

Some complain they pray and pray and pray... and get nothing out of it. This includes the Rosary. Some Catholics who devoutly pray the Rosary feel they are not doing it right, not getting out of it what they need; in its recitation, there is no peace, no satisfaction, no joy, nor do they feel they are being heard... emptiness reigns nor are causes evident.

Father, I pray the full 15-decade Rosary every day and, boy, is it a struggle! I do it like a machine; I plod through it like a desert journey; I do it because I know it is a good thing, but I do not see the fruits I want to see.

Such words may be heard from a Catholic striving for holiness but short of its fruits.

Why? The following may underlie this difficulty with the Rosary.

- 1) sin.
- 2) impatience.
- 3) medical condition.
- 4) too much human effort.

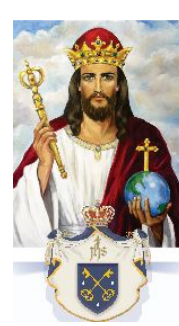
Sin (more precisely, attachment to sin). Attachment to sin and virtue cannot coexist. Where there is a conflict of wills, where there are two masters; there will indeed be a struggle until one of them surrenders. Keep praying: *He who perseveres to the end, he shall be saved.* (Mt 24:13)

Impatience. Perhaps more now than at any other time modern man wants what he wants, now, and in his way. "The customer is always right!" "If I forward the effort, in justice, I deserve to get what I want, how I want it, and in the way that I want it!!!" Some Catholics treat their Catholicism like a fast-food, microwaved, web service provider. This ideology may be some answer to our problem. Practice patience: *In your patience, ye shall save your soul.* (Lk 21:19)

Medical condition. Modern science has many names for persons with differing ailments which may influence someone's prayer. Attention deficit disorders seem everywhere evident; an epidemic of agitation, keeping nerves ever at unrest. A recent poll indicates there are more people in the U.S.A. taking prescription medication than are not; over-prescribing seems a well-established fact; our nation's youth and others who seem to "have it all", these who should teem with joy, are taking antidepressants at increasing rates... this general overview may underlie further causes. Be mindful: *Nothing is impossible with God.* (Lk 1:37)

Too much human effort. "It's all up to me!" "Unless 'I' do this nothing will get done!" This kind of thinking forgets that God has always the greater part in our salvation, perfection, let alone the fruits of our prayer. Prayer is not a one-man show; "it's all up to me" forgets that God is the One who saves; God's one bit is greater than my two-bits. If I think, "it's all up to me" I will always be dissatisfied. So pray with a persevering effort and let God give the increase in His time, in His way, and in the way that He wants to. Said again, hand the shovel to God once in awhile; tell Him it's His turn now; and, under a shade tree, be at peace about it! *Unless the Lord build the house, they who labor, labor is vain.* (Ps 127:1)

To end, we may consider if we lack charity towards a neighbor? For *without charity,* anything we do, *is nothing* (1 Cor 13). Is this why we *get nothing* out of our Rosary?



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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023, 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 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 |
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| Sun 10-15 | 20 th Sunday after Pentecost | 2/G |
| Mon 10-16 | St Hedwig | 3/W |
| Tues 10-17 | St Margaret Mary Alacoque | 3/W |
| Wed 10-18 | St Luke, the Evangelist | 2/R |
| Thu 10-19 | St Peter of Alcantara | 3/W |
| Fri 10-20 | St John Cantius | 3/W |
| Sat 10-21 | St Ursula & Companions | 3/R St Hilarion |
| Sun 10-22 | 21 st Sunday after Pentecost | 2/G Propagation of the Faith |

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

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| Sun 10-15 | (7 am) Fr James Fryar, FSSP (8:30 am) John Funderburk (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass | rb J A Groft rb T&C Flamminio |
| Mon 10-16 | (12 pm) David Moltz+ | rb M/M L Labrecque |
| Tues 10-17 | (7 am) Anne Rached+ (9 am) Donatilde Zanca | rb Bill & Teri rb N Cardenas |
| Wed 10-18 | (7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) FSSP Confraternity intentions | rb a friend rb R&S Perri |
| Thu 10-19 | (7 am) Francesca Gordon+ (9 am) Louis Maffei+ | rb S Gordon rb Shehwen family |
| Fri 10-20 | (9 am) Denise Anton+ (6:30 pm) Betsy LaVecchia+ | rb A Baugh rb B Rodriguez |
| Sat 10-21 | (9 am) John Byrnes+ | rb M&D Hrycyk |
| Sun 10-22 | (7 am) Peter Katz (8:30 am) Mike & Mary Meza (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Resumes November 5 | rb R Speer rb M Meza |

Fr Hathaway returned Thursday. He thanks you for your prayers for his safe travels & his family. He thanks Fr Huber, too, for taking such good care of everyone.

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: Daily, Daily Sing to Mary, 912; Asperges, 567; Mass XI, 740 & Credo IV, 780; Exit: The Word Descending from Above, 901. **Also**, all are invited to a pancake brunch after Mass; after your thanksgiving prayers, of course!

This Week: Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), St Joseph Guild (6:30 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, Youth Group (10 am), CtK Day at PP (11 am -7 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm).

What would Jesus do? This Saturday, is CtK's day at the 40 DFL Prayer Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. Our Youth Group will cover 11-12, but we need volunteers to cover each hour from 12-7 pm. Please sign up in the vestibule. Many complain about the Synod on Synodality; but what can we do about that? Others worry about conflict between Palestinians & Israelis or the war in Ukraine; but what can we do about that? Still others say, regarding the Pope's leadership, "Souls are being lost!!!; but little we can do about that? Let's think about what we can do! Inconveniencing ourselves by dedicating 1 hour in front of Planned Parenthood, peacefully praying the Rosary to end abortion, IS something we can do! Such is what Jesus would have us do.

Next Sunday, October 22nd, CtK will initiate any parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity of St Peter. Please consider joining the Confraternity and praying for the Fraternity of St Peter. Fliers in the vestibule explain the Confraternity of St Peter and contain the inscription forms. The ceremony, consisting of one decade of the Rosary followed by the Confraternity prayer (as found in the materials) will be conducted after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses that day only.

On Sunday, October 29, the Feast of Christ the King, we will have our annual parish picnic after the 10:30 am Mass. Although the meal will be catered, we may need volunteers to help with drinks, desserts & clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet for this in the vestibule.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,038.47; on-line \$2,415.00; CFA \$220.00.
Total souls: 394: 8:30 am-181; 10:30 am-213.

Please pray for: Johnson family (10/8); Jacob, James and Avery Ford (10/1); Pamela Manuelian, Maureen & Bobby McNamara (9/17); & Christian P. (10/15).

2023 CFA status at CtK as of October 11, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$86,765.06 pledged (70.54% of goal); from 42.99% of 221 households; \$75,520.16 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Bishop Frank J. Dewane invites the Faithful of the Diocese of Venice to join him on a Pilgrimage to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. This historic 5-day gathering will take place in Indianapolis July 17 – 21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Congress represents the culmination of the Church's three-year effort to put an emphasis on the Real Presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist. It is a pivotal moment in the Church, and a unique opportunity for participants to draw into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Our Lord. The cost of the Diocese of Venice pilgrimage package is \$1,049. With the package, pilgrims receive the National Eucharistic Congress 5-day pass, which provides access to all speakers and events, as well as four nights' accommodations in a 4-star hotel within walking distance of the convention center. Please note, the pilgrimage package does not include transportation or meals. Questions? Contact Carrie Harkey, harkey@dioceseofvenice.org