

**MAY 2024**  
**@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	29 St Peter, Martyr 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers  <b>Ocala - 7 am Mass</b>	30 St Catherine of Siena, Virgin 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	MAY 1 <b>St Joseph, the Worker</b> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Mass (frh) for Capital Campaign	2 St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm <b>Confessions</b> <b>5-8 pm Adoration</b>	3 <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm <b>Young Adults</b>	4 <b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala</b> 10:30 am (frv)
5 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses. <i>(Collect spiritual bouquet for Mary)</i>  <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	6 Rogation Mass or Feria or St John 12 noon Mass 1 pm St Theresa Guild 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala- 7 am Mass</b>	7 Rogation Mass or St Stanislaus 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	8 Rogation Mass or Vigil of the Ascension 7 am Mass 9 am Mass <b>5 pm Finance Council</b>	9 <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers (No catechism) <b>6:30 pm Mass (frh)</b> <b>Ocala - 6 pm Mass (frv)</b>	10 St Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	11 <b>Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> 9 am Mass <b>10 am server practice</b>  4:30 pm Vespers
12 (Mother's Day) <b>Sunday after Ascension</b> <i>(May Crowning at 10:30 am Mass)</i> [last day for <b>Confirmation criteria</b> ] 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses <b>2 pm baptism, (Fr Capo)</b> <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	13 St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers  <b>Ocala - 7 am Mass</b>	14 St Boniface, Martyr 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm <b>Women's Book Club</b> (frv)	15 St John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor 7 am Mass 9 am Mass <b>9-5 pm CtK Day at PP</b>	16 St Ubald, Bishop 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers <b>6:30 pm St Joseph Guild</b>	17 St Paschal Baylon, Confessor 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	18 Vigil of Pentecost 9 am Mass <b>10 am Youth Group</b> <b>10-11 am 2<sup>nd</sup> class for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants</b> 4:30 pm Vespers
19 <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	20 <b>Pentecost Monday</b> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala - 7 am Mass</b>	21 <b>Pentecost Tuesday</b> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	22 <b>Pentecost Ember Wednesday</b> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	23 <b>Pentecost Thursday</b> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3:30 pm Vespers 4 pm churching (frv & frh) (No Catechism) <b>6 pm Confirmation</b>	24 <b>Pentecost Ember Friday</b> 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	25 <b>Pentecost Ember Saturday</b> <b>QAA Graduation Party</b> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers
26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> [last day for 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy <b>Communion criteria</b> ] 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am Masses; and last 12:30 pm Mass for the season) <b>Ocala</b> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	27 Memorial Day St Bede, the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor <b>(frv retreat to 5/31; no 7 am Mass until he returns)</b> 12 noon 4:30 pm Vespers <b>Ocala - 7 am Mass</b>	28 St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Confessor 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm <b>Women's Book Club</b> (frh)	29 St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, Virgin 9 am Mass	30 <b>Corpus Christi</b> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers	31 <b>Queenship of Mary</b> 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	<b>JUNE 1</b> Immaculate Heart of Mary 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 1 pm Wedding (Fr Van Zee)  <b>Ocala</b> 10:30 am Mass (frh)

## **On St Joseph, a second father**

As we say of the Blessed Virgin that she is the most blessed of all women for God singled her out to be His mother, so we may say, besides Jesus himself, Joseph is the most blessed of all men for God chose him to be the foster father of the second Person of the Holy Trinity.

Why was St. Joseph espoused to Mary and thereby became the foster father of the Savior? Although God could have done otherwise, He does not work miracles without necessity. Rather, in His ordinary providence, God works through people.

St. Jerome gives three reasons why God chose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Mary and His foster father: 1) so that our Savior's genealogy would be known as coming from a line of kings; for while both Joseph and Mary were of the kingly line of David only the male was considered to confer this distinction; 2) to preserve Mary's reputation (and life) for her pregnancy not by him was a crime punishable by stoning; 3) to guard & provide for the holy family which, as we know, suffered many hardships.

St. Ignatius adds a fourth reason, saying God pre-ordained that Joseph be the spouse of Mary so that the devil would be uncertain concerning the truth about our blessed Lord... was He the awaited Messiah or not?

In thinking of St. Joseph, foster father of our divine Savior, we must not succumb to that Protestant mistake of reducing God's free elections to mere whims. The Protestants say of Mary, "She was just a woman. God could have picked any woman to be His mother. Mary is not that special." The fact, however, remains that God did not pick just any woman; rather, from all women, God chose Mary to conceive Him in her womb & give Him birth; God elected to receive from Mary His human DNA and to be fed alone at her breast; finally, beneath the Cross, God manifested His will that all disciples of Jesus receive Mary as a second mother; and it is this same Mary who now accepts repentant sinners as adopted children. In the same way we must see the election of St. Joseph. While God could have picked any man to be His foster father He picked Joseph; who cuddled, fed, and clothed the Divine Infant; who trained the Son of God in carpentry; who was, in all ways, a father to Jesus. This same Joseph will also accept us as adopted sons if we ask this of him.

We will not go wrong to place ourselves in Joseph's care. The holy scripture calls him "a just man." This just man never speaks in all the scriptures. The lesson? Just men are known by their deeds, more than words.

If we examine the deeds of Joseph, we find a soul bellowing of virtue. Surprisingly mild in reacting to Mary's pregnancy; exceedingly humble chosen to be a father to God; wonderfully chaste while married to the most beautiful of virgins; edifyingly obedient in his prompt rising & flight into Egypt; heroically patient in suffering without complaint the trials as head of the holy family.

If we wish to have Joseph as our friend & second father, we too must love virtue. Disobedience pleases only the devil, the author of disobedience which cost him, as well as Adam and Eve, paradise; lying pleases only the devil, the father of lies. If we wish to be a son of Joseph, we must strive to be obedient & honest. If we ask him, Joseph will be a father to us and build in us a tower of virtue.

This was the experience of St. Teresa of Avila, who chose St. Joseph as the patron of her order.

She writes, "I chose glorious St. Joseph for my patron, and I commend all things to his intercession. I do not remember ever to have asked of God anything by him which I did not obtain. I never knew anyone who, by invoking him, did not advance exceedingly in virtue; for he assists in a wonderful manner all who address themselves to him. *Ite ad Joseph!*" (Go to Joseph!)