

NOVEMBER 2023
@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Christ the King 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am Masses only. Parish Picnic at 12 noon</p> <p><i>Ocala</i> 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>30 Feria (22nd Sunday after Pentecost) 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p> <p>Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>31 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>November 1 All Saints 7 am Mass (frv) 9 am Mass (frh) 10:30 am Mass & QAA party (frh) 6:30 pm Mass (frh) Ocala - 6 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>2 Commemoration of All Souls 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frh) 6:30 Mass (frh) Ocala - 6:30 am, 7 am, & 6 pm Masses (frv)</p>	<p>3 1st Friday, Sacred Heart 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass Ocala - 7 am Mass (frv)</p>	<p>4 1st Saturday, Immaculate Heart of Mary / Ss Charles Borromeo et al. 9 am Mass 10 am pro-life talk, "Keeping cool in protesting." (frh) 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 10:30 Mass & devotions (frv)</p>
<p>5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>6 Daily Mass of the Dead 12 noon Mass 1:30 pm St Theresa Guild 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Adult Cat. (frv) Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>7 Daily Mass of the Dead 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>8 Daily Mass of the Dead 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 5 pm Finance Council</p>	<p>9 Ded. of Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism</p>	<p>10 St Andrew Avellino 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>11 St Martin of Tours 9 am Mass 10-12 am Server Practice 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>12 Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>13 St Francis Xavier Cabrini 12 noon Mass (frh) 4:30 pm Vespers (frv away until 11/17) Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>14 St Josaphat 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30 - 8 pm Book Club</p>	<p>15 St Albert the Great 9 am Mass 8-5 pm Ctk Day at PP</p>	<p>16 St Gertrude the Great 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild</p>	<p>17 St Gregory the Wonderworker 9 am Mass 3:30 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>18 St Ded. of Basilica of Ss Peter & Paul 9 am Mass 10 am Youth Group 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>19 Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frv)</p>	<p>20 St Felix of Valois 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Adult Cat. (frv) Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>21 Presentation of BVM 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>22 St Cecilia 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day St Clement I 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p>	<p>24 St John of the Cross 9 am Mass 3:30 staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>25 St Catherine of Alexandria 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>26 24th & Last Sunday after Pentecost 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 12:30 pm Masses Ocala 4:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>27 O.L. of the Miraculous Medal 12 noon Mass (frv) 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass (frv away until 11/30)</p>	<p>28 Feria (24th Sunday) 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Book Club</p>	<p>29 Feria 9 am Mass</p>	<p>30 St Andrew, Apostle 9 am Mass 5-8 pm Adoration</p>	<p>1 1st Friday, Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am Mass & devotions QAA here 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 pm Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Young Adults</p>	<p>2 1st Saturday, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Bibiana 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 10:30 Mass & devotions (frv)</p>

All Souls Day: a review of Purgatory

Definition: Purgatory is the place of suffering in which the souls of those who have not completely satisfied expiating for their sins and the temporal punishment due to them are purified so that they might enter into heaven.

Purgatory in the Bible: The word “purgatory” is not found in scripture, but the concept is.

In the Old Testament, we read how Judas Maccabees believed that souls who died in battle with idols on them had to be punished and for that reason ordered that sacrifice be offered for their souls in Jerusalem saying, “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.” (2 Mac 12:46). This cannot refer to those in heaven nor those in hell for those in heaven have no need of our prayers and those in hell cannot profit from them.

In the New Testament, Jesus Christ implies that there are some sins which may be remitted after this life: “He that shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor in the world to come.” Again, this implies some sins are purged after death, in some middle place. (Mt 12:32) And, in another place, Christ compares purgatory to a debtor’s prison: “Amen I say to thee, thou shall not go out from thence till thou repay the last farthing.” (Mt 5:26) And St. Paul says of some that they will be saved, “yet so as through fire.” (1 Cor 3:15); and, again, this is the purpose of Purgatory i.e., to destroy the residue of forgiven sin.

Purgatory in tradition: The idea of purgatory is also found in the tradition of what the Church has always done. The practice of the *Memento for the dead* at holy Mass is an example. Also, St. Augustine (430+) records that his mother, Monica, petitioned him on her death bed: “Bury me where you will, only, I pray you, think of me always at the altar of God.” (Confessions) Obviously, Monica believed that the holy Mass could assist her soul even after death to heaven; why else ask for this prayer? Another early witness, St. Gregory Nazianzen (389+), says, “In the afterlife there is a baptism of fire, a hard and weary baptism, to destroy what is earthy in man.”

Purgatory from reason: Reason itself demands such a place. Every man has been made by God to know, love, and serve God in this life so that he might be with Him forever in the next; and we are commanded to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. (Mt 22:37) But how many perfectly fulfill this task? There are many souls that pass into eternity which are neither wholly good nor completely bad. They are not good enough to go to heaven for scripture says, “Nothing unclean can enter heaven.” (Rv 21:27); but nor are they bad enough to go to hell, because they have not rejected God. Justice and logic demand such a place as purgatory.

Pains of purgatory: As in hell, there is a pain of sense and a pain of loss in purgatory. Unlike hell, however, there is the comforting thought that these punishments are temporary. Yet they remain severe while they last; a slight idea of them may be considered when compared to the pains of sense and loss we experience in this life.

Assistance for the poor souls in purgatory: The poor souls cannot help themselves; they can only endure. But we can help them: “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.” (2 Mac 12:46)

