtK Day at PP</p>	<p>18 Feria in Paschaltide 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild</p>	<p>19 Feria in Paschaltide 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>20 Saturday of Our Lady 9 am Mass 10 am Pro-Life talk by Savannah Evans 10 am Youth Group 10-11 am 1st of 2 classes for 1st Holy Communicants 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>21 3rd Sunday after Easter 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>22 Ss Soter & Caius 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass Begin Novena to St Joseph the Worker, for our campaign.</p>	<p>23 St George, Martyr 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frh)</p>	<p>24 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>25 St Mark or Rogation Mass 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Cat.</p>	<p>26 Ss Cletus & Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>27 St Peter Canisius 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>28 4th Sunday after Easter 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>29 St Peter, Martyr 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>30 St Catherine of Siena, Virgin 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>MAY 1 St Joseph, the Worker 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Mass (frh) for Capital Campaign</p>	<p>2 St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm Confessions 5-8 pm Adoration</p>	<p>3 Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Young Adults</p>	<p>4 Immaculate Heart of Mary 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala 10:30 am (frv)</p>

Catholics believe that all mankind will receive their own body again at the general judgment. “I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth. And I shall be clothed again in my skin; and in my flesh I shall see my God.” (Job 19:25,26)

Catholics profess that the heavenly bodies differ in glory & that these bodies shall have four qualities: impassibility, brightness, agility, and subtility.

St. Paul summarizes the manner of the resurrection of the just in I Corinthians: “All flesh is not the same flesh, but one is the flesh of men, another of beasts, another of birds, and another of fishes. And there are bodies celestial and bodies terrestrial; but one is the glory of the celestial and another of the terrestrial. One is the glory of the sun, another, the glory of the moon, another, the glory of the stars. As star differs from star in glory, so is the resurrection of the dead. What is sown in corruption shall rise in incorruption. What is sown in dishonor shall rise in glory. What is sown in weakness shall rise in power. What is sown a natural body shall rise a spiritual body.” (1 Cor 15:39-44)

In this brief passage, notice two items: one, there is a hierarchy among the saints in heaven; two, the bodies of the saints will change in four ways.

“As star differs from star in glory, so is the resurrection of the dead.” There is a hierarchy among heavenly creatures. The ranking of saints is proportionate to the grace they earned from God: “He (Christ) will render to everyone according to his work.” (Mt 16:27). The more grace we merit on earth, the more glory we shall have in heaven: “the vision of God is according to merit.” (Council of Florence, 1434). Put again, there is no equality in heaven. This is most evident in the Blessed Virgin who although lower than angels by nature surpasses them through the grace she merited in cooperating with her Son to redeem the world.

Opposing this doctrine, however, some Christians believe that everyone is equal in heaven. Martin Luther taught that as Christ externally imputes His grace, so all receive the same measure. Many Christians say, “Mary was a holy woman, but not greater than other holy women; yes, she bore the Christ Child but God could have chosen any holy woman for that task!” But such wrong thinking does injury to what God did do. Moreover, God does no injustice in favoring some of His creatures over others; He is sovereign and may do as He wishes. And besides all this, it is fitting to reward more those who were more crucial to a victory, or who fought more bravely, than others. In what measure we sow so shall we reap; to that degree we strive to know, love, and serve God in this valley of tears, so shall the just merit a proportionate crown.

Besides different degrees of glory, the risen bodies of saints shall have four qualities: impassibility, brightness, agility, and subtility.

“What is sown in corruption, shall rise in incorruption” (I Cor. 15:42) refers to the **impassibility** of the risen body of the just. Impassible means ‘not subject to pain.’ The risen body of the just will not suffer. “Neither mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be anymore; for the former things are passed away.” (Rv 21:4)

“What is sown in dishonor, shall rise in glory” (I Cor. 15:43) refers to the **brightness** of the risen body of the just. Brightness means “radiant.” The risen body will shine like the sun with a brilliancy proportioned to grace obtained from God. “The just shall shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” (Mt 13:43)

“What is sown in weakness, shall rise in power” (I Cor. 15:43) refers to the **agility** of the risen body of the just. Agility means “with ease and quickness.” The risen body shall be finally free of material constraints; the body will move about by the simple use of the will. “I will to be in Montana” and, just as soon, I am there. St. Augustine tells us the soul can go anywhere by this mode. “The just shall shine and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds.” (Wis. 3:7)

“What is sown in a natural body, shall rise in a spiritual one” (I Cor. 15:44) refers to the **subtility** of the risen body of the just which shall finally be under the total control of the soul. No longer will the just experience any disordered movement in their body.

In his catechism, St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that the damned shall rise with bodies directly opposed to the just. These qualities are: **passibility** ~ their bodies, although incorruptible, shall be subject to every pain which they will experience in proportion to their sins. “Their worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be quenched.” (Is. 66:24); **darkness** ~ their bodies will lack the glow of God’s grace. “Their countenances shall be

as a face burnt.” (Is. 13:8); **heaviness** ~ their bodies will move as if chained down, “bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with manacles of iron.” (Ps. 149:8); **carnality** ~ the bodies of the damned shall rule their soul. “The beasts have rotted in their dung.” (Joel 1:17).