

On Making a Thanksgiving after Mass

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In our country, at least, it seems a common experience that, after Mass, or “when the show is over” and the priest has retired to the sacristy, the majority of people immediately get up and leave; worse, it is even rare a priest return from Mass, kneel down and say prayers of thanksgiving for so great a Gift as the Holy Eucharist.

Today we speak on making a thanksgiving after the Holy Sacrifice has ended.

Again, today’s Gospel seems an accurate reflection of our situation: ten lepers are cured, but only one returns to give thanks; after Mass, of all who receive Holy Communion, only 10% linger in thanks while 90% of Catholics do not.

This is not a criticism as much as an observation; and a person may have a good reason to leave Mass “early.” To benefit us, however, we should apply the Gospel. So, we ask ourselves: in what way do I receive Holy Communion, the cure of my ills? Do I receive God’s greatest Gift like one of the nine or like the foreigner who returns, falls on his face, and gives thanks, with a loud cry (quietly in my heart)?

How might I make a thanksgiving?

First, recall what the Baltimore Catechism teaches Holy Communion does for us: 1) unites me to Christ; 2) increases Sanctifying Grace and all manner of virtue in my soul; 3) lessens my evil inclinations; 4) obtains a pledge or promise of life everlasting per words of the Savior, “He that eats this Bread shall live forever”(Jn 6:59); 5) fits my body for a glorious resurrection.

Now I can easily submit these benefits into my thanksgiving.

“O my God and Father Almighty, I give Thee thanks today that I was able to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Thy dearly beloved Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. May what I have received today be not to me a condemnation or punishment, but the means of my eternal salvation. May this Sacrament, 1) unite me more to Thee in friendship; 2) increase in me all virtue but especially that virtue which I most need e.g., patience, purity, fortitude, prudence, charity; 3) strengthen me against future temptation, especially against the sin of e.g., impatience, impurity, human respect; 4) increase in me a firm hope of eternal life for Thou has promised that *he who eats this Bread shall live forever*. But if I have received this great Gift of Thy tremendous love with distractions, with less love, affection, reverence and attention than I could and ought to have given Thee, I am sorry, I ask for Thy forgiveness and I will do better next time. Jesus my love, I love Thee, grant that I may love Thee always, then do with me what Thou wilt. (3X). And grant me a great love for Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Amen.”

To end, hear, again, the astonished Savior, “Were not ten made clean? Where are the nine?” Oh, how many receive Holy Communion without due thanks! Listen, again, to the Samaritan’s reward, “Go thy way, for thy faith has saved thee.” Not only is the Samaritan cured in his body, but for his faith & gratitude he receives a double reward. The lesson: the thankful heart receives more favor & grace from God.

May we *always & everywhere* give thanks to God, but especially when the greater gifts are received; and what is greater than almighty God giving Himself to us under the weak appearance of bread & wine in Holy Communion? Indeed, we ought to be terrifyingly thankful!



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

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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 office

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 |
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| COMMEMORATION | | |
| Sun 08-27 | 13 th Sunday after Pentecost | 2/G |
| Mon 08-28 | St Augustine of Hippo | 3/W St Hermes |
| Tues 08-29 | The Beheading of SJB | 2/R St Sabina |
| Wed 08-30 | St Rose of Lima | 3/W Ss Felix & Adauctus |
| Thu 08-31 | St Raymond Nonnatus | 3/W St Giles, Twelve Holy Brothers |
| Fri 09-01 | Sacred Heart of Jesus | 3/W St Stephen of Hungary |
| Sat 08-02 | Immaculate Heart of Mary | 3/W |
| Sun 08-03 | 14 th Sunday after Pentecost | 2/G |

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

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| Sun 08-27 | (7 am) Michele Ruane (8:30 am) FssP & preservation of TLM (10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass | rb R Speer |
| Mon 08-28 | (12 pm) Oliver S Furlong | rb O Furlong |
| Tues 08-29 | (7 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (9 am) Martin D | rb Fay-Lu Wu rb K Dinh |
| Wed 08-30 | (7 am) Ezekiel Tracy (9 am) Ian Peterson | rb Emke family rb C&M Lawton |
| Thu 08-31 | (7 am) Rosa Scianna+ (9 am) William & Helen Hanh++ | rb Eric Giunta rb M Kuziel |
| Fri 09-01 | (9 am) Conversion of family (6:30 pm) Mary Graham+ | rb M Meza rb L & MJ Sciscenti |
| Sat 09-02 | (9 am) Tim Steindorf+ | rb Steindorf family |
| Sun 09-03 | (7 am) Gloria Flynn+ (8:30 am) T&C Flamminio anniversary (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) No Mass | rb G Flynn rb T Flamminio |

The 12:30 pm Mass will be retired until the Fall.

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: Soul of My Savior, 903; Asperges, 567; Mass IV, 727 & Credo IV, 780; Exit: To Christ the Prince of Peace, 861.

This Week: Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face (10:15 am); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adoration (5-8 pm); 1st Friday, Mass & devotions (9 am) (***QAA will be attending***), staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm), Mass (6:30 pm); 1st Saturday, Mass & devotions (9 am) followed by Young Adults day-event), Vespers (4:30 pm); [***Ocala***, 10:30 am Mass & devotions (fth)].

Next Sunday, no coffee and donuts after the 10:30 am Mass.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$3,750.04; on-line \$1,320.00; CFA \$709.58.
Total souls: 377: 7 am-56; 8:30 am-120; 10:30 am-201; **Ocala** (269).

Please pray for: Peggy Grobe (8/27), Mary Meza, Rodney Eberhardt (8/6); & Eileen McClain (7/30).

2023 CFA status at CtK as of August 19, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$79,520.48 pledged (64.65% of goal); from 40% of 215 households; \$63,644.19 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Youth Catechism registration continues this week. Parishioners may sign up today, after the 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses, or this week during office hours (call ahead if you come after 3 pm). You **must** register for your children to attend any class. Classes will be held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 5 to 6 pm; the first class is September 14.

Safe Environment Training & fingerprinting is required by the Diocese of Venice for all employees & volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable. For further information, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website for scheduled training dates.

In this Thursday's adoration (5-8 pm), in view of the upcoming Florida Supreme Court hearing & in our efforts to defend human life, **we will offer pro-life intentions to our Eucharistic Lord.** Please spend an hour or more with Jesus in reparation for the many offenses against His Most Sacred Heart, especially the sin of abortion. May true justice be sought by those who make decisions regarding the fundamental right of all - **the right to life from the moment of conception!**

ACT OF FAITH

O MY GOD, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

ACT OF HOPE

O MY GOD, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

ACT OF CHARITY

O MY GOD, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.