

One Solitary Life

(From a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis, 1864-1928)

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village as the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another obscure village.

He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty and then for three years was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office.

He never owned a home.

He never had a family.

He never went to college.

He never put his foot inside a big city.

He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness.

He had no credentials but himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood.

While still a young man the tide of popular opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away.

One of them denied him.

Another betrayed him.

He was turned over to his enemies.

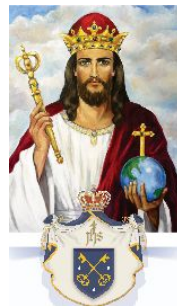
He went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed upon the cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying, and that was his coat.

When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come & gone and today He is the center of the human race and the Leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon the earth as powerfully as has this *One Solitary Life*.



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.

Vigil of Christmas

December 24, 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 12-24	Vigil of Christmas	1/V	
Mon 12-25	Nativity of Our Lord	1/W	At Dawn Mass, St Anastasia
Tues 12-26	St Stephen, proto-martyr	2/R	Day in the Octave
Wed 12-27	St John the Evangelist	2/W	Day in the Octave
Thu 12-28	Holy Innocents	2/R	Day in the Octave
Fri 12-29	5 th Day in the Octave	2/W	St Thomas Becket
Sat 12-30	6 th Day in the Octave	2/W	
Sun 12-31	Sunday in the Octave	2/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-24	(7 am) Hank & Helen Brouwer++	rb T&A Wade
	(8:30 am) Intentions of the Pastor	rb a tertiary
	(10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) All pregnancy center workers	rb CtK Pro-Life group
Mon 12-25	(12 am) Midnight Mass <i>Pro-Populo</i>	
	(8:30 am) Dawn Mass <i>Pro-Benefactors</i>	rb Fr Hathaway
	(10:30 am) Day Mass <i>Pro-Unborn babies</i>	
Tues 12-26	(7 am) Pope Francis	rb J Simmons
	(9 am) Maria D conversion	rb Kim D
Wed 12-27	(7 am) Michael Roberts+	rb Sciscenti family
	(9 am) Fr Vincent Huber	rb B Rodriguez
Thu 12-28	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
	(9 am) Angelina Estrada Garcia+	rb M/M L Truong
Fri 12-29	(9 am) Josh Woodhams+	rb anonymous
	(6:30 pm) M/M Edmund Rovnak++	rb J Rovnak
Sat 12-30	(9 am) Aida Negrin	rb family
Sun 12-31	(7 am) Rob & Allana Hoops	rb M/M Marchand
	(8:30 am) Jason Deon Thomas	rb M Meza
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) S Anton family healing	rb MT Anton

Merry Christmas! Fr Hathaway & Fr Huber thank you for your many cards, gifts & prayers given them over this holy season. If you now feel bad you are not of this number, say a Hail Mary for us and that will be enough! Fr Hathaway also thanks you for your prayers said for his mother & his safe travels. They worked! His mother's hip replacement went well &, obviously, Father returned in one piece.

Today's 10:30 am Mass is a low Mass. Christmas Midnight Mass: Adeste Fideles, #804; Mass II & Credo III; Angels we have Heard on High, #812.

Please know that only Catholics who practice the faith e.g., attend Mass every Sunday, & who are unaware of any grave sin on their soul, may receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving, may receive a priestly blessing by kneeling with the others, arms crossed, & the priest will know only to bless you.

This week, Monday, see Christmas schedule below; **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); **Wednesday,** Feast of St John traditional wine blessing after Mass (**bring your own wine**); **Thursday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Cat. (5-6 pm); **Friday,** staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); **Saturday,** Vespers (4:30 pm).

Please pray for: Wis family (12/17), Marie Meza, Kelly Katz, & Eileen McClain (11/26).

2023 CFA status at CtK as of December 16, 2023: \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$109,196.28 pledged (88.78% of goal); from 47.58% of 227 households; \$102,669.98 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,193.00; on-line \$1,850.00; CFA \$2,270.00.

Total souls: 471: 7 am-58; 8:30 am-152; 10:30 am-175; 12:30 pm-86. (**Ocala**, 284)

The traditional blessing of wine on the Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist, occurs after the Last Gospel. The priest retains his vestments, less the maniple, and blesses wine brought by the people in memory & in honor of St. John, who drank wine poisoned by his enemies without hurt.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. **R.** Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you. **R.** May He also be with you.

Oremus. If it please you, Lord God, bless + and consecrate + this vessel of wine by the power of your right hand; and grant that, through the merits of St. John, apostle & evangelist, all your faithful who drink of it may find it a help & a protection. As blessed John drank the poisoned potion without any harm, so may all who **today** drink the blessed wine in his honor be delivered from poisoning and similar harmful things. And as they offer themselves body & soul to you, may they obtain pardon of all their sins; through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Lord, bless + this creature drink, so that it may be a healthy medicine to all who use it; and grant by your grace that all who taste of it may enjoy bodily & spiritual health in calling on your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

May the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, come on this wine and remain always. **R.** Amen.

2023 Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:

In Sarasota, (frh)

Carols: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11:00 pm.

Midnight Mass: Dec. 25 at 12 am.

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

Day Mass: Dec. 25 at 10:30 am.

Octave Day: Jan. 1 at 12 noon & 6:30 pm.

In Ocala, (frv)

Midnight Mass at 12:00 am.

Dawn Mass at 1 pm & Day Mass at 1:30 pm; Holy Communion distributed at the 1:30 pm Day Mass only.

Octave Day: Jan. 1 at 7 am only.