

OCTOBER 2023
@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 External Sol. of O.L. of the Rosary (Comm. 18th S. after Pentecost) 8:30 am & 10:30 am low Masses only.</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>2 Holy Guardian Angels 12 noon Mass 1 pm St Theresa Guild</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>3 St Teresa of the Child Jesus 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>4 St Francis of Assisi 9 am Mass</p>	<p>5 St Placid & Comp 9 am Mass 5-8 pm Adoration</p>	<p>6 1st Friday, Sacred Heart of Jesus / St Bruno 9 am Mass & devotions & QAA 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>7 O.L. of the Rosary / 1st Saturday 9 am Mass & devotions Young Adults Day</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - no Mass</p>
<p>8 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am, & 10:30 am low Masses only.</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>9 St John Leonardi 12 noon Mass</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>10 St Frances Borgia 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30 - 8 pm Book Club</p>	<p>11 Motherhood of BVM 9 am Mass</p>	<p>12 Feria (19th Sunday after Pentecost) 9 am Mass 5-6 pm Youth Catechism (frh returns)</p>	<p>13 St Edward the Confessor 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>14 St Callistus I 9 am Mass 10-12 am Server Practice</p>
<p>15 20th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am Masses only. Pro-life table</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>16 St Hedwig 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>17 St Margaret Mary Alacoque 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>18 St Luke, the Evangelist 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>19 St Peter of Alcantara 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild</p>	<p>20 St John Cantius 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>21 St Ursula & Companions 9 am Mass 10 am Youth Group 11-7 pm CtK Day at PP 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>22 21st Sunday after Pentecost / FssP Confraternity Day 7 am, 8:30 am*, 10:30 am* Masses only. (* FssP prayer after these Masses.)</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>23 St Anthony Mary Claret 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>24 St Raphael, Archangel 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30 - 8 pm Book Club</p>	<p>25 St Isidore, farmer 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>26 St Evaristus 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 7-6 pm Ctk Day at PP 5-6 pm Youth Catechism</p>	<p>27 Feria 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>28 Ss Simon & Jude, apostles 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>29 Christ the King 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am Masses only. Parish Picnic at 12 noon</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>30 Feria (22 Sunday after Pentecost) 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>31 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>November 1 All Saints 7 am Mass (frv) 9 am Mass (frh) 10:30 am Mass & QAA (frh) 6:30 pm Mass (frh) <i>Ocala</i> - 6 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>2 Commemoration of All Souls 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frh) 6:30 Mass (frh) <i>Ocala</i> - 6:30 am, 7 am, & 6 pm Masses (frv)</p>	<p>3 1st Friday, Sacred Heart 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Young Adults</p>	<p>4 1st Saturday, Immaculate Heart of Mary / Ss Charles Borromeo et al. 9 am Mass 10 am pro-life talk, "Keeping cool in protesting." (frh) 4:30 pm Vespers <i>Ocala</i> - 10:30 Mass & devotions (frv)</p>

On the Guardian Angels

At the dawn of time, Almighty God first created an immaterial order & this is most of what He created. Again, only 1% of God's creation is material as deduced from the one lost sheep (which left the ninety-nine) for whom God now seeks to save. Of this immaterial creation belong the nine Choirs of angels, beings with no body but only intellect united to wills. They are super-beings compared to men. For just one angel (and the weakest) could destroy all of material creation; but God does not permit this to happen, just yet.

Our almighty & providential God, knowing the weakness of our fallen nature and knowing the terrible strength & cunning of the devil and his army, appoints to every man an added help whereby we may be assisted in saving our souls. **This is our guardian angel.**

The first task of all good angels is to praise, adore, and service of Almighty God: e.g., *Bless the Lord all ye angels of the Lord* (Ps 148:2); the angels which destroyed sinful Sodom & Gomorrah; Raphael helping Tobias; Gabriel delivering a message to Mary at the Annunciation. The second & special task of guardian angels is to protect men and care for their souls. The Roman Catechism teaches that God has tasked these angels to protect the human race and individual human beings, so that they might not suffer any serious harm whatever. St Paul tells the Hebrews, "Are they not all ministering angels sent to minister for them who shall receive the inheritance of salvation?" (Hb 1:14)

