

On Pharisaical Pride

Where there is a surpassing excellence, we may speak of pride. Understanding this, we allow for pride which is morally good or morally sinful. Just as we say, 'take pride in your work,' so might one rightly have a sense of superiority in one respect or another. A highly gifted musician feels superior in his field, a mother is proud of her son's accomplishments - both are consonant with humility if the musician and the mother know the good they praise, & are proud of, comes ultimately from God. Moreover, grace builds on nature. God wants us to perfect our natures; to bury talents or pretend they do not exist opposes humility.

Mostly, however, when we speak of pride, we speak of the sin of pride which is defined: "the inordinate desire for one's own excellence." This is the beginning of all sin; this makes self a god. Though my life be full of good works, if this disordered pride rules my heart - all is a tragedy.

St. Gregory the Great identifies four kinds of sinfully proud men: 1. those who think the good they possess is from themselves e.g., "I can do what I want with my body"; 2. those who think the good they possess is due to their merits e.g., "Don't you know who I am!"; 3. those who boast e.g., the blow-hard; 4. those who, while disparaging others, act as if they alone possess excellence e.g., today's Pharisee, "I am not like the rest of men,... robbers, unjust, adulterers; like this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes..."

The Pharisee goes to church but leaves a worse man. Moreover, he does not know his fault; seeing only his neighbor's sin, the pharisaical man is blind to his own sin.

Our Savior tells us not to trust in ourselves as just. To profit from His warning, we must guard our heart against pharisaical pride which subtly works to corrupt our spiritual life, much as a termite destroys a home. The outside looks good, but the inside is hollow.

Years ago, a convert to the TLM used to complain, "Why is it that I, a convert, so love the faith while cradle Catholics are lukewarm?" before ending, "Obviously, they do not take their faith seriously."

We must be careful! Pride corrupts by degree; here is a crack, a fissure into the doorway of the heart through which the devil may enter, who wants us to echo the Pharisee, "O God, I give Thee thanks that I am not like the rest of Catholics." Rather than fault our neighbor, St. Augustine directs our attention to ourselves and tells us to repeat the words of the publican, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

To end, it is rash to judge as God; we must temper ourselves with certain considerations: perhaps this person has received less grace than I; perhaps I shall fall away while these I now call lukewarm will ardently advance in virtue; perhaps these Catholics would have profited more from the grace God gave to me had it been given to them. St Augustine says, "There is no sin committed by another which I, by reason of my frailty, may not commit and if I have not committed it, it is because God, in His mercy, did not allow it." Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange says this thought inspired many saints to say of the criminal on death-row: "If this man had received the same graces that I have been receiving for all these years, he perhaps would have been less unfaithful than I. And if God had permitted in my life the sins which He permitted in this man's, I would be in his place & he would be in mine." (The Three Ages, p.123)



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

10th 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.

"Lost & Found" is in the vestibule; if not there, check with 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
Sun 07-28	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G
Mon 07-29	St Martha, <i>Virgin</i>	3/W Ss Felix, Simplicus, Faustinis,
Tues 07-30	St Abdon & Sennen, <i>Martyrs</i>	3/R Beatrice
Wed 07-31	St Ignatius Loyola, <i>Confessor</i>	4/W
Thu 08-01	St Peter in Chains	3/W St Paul, Holy Maccabees
Fri 08-02	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W St Alphonsus Liguori, St Stephen I
Sat 08-03	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W
Sun 08-04	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 07-28	(7 am) Danuta Kuser	rb Lucyna & Wojciech
	(8:30 am) Michael & Julie Courville anniversary	rb Courville family
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm)	No Mass until Fall
Mon 07-29	(12 pm) Gabriel Bednarz	rb his grandparents
Tues 07-30	(7 am) Mary Lou Jantz+ (not at CtK)	rb T Simmons
	(9 am) Parents of Denise Priest (Mercier)++	rb M&D Priest
Wed 07-31	(7 am) the Burkett family	(not at CtK) rb Burkett family
	(9 am) Anthony Tien Truong	rb N Truong
Thu 08-01	(7 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (not at CtK)	rb Fay-Lu Wu
	(9 am) Javier & Gloria	rb the Cloughs
Fri 08-02	(9 am) Fr Shannon Collins	rb R Galatolo
	(6:30 pm) Lucille Hoover+	rb K Kirsch
Sat 08-03	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb L de Saizieu
Sun 08-04	(7 am) Claire Verdini (not at CtK)	rb K Zilli
	(8:30 am) the Sazieu family	rb L de Saizieu
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm)	No Mass until Fall

Today's 10:30 am music: Enter: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy, #902; Asperges, #567; Mass IV, #710 & Credo IV, #710; Exit: Panis Angelicus, #895.

This week, [Fr Huber is away until 8/14; there is no 7 am Mass until he returns, including Sunday]; Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adoration (5-8 pm), Confessions 5:30-6:30 pm); First Friday, (Portiuncula Indulgence), Mass & devotions (9 am), staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); First Saturday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), **no Mass in Ocala.**

ALERT! ALERT! Next Sunday, and the one after, there will be no 7 am Mass & the 10:30 am Mass will be a low Mass to free the choir room for 8:30 am Mass attendees.

2024 CFA status at CtK as of July 20, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$67,470.07 pledged (59.71% of goal); from 33.49% of 218 households; \$55,703.38 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,010.01; on-line \$2,193.00; CFA \$90.00;
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$2,465.00; on-line: \$500.00.
Total souls: 430; 7 am-55; 8:30 am-135; 10:30 am-240. **Ocala-315.**

Please pray for: Markus Dixon, Rick Connick (7/28); Randy Engels, Terry Angley, (7/21); Carole Staron, Jorge Luis, Emily Anstead, Angelo Manganello, (7/14); Julie Johnson, Carol Labrecque, & Sheila Mills (7/7).

FYI Fr Hathaway recommends to you a 29:16 Youtube video "First Time Serving LATIN MASS-What I Learned!" by a young man who recently served his first Latin Mass. He has served the new Mass and compares the two. It is well done, respectful, instructive & entertaining, and explains well what many find difficult to put into words about one's experience at the TLM.

Dear Faithful of Christ the King,

7/28/24

Thank you for donating to our building project, "**Do This in Memory of Me.**"

So far, three architectural drafts of our future church have been completed; a fourth is upcoming as there were minor adjustments needed concerning the third. Our building architect plans on a final draft in late August; he will likely visit then, at which time Fr Hathaway will invite him to give a presentation to the community about the project. Again, we are planning a four-phase approach: 1. site preparations (parking & laying the slab for the church); 2. the church itself; 3. addition of a bell tower & choir loft; 4. plaza area & remodeling of current chapel. The diocese prudently requires we raise 80% of the cost for each phase before we may begin construction of that phase. After our final draft is completed, the building team will interview general contractors.

Again, if you wish to donate now, please do so through our website. You may also donate by check, writing on the memo line: "Do This in Memory of Me" or "Building Project" Project donation envelopes are on their way; and, eventually, pledge envelopes will be available, too.

Please continue your prayers for our success. Campaign Prayer to St Joseph handouts are on the table beside the offertory box. Fathers are encouraged to take these home and pray them with your family. Every month we will do them as a novena, ending with a votive Mass to St Joseph on a Wednesday at 6:30 pm. You are encouraged to attend these Masses as well.

God bless you,
Fr Hathaway