

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

CONFESSION TIPS (modified) from Fr. Steve Schultz, of O.L. of Angels Church in Woodbridge, VA:

1. Prayerfully prepare! It's considerate to those who are waiting in line behind you, especially if they need to confess before Mass in order to receive.
2. Do this preparation with an examination of conscience. Many different kinds are available. There are ones based on the Ten Commandments; the Virtues; your particular vocation; for adults; for children; etc. Two general questions should lead to specifics: In what ways did I sin? In what way(s) did I fail to do the good I ought to have done?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Think about what you've made friends with that keeps you from a true friendship with God... Greed? Pride? Selfishness? Being lukewarm? Lust? Fear? Too much bacon? (Is that even possible?) Seriously, though, think about your sins with respect to who or what you have favored more than God.
4. Be ready to repent! "I'm done with this, that, and the other thing. **I will change**, and I trust in the Lord to help me!" That should be your disposition to the Sacrament. Your faith and repentance open your heart to God's healing power!
5. Go to confession! Do it! God promises mercy; He doesn't promise tomorrow.
6. Start by saying, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned, it has been X days/weeks/months/years/decades since my last confession and these are my sins..."
7. State your sins, in kind and in number if it is a serious sin. If it's been a while since your last confession and you don't remember the exact number, you can give an approximation by way of frequency, such as, "once a week over a period of three years" or "fortnightly." Venial sins should be confessed by habit, but with serious (i.e., mortal) sin, don't hold even a single one back! Put it all before the Lord. Trust Him. No sin is unforgivable as long as we repent.
8. It's not necessary to tell the story of your life since your last confession, give yourself advice, or expect hours of therapy. Confession isn't meant to change the circumstances of your life. It is meant to give you a new heart so that you can "put on" the mind of Christ.
9. You don't have to say, "My biggest sin is..." because that is probably not your biggest sin. Your biggest sin is probably the same as mine, the same as most people: We don't trust in God enough.
10. Nor should you say, "I need to be better about X" because your dear priest can't tell if that is a sin of omission (something you failed to do) or commission (something you did). Further, it doesn't sound like you're repenting of anything.
11. Or, "and I know that's wrong" because we know all sin is wrong.
12. Don't tell the priest other peoples' sins unless you want to do other peoples' penances. "For your penance pray three Our Fathers. For your wife's penance make a pilgrimage to Ephesus on your knees, and when you return, eat that fruitcake she made for Christmas."
13. One last, very important "don't." Don't give in to fear! There is nothing any of us can do that will make God love us any less! In confession there is no judgment, just mercy. (I probably should have led with that.)
14. When you're finished, LAND THE PLANE. "For these and all my sins I am truly sorry," or suchlike. If you just stop talking, the priest thinks you are still thinking or that you died. Land the plane!
15. Glorify the Lord's mercy. If you want to be forgiven, healed, and freed, the Lord will do all that and much besides. Trust in His mercy! Know who you are: God's daughter, God's son!



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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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
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	COMMEMORATION
Sun 12-17	3 rd Sunday of Advent	1/V	
Mon 12-18	Greater Feria of Advent	2/V	
Tues 12-19	Greater Feria of Advent	2/V	
Wed 12-20	Ember Wednesday of Advent	2/V	
Thu 12-21	St Thomas, Apostle	2/R	Feria
Fri 12-22	Ember Friday of Advent	1/V	
Sat 12-23	Ember Saturday of Advent	3/R	
Sun 12-24	Vigil of Christmas	1/V	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-17	(7 am) Scott Funderburk+ (8:30 am) Mary C Kitko+ (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Bill & Jaime Shehwen	rb R&B Owens rb MF Kitko
Mon 12-18	(12 pm) Mary Pruitt	rb Mom & Dad rb R Speer
Tues 12-19	(7 am) CtK Parishioners (9 am) Eric Matthew Johnson+	rb anonymous rb M Johnson
Wed 12-20	(7 am) Joseph Karbarz+ (9 am) George & Frances Hemeryck+	rb Altars Servers rb S Hemeryck
Thu 12-21	(7 am) Edwin Gleniewicz+ (9 am) Juan Santiago+	rb E&M Eaddy rb K Tonelli
Fri 12-22	(9 am) Alan O'Dea Jr (6:30 pm) Roberta Speer	rb M O'Dea rb M Pruitt
Sat 12-23	(9 am) <i>Deo Gratias</i>	rb Kim D
Sun 12-24	(7 am) Hank & Helen Brouwer (8:30 am) Intentions of the Pastor (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) All pregnancy center workers	rb T&A Wade rb a tertiary rb CtK Pro-Life group

Today, Christ the King welcomes Fr Charles Ryan, FssP, who has kindly offered to fill-in this Sunday for Fr Hathaway. Fr Ryan teaches at FssP's O.L. Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, NE.

Today's 10:30 Mass: Entr: On Jordan's Bank, #800; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #768; Exit: Creator of the Stars of Night, #799.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$3,772.00; on-line \$2,880.00; CFA \$4,084.00.

Total souls: 470: 7 am-54; 8:30 am-166; 10:30 am-163; 12:30 pm-87. (Ocala, 257)

This week, [Fr Hathaway returns 12/20], Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Ember Wednesday, CtK Day at PP (8 am-5 pm); Thursday, St Joseph Guild (6:30 pm); Ember Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Ember Saturday, Vespers (4:30 pm).

Please pray for: Wis family (12/16); Meza family, Kelly Katz, Eileen McClain (11/26)

2024 FSSP Liturgical Calendars are here! Volunteers, please stop by the office to pick up your FREE calendar. All others pay only \$12, while supplies last.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. James Buckley, FSSP. Born November 29, 1937, he was ordained a priest on July 5, 1965 for the Society of the Divine Savior. He devoted himself to education, taking on pastoral responsibilities in several American states, as well as 5 years in Tanzania. He was permanently incorporated into the FSSP on November 1, 1997. After a period in our apostolate in Dallas, Texas he taught fundamental theology and gave spiritual direction in our American seminary from 1994-2016. Since 2016, he served in our apostolates in Texas. He died on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

WARNING-Text/Email SCAM Alert - It has once again been brought to the attention of the Diocese that parishioners have received text/email messages from people pretending to be clergy or Parish/school staff, requesting donations in the form of gift cards and/or wire transfers. These messages, which are more frequent during the Christmas Season, often come from text/emails that look similar to official Diocesan/Parish numbers or accounts and often greet the recipient by name and have the priest's, Bishop's, or staff member's name in the "From" line and/or closing signature of the message. The SPAM often claims that the priest/Bishop/staff member needs gift cards or money to aid a sick child, relative, or parishioner. The message then asks the person purchase gift cards/money and then to text/email the redemption code and PIN number. **It is Diocesan policy that neither the Bishop, nor priests or staff request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc.** If you receive such a SCAM text or email, please immediately contact the Diocesan/Parish/school directly!

The Diocese of Venice has informed CtK that individuals (i.e., not associated with approved group fundraising events) are not permitted to sell goods on church property due to tax & licensing implications.

2023 Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:

In Sarasota, (frh)

Carols: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11:00 pm; choir at 11:30 pm.

Midnight sung Mass: Monday, Dec. 25 at 12:00 am.

Dawn low Mass: Monday, Dec. 25 at 8:30 am.

Day low Mass: Monday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 am.

Octave Day: Monday, Jan. 1, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm.

In Ocala, (frv)

Midnight Mass at 12:00 am

* Dawn Mass at 1:00 pm & Day Mass at 1:30 pm

* (Communion distributed at the 1:30 pm Day Mass)