

On the Call of Christian Holiness

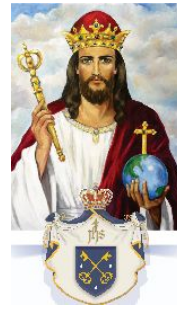
What is most essential? Essential is that no Sunday be left without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist -- this is no burden but light for the whole week. Never to begin or end a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, in the journey of our life, to follow "road signs" that God has communicated to us in the Decalogue read with Christ, which is simply the definition of charity in specific situations. I think this is the true simplicity and grandeur of the life of holiness: the encounter with the Risen One on Sunday; contact with God at the beginning and end of the day; in decisions, to follow the "road signs" that God has communicated to us, which are simply forms of charity. From whence charity for God and for our neighbor is the distinctive sign of the true disciple of Christ. This is true simplicity, grandeur and profundity of the Christian life, of being saints.

This is why St. Augustine, commenting on the fourth chapter of the First Letter of St. John, affirms an astonishing thing: "*Dilige et fac quod vis*" (Love and do what you will). And he continued: "If you are silent, be silent out of love; if you speak, speak out of love; if you correct, correct out of love; if you forgive, forgive out of love, may the root of love be in you, because from this root nothing can come that is not good" He who lets himself be led by love, who lives charity fully is led by God, because God is love. This is what this great saying means: "*Dilige et fac quod vis*".

Perhaps we might ask ourselves: Can we, with our limitations, our weakness, reach so high? During the liturgical year, the Church offers us a line-up of saints, who have lived charity fully, who have loved and followed Christ in their daily lives. In all periods of Church history, from all parts of the world, the saints belong to all ages and to all states of life; they are the concrete faces of all peoples, languages and nations. And they are very different among themselves. In reality, I must say that also, according to my personal faith, many saints, not all, are true stars in the firmament of history. And I would like to add that for me not only the great saints that I love and know well are "road signs," but also the simple saints, that is, the good persons that I see in my life, who will never be canonized. They are ordinary people, to say it somehow, without a visible heroism, but in their everyday goodness I see the truth of the faith. This goodness, which they have matured in the faith of the Church, is for me a sure defense of Christianity and the sign of where the truth is.

In the communion with saints, canonized or not, which the Church lives, thanks to Christ in all her members, we enjoy their presence and company and cultivate the firm hope to imitate their way and to share one day the same eternal, blessed life.

Dear friends, how great and beautiful and also simple, is the Christian vocation seen from this light! We are all called to holiness: It is the very measure of the Christian life. Once again St. Paul expresses it with great intensity when he writes: "But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ... And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ." (Eph.4:7) ~ from Pope Benedict's Wed. Address (4-13-11)



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Easter Sunday

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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.

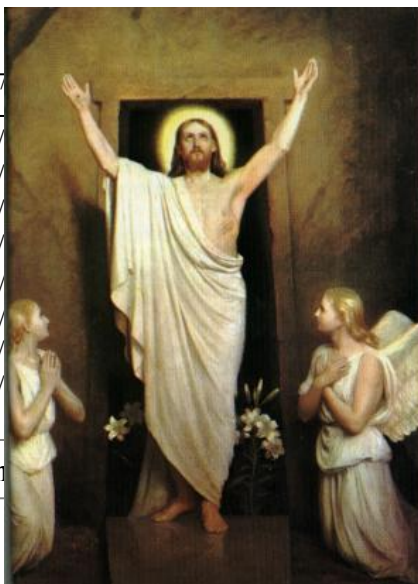
1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the

DATE	FEAST	CLASS
COMMEMORATION		
Sun 03-31	Easter Sunday	1/
Mon 04-01	Easter Monday	1/
Tues 04-02	Easter Tuesday	1/
Wed 04-03	Easter Wednesday	1/
Thu 04-04	Easter Thursday	1/
Fri 04-05	Easter Friday	1/
Sat 04-06	Easter Saturday	1/
Sun 04-07	Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday	1/



Mass Intentions for the Upcom

Sun 03-31	(7 am) No Mass (8:30 am) In honor of the BVM (10:30 am) <i>pro-papa</i> (12:30 pm) FssP & preservation of TLM	
Mon 04-01	(12 pm) Mary Therese Anton	rb A Baugh
Tues 04-02	(7 am) Kathy (9 am) the Fisher family special intention	rb Thu Le rb M Kuziel
Wed 04-03	(7 am) Josh Bollin (9 am) Aaron & Sarah Pruitt	rb T&D Lima rb M Pruitt
Thu 04-04	(7 am) Oliver Furlong (9 am) Robert E Fenton	rb O Furlong
Fri 04-05	(9 am) Intentions of the pastor (6:30 pm) Bill Shehwen	rb a tertiary rb T Shehwen
Sat 04-06	(9 am) In honor of the BVM	rb a friend
Sun 04-07	(7 am) Victor Milana+ (8:30 am) CtK volunteers (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Lino Carvallo Jr+	rb M Milana rb family

A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Ye sons and daughters of the King
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing TODAY the grave has lost its sting. Alleluia.*

Thank you to all who helped in ways known e.g., choir, servers, ushers, decorators, and unknown (by humans) to make this year's Lent & Easter festivities joyous & salutary! May the Risen Christ reward you!

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,133.25; on-line \$1,768.00; CFA \$3,190.00.
Total souls: 538: 7 am-75; 8:30 am-153; 10:30 am-195; 12:30 pm-115. (*Ocala*, 333)

This week, Easter Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), St Therese Guild (1 pm); Easter Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Easter Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adoration (5-8 pm), Confessions (5:30-6:30 pm); Easter First Friday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm), **Young Adults** (7 pm); Easter First Saturday, Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), [*Ocala*, Mass & devotions (10:30 am)].

Please pray for: Colette Conetta, Christina Slovak (3/31); Carol Labrecque, Sr M Gertrude, OCD, (3/24); Megan Roberts, McNamara family, Kari Harrisville (3/17), Alan Galletto (3/10); Kaitlyn Beggy, Kylee Chagnon, Lucy Burns, & Emily Anstead (3/3).

2024 CFA status at CtK as of March 27, 2024: \$113,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$35,133.50 pledged (31.09% of goal); from 21.24% of 226 households; \$21,535.95 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

We have just finished one more Lent in our lives. Did we finish the journey a better man; a more finished man? Archbishop Fulton Sheen may help our diagnosis: "By what signs will you know whether your life is unfinished? Among others we mention these: First, the habit of criticism is the best indication of an incomplete life. Our sense of justice is so keen and deep that we do not have it ourselves, we compensate for the lack of it trying to make everyone else just. Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbor that all his pictures are crooked. Like the lark who flutters with great agitation over her nest, we exhibit most flagrantly the very things we wish to hide.

"When you say of another's failing, "That is one thing I cannot stand," you reveal the very thing to which you are most unconsciously inclined. We personalize and objectify our unrecognized failings by talking of the failings of others. We hate in others the sins to which we are most likely addicted. When Our Lord said, "Judge not, that you may not be judged" (Mt 7:1), he also meant that you are judged by your judgment of others! You have given yourself away!"

~ Fulton Sheen, Seven Words of Jesus and Mary, Lessons on Cana and Calvary, p. 81; on Our Lord's 6th sermon from the cross, "It is consummated."

Next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, a plenary indulgence is granted to those who take part in prayers & devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* & the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. Those who (for a just cause) cannot get to church can gain the same indulgence by reciting one *Our Father*, the *Creed*, & a devout prayer to the Lord before an image of the Divine Mercy.

Never Give Up



A saint is a sinner who doesn't give up! *Alleluia!*