

On Work, not a necessary evil

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Last Sunday, N. spoke On the Duties of the Faithful to their Pastors, wherein, recognizing the Good Shepherd gave His Church other shepherds (priest, Bishop & Pope), so we, guided by the Roman Catechism, took occasion to review the sheeps' duties to these other *pastors*, namely, that we should honor them, **to think respectfully of them and speak or act so as not to deny them love, respect, obedience, and reverence.**

Today, we recall the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman, May 1, to speak on Work, not a necessary evil.

Domino Christo Servite.

There is an unfortunate mentality that "work" is a bad word; work is something to dread & avoid rather than to desire & embrace, cheerfully.

But work is more to man than his ease; it is more his dignity. Again, man's nobility is more lived pulling weeds than, slumped in a Lazy-Boy, *working* his remote, *laboring* to find something to watch.

When God created Adam & placed him in paradise, He told him "to dress & keep it." (Gn 2:15); afterwards, He commanded him "not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil." (Gn 2:17) Again, before the Fall, man's life involved work, he was to maintain the garden & protect it (ah, a lurking danger). After Adam ate of the tree, the earth was cursed; now *with toil* man will eat: "cursed is the earth in thy work, with labor & toil thou shall eat all the days of thy life... In the sweat of thy face thou shall eat bread." (Gn 3:17)

Adam was created & employed to work in God's creation; this was his first vocation. After the fall, "work" becomes a means of redemption, of restoring friendship with God.

This idea is not often incorporated into our work. We work to make money & more money, to climb a career ladder, to get it done & over with so that I can do something "fun." In this mentality we no-longer serve the Lord in our work but some other god.

The Apostle says: "**All whatsoever you do in word or in work do all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart: as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that you shall receive of the Lord the reward of inheritance. Serve ye the Lord Christ.**"

Does this spirit animate my work? Is this how I do my chores? My homework? My care of the children? Or, in my work, am I serving some other god? Do I simply work for the money? Do I avoid my chores, or do them hurriedly, as to no-longer serve Christ in them, but my convenience? Do I do them sloppily? Do I clean my room with a spirit of complaint, murmur, feet dragging? Can this the spirit of a *true* Christian at his work?

Again, even before God gave Adam his wife, He gave him his work; God made man to work; it accords with man's nature. Man's fallen nature has made work a "burden." But to see the redemptive value in it, not the money, not the fame, not the inconvenience, is to begin to desire it & embrace it in a spirit worthy of Christ & of heaven.

In our diverse & varied works, we will like some & not others and there will be mistakes. But doing all chiefly for Christ there is always victory. God can use crooked lines as well as strait. So, should the hammer slip, think of this too as a serving the Lord, He will reward you; if unbecoming words escape your lips, you were serving yourself.

Finally, as the morning offering says, each day let us renew our intention to do all our day's work "in the Name of the Lord" & "with thanksgiving." If this spirit animates our work, heaven is our inheritance; but let us not think our work will end there. Did not the Little Flower say as much, "I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth." D.C.S.



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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4th Sunday after Easter

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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.

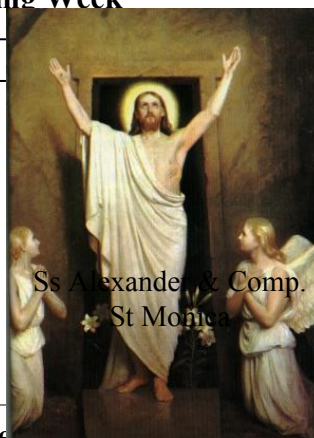
1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 04-28	4 th Sunday after Easter	2/W
Mon 04-29	St Peter, Martyr	3/R
Tues 04-30	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin	3/W
Wed 05-01	St Joseph the Workman	1/W
Thu 05-02	St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor	3/W
Fri 05-03	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W
Sat 05-04	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W
Sun 05-05	5 th Sunday after Easter	2/W