According to the ecclesiastical writer Origen (253+), the angels have the duty to complete the salvation of mankind. He writes, "There are angels of God and benevolent powers, which serve Him (God), in order to complete the salvation of mankind." Theologians generally agree that every person, not just the baptized, but every person, has a guardian angel given them at birth, (I would think at conception). This is found in Divine scripture, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Mt 18:10; see also Acts 12:15). St Basil the Great (379+) writes, "Every member of the faithful has a guardian standing at his side as educator & guide, directing his life." St Gregory the Wonderworker (270+) and St Jerome (420+) say every person has such an angel from the moment of birth. Commenting on Mt 18:10, St Jerome writes, "How great is the human soul that every single person has from birth received an angel for his protection." Nor should we doubt that every person has a guardian angel for God does not deny anyone the general helps towards salvation as St Thomas teaches. Recall this when you engage a Protestant, Muslim or atheist in conversation; ask their angel to help in their conversion. Do likewise when your coworker or assistant pastor is grumpy; ask his angel to calm him down.

People of importance in this world are given bodyguards to protect them against abduction or deadly attack. Just so, Almighty God gives each person in this world a body & soul guard. Our guardian angels protect us from bodily harm more times than we know, albeit Catholic mothers know this best as regards their boys so fascinated by sharp sticks. Without doubt, however, our angels have more concern over our eternal than our temporal life.

When Lucifer rebelled, he lost heaven and established an empire where he now continues fomenting hatred against God by attacking mankind. It is sometimes said that the devil, as any grand strategist, attaches a demon to every person born into this world. If so, those comics have it right when they depict a devil whispering into the left ear something contrary to what the good angel whispers into the right ear. Again, we are in an epic battle for souls. Whatever God does to help procure the salvation of mankind the devil, as a general of his own army, tries to counter. This is a main reason why we must befriend our guardian angel. Too much perhaps we neglect his presence. If we knew better his constant aid to us: that he never leaves us, watches our every move, tries so many ways to encourage us in the good, protects us from innumerable evils... we would never omit to acknowledge his presence & thank him for his invisible helps, at least, once a day.

Some souls saw their guardian angels. St Gemma Galgani (1903+) played with hers and was visibly admonished by the same. A wonderful TAN book, Under Angels Wings, records the experiences of a Brazilian girl, Maria, who saw and spoke to her guardian angel by way of an interior locution; in this manner, she discerned his frown, and diminished heavenly glow, whenever she did something displeasing to him, as when she once went to a certain movie which she should not have done. Maria became a nun & died in 1939.

But not only do people have guardian angels, but, as commonly taught, God also appoints angels to places and special groups, i.e., nations, cities, religious orders, dioceses, parishes, monasteries, convents, schools... perhaps even homes. Moreover, it is commonly held that people in high positions, i.e., priests, bishops, the Holy Father as well as public leaders, are appointed another angel when they assume their office. For with the greater responsibility comes a greater need of aid; and, of course, the devil will try more to defeat a priest than a non-priest.

To end, among the many helps our merciful God provides to mankind for our salvation is that of a personal guardian angel. If we wish to profit by the angel God has given to us for our salvation, we ought to make him our friend. He protects me from many earthly harms. He helps me obtain my salvation. Have I thanked him for these invaluable services? Have I ignored him in a moment of need?

If we wish to quit vice & advance quickly in virtue, we ought often to call upon our guardian angel; he is another aid for our salvation, another life preserver thrown to a drowning man which, unless he grasps it, may drown. Fathers and mothers, are you listening to me? Invoke the guardian angel of your children in your raising them for heaven, they too are on your side, ask them to help you service the salvation of your children.

The guardianship of our angel will last until our death at which time they will abandon the reprobate to the torment of the demons, conduct the imperfect to purgatory, and await their deliverance, and lead the perfect to heaven there to dwell with them forever in glory.

Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, & to guide. Amen.

