

JULY 2024
@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 6th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	1 Most Precious Blood 12 noon 4:30 pm Vespers 1 pm St Theresa Guild Ocala – 7 am Mass	2 Visitation of BVM 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	3 St Irenaeus, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-8 pm Adoration 5:30-6:30 pm Confession	5 First Friday / Sacred Heart 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Young Adults	6 First Saturday / Immaculate Heart 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala 10:30 am Mass (frv)
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:30 am Masses (all frh) Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	8 <i>Begin Novena to St Joseph (for Do This in Memory of Me campaign)</i> St Elizabeth, <i>Queen, Widow</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass	9 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frv)	10 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> Seven Holy Brothers, <i>Martyrs & Ss Rufina & Secunda, Virgins & Martyrs</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	11 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers	12 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> St John Gualbert, <i>Abbot</i> 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	13 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> Our Lady on Saturday 9 am Mass 10 am server practice 4:30 pm Vespers
14 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> 8th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am (frh), & 10:30 am Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	15 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> St Henry II, <i>Emperor & Confessor</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass	16 <i>St Joseph Novena</i> O. L. of Mount Carmel (Scapular enrollments) 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	17 Votive Mass in honor of St Joseph (Do This in Memory of Me) 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 9-5 pm CtK Day at PP 6:30 pm Mass (for the Campaign) (frh)	18 St Camillus de Lellis, <i>Confessor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild	19 St Vincent de Paul, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	20 St Jerome Emiliani, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers
21 9th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am (frv), & 10:30 am Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)	22 St Mary Magdalene, Penitent 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass	23 St Apollinaris, <i>Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frh)	24 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	25 St James, Apostle 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers	26 St Anne, Mother of the BVM 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	27 Our Lady on Saturday 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 10 am Rosary picnic
28 10th Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am (frh), & 10:30 am Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)	29 St Martha, Virgin [frv away until 8/14] 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass	30 Feria 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	31 St Ignatius, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass	AUGUST 1 St Peter in Chains (fssp) 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-8 pm Adoration 5:30-6:30 pm Confession	2 First Friday / Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	3 First Saturday / Immaculate Heart of Mary 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers No Mass in Ocala

(DRAFT as of 6/28/24)

ON THE THREE DIVINE PROMISES MADE TO SIMON PETER
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In article 6 of his book, Catholic Controversy, St. Francis de Sales cites three Divine Promises made to Simon Peter in his defense of the authority of the pope.

In Matthew's Gospel, Simon receives an added name & the first two divine promises: "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, ... I say to thee, thou art Peter (*Cephas*) and upon this rock (*Cephas*) I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and to thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven."

"Peter" means rock; "Simon" to "Peter" indicates the laying of a foundation stone, or the establishing of an equivalent office, in the organized religion God willed to establish from all eternity. Next, Christ promises, "and upon this rock (foundation stone) I will build my Church." This Church, as much as the stone, shall be indestructible: "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." St Francis writes, "if the gates of hell can in no wise prevail against the Church, they can in no wise prevail against its foundation and head, which they cannot take away & overturn without entirely overturning the whole edifice." Next, this office is promised a singular and incomparable authority, "To thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatsoever thou shalt bind...".

A third promise given the office of Peter occurs the night of the Last Supper after our Blessed Lord declares, "you will all be scandalized this night because of me." (Mt 26:31) Then Simon is addressed, "Simon, Simon, Satan has desired to sift you *all* (*vos*) as wheat. But I have prayed for thee (*te*) that thy faith may not fail; and when thou has converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Lk 22:31-32)

St. Francis remarks, "They would all be scandalized; but Simon alone receives prayer... All are tempted, one alone is prayed for." Simon is prayed for as being the head of all, as is clear from what follows, "When thou has converted, confirm thy brethren." We read, "When thou has converted." What does this mean except to promise a conversion? Next, we read, "confirm thy brethren." Why? To do what foundation stones do – strengthen the whole. Indeed, such did happen in the historical life of Simon Peter; but should we not expect the same for the office of Peter in the life of the Church so that "the gates of hell shall not prevail"? Unless he (the office of Peter) strengthens, who shall strengthen? "God," you say?; but God wills this to the office of Peter; and being the will of God, we should expect it this way.

St. Francis continues, "He (Christ) prayed for the head and the root, in order that the water of faith might not fail to him who was therewith to supply all the rest in order *that through the head the faith might always be preserved in the Church.*"

In ending, St. Francis adds an instructive note: On the day of the Passion, Simon Peter's three-fold denial was not a denial of faith "for he did not lose the faith, but only sinned as to the confession of it. Fear made him disavow that which he believed. He believed right but spoke wrong."

In times of papal confusion, regarding a pope's possible "unacceptable" or "reckless" comments, the saint's insight *should* ease our consternation. There is a man, *Simon*, who is pope; and there is, *Peter*, the office he holds. As a man, a pope is prone to err like all men (*from whatever influence*); only when he invokes his papal authority is he divinely safeguarded from error. Only to the office of Peter (not to Simon) are given the divine promises: "Upon this rock I will build my Church &...; To this rock I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven...; and, by this rock the brethren are strengthened.