

The Christian Family, Then & Now:

“Historians of the early Church tell us that two beliefs lived out by the first Christians were the most remarkable. More than anything else, except the grace of God, they were the main reasons for the rapid spread of Christianity. They were the two virtues that are basic to the Christian family, namely charity and chastity.

The expression about the early Christians, “See how they love one another,” referred especially to the love that husband and wife had for each other; the love that husband and wife had for the children not yet conceived or born and once the children were born, the love of father and mother for their offspring; the love of young men and young women for one another. Moreover, it was chaste love.

That is the kind of love that Christ taught, and His early followers tried to live. This was a spectacle, again using the Latin, a *spectaculum*, something marvelous to behold. It was the marvel of chaste love or, if you wish, of loving chastely which converted so many pagans to Christianity that by the end of the first century there were over one hundred Catholic dioceses along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.”

The world needs living examples of the true Christian family; faithful Catholics must guide the way.

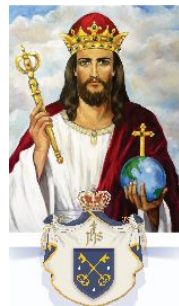
“Faithful Catholics allow the children whom they conceive to be born. They neither practice contraception, nor, once the children are born, are they killed. We recall that abortion and infanticide were protected by imperial law in the Roman Empire. Surely, Catholics then and Catholics now are quite unusual.

Faithful Catholics who are married remain faithful to their spouses. They do not commit adultery. In not a few dioceses in the early Church, some bishops were so strict, too strict. They would not give absolution to those who were guilty of adultery or, in some cases, only after years, - seven or more years - of penance, standing every Sunday morning outside the church, where the penitents were identified as adulterers. The Popes had to step in and tell the bishops, “I admire your zeal, but adulterers should be given absolution.” While the Popes did not approve, in not a few dioceses the following sins were not remitted in sacramental absolution: apostasy, abortion, adultery, and fornication.

Finally, faithful Catholics, no less than the early Christians, live in the flesh, but are not governed by the flesh. Faithful Catholics do not practice masturbation or fornication or homosexuality. This is the way it is, that is the way it was, and the Catholic Church will survive only where people still believe that the sins listed by St. Paul in his letter to the Romans are mortally grave.”

(The Catholic Family in the Modern World, John Hardon, SJ)

*Disorder in society
is the result of disorder
in the family.
~ Bl. Angela Merici*



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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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 01-07	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph	2/W
Mon 01-08	Feria of Epiphany (1 st Sun. after Epiphany)	1/W
Tues 01-09	Feria of Epiphany	2/W
Wed 01-10	Feria of Epiphany	2/W
Thu 01-11	St Hyginus	3/W
Fri 01-12	Feria of Epiphany	3/W St Telesporius
Sat 01-13	Comm. Of Baptism of D.N.J.C.	1/W
Sun 01-14	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	2/W

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 01-07	(7 am) Fr James Fryar, FssP (8:30 am) W James McHale+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Pamela Manuelian	rb Shehwen family rb McHale family
Mon 01-08	(12 pm) In honor of BVM	rb J Egan rb a friend
Tues 01-09	(7 am) Fr Miguel Stegmaier, FssP+ (Requiem Mass) (9 am) Robert & Grace Mahoney++	rb J Mahoney
Wed 01-10	(7 am) Giulia Carmen Albers+ (9 am) Aquilina Calleja Bay+	rb R Speer rb anonymous
Thu 01-11	(7 am) Conversion of a soul (9 am) Sr Ruth Harber	rb anonymous rb M Pruitt
Fri 01-12	(9 am) Joseph Tuan T family (6:30 pm) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb N Truong rb L de Saizieu
Sat 01-13	(9 am) Intentions of the Pastor	rb a tertiary
Sun 01-14	(7 am) Matthew Wilken (8:30 am) Marie-France de Saizieu+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Brian Meadows	rb J Simmons rb MF Kitko rb D Meadows

Today's 10:30 am Mass Entr: Once in Royal David's City, #818; Asperges, #567; Mass IV, #710 & Credo III, #776; Exit: *Alma Redemptoris*, #947.

This week, Monday, St Theresa Guild (1 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Women's Book Club (6:30-8 pm); Thursday, Youth Catechism (5-6 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Friday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); Saturday, server practice (10 am - 12 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,515.00; on-line \$5,105.00; CFA \$531.00.

Total souls: 474: 7 am-48; 8:30 am-140; 10:30 am-174; 12:30 pm-112. (*Ocala*, 299)

Please pray for: Eileen McClain, Leo Labrecque, Danielle Hurley (1/7); Lizzy Steindorf (1/7); & Wis family (12/17).

A family is entering the Church this Easter. Is there a parishioner from the Punta Gorda or Port Charlotte area who can be a sponsor? If so, please see Fr Hathaway.

Please stay home if you are sick, feel sick, or act sick e.g., you feel okay, but cough, snuffle, blow your nose a lot. Again, as there is sickness about, so such a soul does his neighbor a service in not coming to church, esp. regarding Sunday. Also know that the same is excused from the Sunday obligation.

The Jan. 20 CtK sponsored bus trip to the Pro-Life event at Ave Maria is cancelled, due to a lack of interest. Individuals, of course, may go privately.

2023 CFA status at CtK as of December 30, 2023: \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$119,988.28 pledged (97.23% of goal); from 49.13% of 230 households; \$113,594.28 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Thank you for your CFA donations. As you can see, we are almost at our goal. Final results, however, will not be known until the end of the month. (January 12, 2024, is the last day to process any mail that was postmarked before or on Dec. 31 & January 26 is the last day to process 2023 donations.)

Meanwhile, please know that Father is elated that nearly 50% of CtK parishioners contributed, placing us (so far) third highest of all parishes of the Diocese. This can not go unnoticed. Again, this should please any bishop. Again, a bishop might not care for the niche we fill liturgically, but he would appreciate such generous support for his Diocese as to consider such an asset.

Dear Faithful, 1/5/24, 12:23 pm

Here is an update on our hopes to extend our church to accommodate 400 souls. Last Fall, the building committee presented Bishop Dewane with our extension plans. After reviewing them, he asked us to make some changes & adjust our estimates and submit this to him in letter form (saying this was a matter of protocol); and that after he received this letter, he would write a letter granting us his permission to begin our fund raising.

These changes were made, and, on November 30, 2023, Fr Hathaway sent the Bishop a letter mentioning that, if this met with his satisfaction, we hoped to begin a capital campaign beginning with the New Year.

After this, as you know, Father went to MT. Returning from MT, Father noted that the Diocese had not yet responded to his letter. Thinking the letter got lost in the mail (it had not been sent certified), he wrote the Bishop again on December 28, 2023, (this time sent certified), attaching a copy of his first letter, mentioning that, if this met with his satisfaction, we hoped to begin a capital campaign on Septuagesima Sunday or January 28, 2024. As of the date of this little note, there has been no response. Please continue this in your prayers. God's will be done!