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 04-28	(7 am) Wladyslaw Kuser (8:30 am) Malakai Tracy (10:30 am) <i>pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Tilden family	rb L Wojtek rb Beggy family rb T Tilden
Mon 04-29	(12 pm) Ron Steindorf	rb Steindorf family
Tues 04-30	(7 am) Francis J Kramer+ (9 am) Christian P	rb A B Kramer rb M Meza
Wed 05-01	(7 am) Kathy (9 am) Annie Wittman	rb Thu Le rb Marchand family
Thu 05-02	(7 am) Intentions of the Pastor (9 am) Ben Shealy+	rb a tertiary rb Bein family
Fri 05-03	(9 am) Kristi Moore (6:30 pm) John R Hoops	rb QAA rb Hoops family
Sat 05-04	(9 am) Ted Wade	rb A Wade
Sun 05-05	(7 am) Anthony Milana (8:30 am) In honor of BVM (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) M/M Joseph Mercier++	rb M&K Weber rb a friend rb D&M Priest

Today's 10:30 am Mass is a low Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$6,201.76; on-line \$2,483.00; CFA \$140.00.

Total souls: 481; 7 am-53; 8:30 am-148; 10:30 am-193; 12:30 pm-87. **Ocala-?.**

2024 CFA status at CtK as of April 20, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$46,413.50 pledged (41.07% of goal); from 25.82% of 213 households; \$28,510.99 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Father put five "Serenity of Heart, Bearing the Troubles of This Life" by St Francis DeSales in the social hall library... in case you want to read it.

The Diocese has requested that all CFA donations be sent directly to them.

Please make checks out to Catholic Faith Appeal **with "Christ the King" on the memo line (very important!)** and mail to: Catholic Faith Appeal, Diocese of Venice in Florida, 1000 Pinebrook Rd, Venice, FL 34285. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

If you prefer to pay online, there is a link to CFA on our giving site [<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/christthekingsarasota>}. Please choose "Christ the King Parish in Sarasota" as your designation. **Otherwise, cash donations can still be processed here at Christ the King.** Please mark envelopes with your name and address and place in the offertory basket or box.

This week, Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Wednesday, Feast of St Joseph the Workman, three Masses 7 am, 9 am & 6:30 pm Mass; Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adoration (5-8 pm), Confessions (5:30-6:30pm); First Friday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm), First Saturday, 9 am Mass & devotions, Vespers (4:30 pm), **Ocala** -10:30 am (frv).

Please pray for: McNamara family, Angelo Manganello, Michael C. Gallock, Chanelle Quesada (4/21); Anthony Milana, Deana Meadows (4/14), Eileen McClain, Emily Anstead (4/07); Colette Conetta, & Christina Slovak (3/31).

You are invited to the holy relic devotion presentation, "A Devotion for Our Times" on May 18 at 10 am at Queen of Peace Catholic Church , 6455 SW State Rd 200, Ocala, FL 34476. for more information, contact Michaela Elias at 352-426-8338.

Q. Would you like to spread the truth about the pro-abortion amendment on the November ballot? A. Attend a training session at Sarasota: Leadership Institute, 2163 Main Street, (downtown), Mon., May 13, from 11:45 to 3:00 (lunch included). Register online at www.LeadershipInstitute.org/ProLife by May 8. Questions? Contact Jeanne Berdeaux, Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-374-1068.

The St. Monica Prayer Group prays for family members who are not Catholic, have left the faith or are in danger of losing the faith. Members support each other by praying in unison specific prayers to St Monica and St Augustine for everyone's intentions. Membership is open to anyone; we always need more prayer warriors. There are no meetings. To join or request more information, contact Mary Pruitt at (mary.pruitt56@comcast.net) or call/text 937-463-3248.

Dear Faithful,

Thank you for your prayers concerning our meeting with Bishop Dewane and CtK's building project, **"Do This in Memory of Me."** He was agreeable to our revised plan and will send a letter allowing us to resume our fund-raising efforts. Meanwhile, he wants details of our interior sent to him before any public distribution. Also, we must contact the county regarding other details, e.g., zoning restrictions on height of buildings in our area, and CtK's "land use" classification. In fine, we are moving forward!