

The Catechism of Fr. John Hardon: The 7th & 10th Commandments

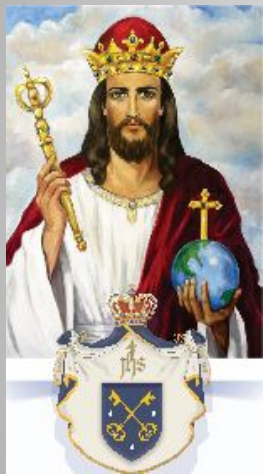
Justice in the Old Testament: The Seventh Commandment declares, “You shall not steal,” while the Tenth Commandment forbids even the interior desire to possess what belongs to another: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house ... or his servant ... his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.” Deuteronomy makes this prohibition more explicit: “You shall not set your heart on” anything belonging to another. Beyond these general commandments, the Mosaic Law condemned theft, robbery, fraud, usury, unjust acquisition of property, and deliberate destruction of another’s possessions. It also prohibited embezzlement, dishonest weights and measures, the moving of property boundaries, and the exploitation of hired workers. Thus, justice was not merely a matter of avoiding outright theft, but of respecting the rights and property of others in every aspect of human dealings.

The Obligation of Restitution: The Mosaic Law required those who stole or defrauded others to make restitution, often in an amount greater than the original loss. When money or precious objects were stolen, the thief was generally required to restore twice their value. The same applied to stolen animals if they could be returned alive. If an ox had been slaughtered or sold, five oxen had to be restored; for a sheep, four sheep. A householder was also permitted to kill a burglar who broke into his home at night. These laws demonstrate the seriousness with which they defended private property and condemned injustice.

The Sinfulness of Theft and the Demands of True Religion: The prophets repeatedly insisted that fidelity to God could never be separated from justice toward one's neighbor. Jeremiah, for example, denounced those who stole, committed other grave sins, and then entered the Temple as though their religious observances excused their conduct (Jer. 7:4–11). The lesson was clear: a man cannot claim to honor God while deliberately defrauding his neighbor. Religious worship without justice is not pleasing to God. The observance of the divine law requires not only prayer and sacrifice but also honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others.

Christ and the Danger of Riches: Our Lord reaffirmed the commandment against theft when the rich young man asked what he must do to obtain eternal life. When the young man departed sorrowfully, unwilling to surrender his possessions, Christ declared, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” He added that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven (Mk. 10:19–27). Our Lord did not teach that wealth itself is sinful or that rich men cannot be saved. Nevertheless, He warned that riches can take possession of the human heart, making salvation exceedingly difficult. The danger lies not simply in possessing wealth, but in becoming attached to it. What is impossible to human strength remains possible through divine grace, which can free the heart from its attachment to riches even when a man continues to possess them.

St. Paul on Honesty and Generosity: St. Paul strongly condemned theft, fraud, and unjust enrichment, warning that thieves, usurers, and swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God. But Christian morality goes beyond the negative obligation of refraining from theft, he should be prepared to give of his own possessions to those in need. Thus, justice becomes the foundation upon which charity can flourish.



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20th Sunday after Pentecost October 11th, 2026

“...be ye filled with the holy Spirit, Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God and the Father...” - Ephesians 5:18-20

Secretary: Melissa Burns
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Masses

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am,
10:30am (high), 1:00pm

Monday: 12:00pm
Tues: 9am; Wed-Thur: 7am & 9am
Friday: 9:00am & 6:30pm.
Saturday: 9:00 am.

Ocala:

Sunday: 4:30pm
Monday: 7:00am.

Confession: 30 min before Mass

Adoration: Fri 10am-6:15pm

Date and Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
10-11	7:00 AM Priest's Intention	
	8:30 AM FSSP	
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM St. Monica Prayer Group Intentions	Mary Pruitt
10-12	12:00 PM Maureen Hallagan+	Brian Hallagan
10-13	7:00 AM Baby Gardner	Vivian & Veronica Gardner
	9:00 AM Kenneth H. Zilli+	Zilli family
10-14	7:00 AM Carlota Plowman	Plowman family
	9:00 AM Tan Lai	N. Truong
10-15	7:00 AM Roberta Speer	Lisa O'Brien
	9:00 AM Dr. Teresa Vereb+	Dennis & Roxanne Tilden
10-16	9:00 AM Ellen & Ralph Dieterle++	Stanley Tomkiel
	6:30 PM Deanna Falconetti+	Elizabeth Cuevas Neunder
10-17	9:00 AM Mary Fanelli+	Antonette Cunningham
10-18	7:00 AM Cristina Gallagher	B & M Cunningham
	8:30 AM Joycelyn Shipe	Tim Shipe
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Priest's Intention	

“If all the prayers of loving hearts from the beginning of the world, and all the seraphic worship of the thrones and principalities of heaven, and the burning devotion and love of the Virgin Mother of God, and the voices of the all creatures of heaven and earth were offered up in one universal and harmonious act of praise and adoration, they would not equal or even approach in value and efficacy the infinite worth of a SINGLE MASS.”

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Oct 13, 10:15 AM
Women's Book Club	Tue, Oct 13, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
St. Joseph Guild	Thurs, Oct 15, 6:30 PM
Archconf. of Holy Face	Sat, Oct 17, 10:00 AM
Youth Group	Sat, Oct 17, 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Prayer Corner
Please pray for: Lisa Eagles; Baby Tiberius; Arianne Gardner; Baby Gardner; Frank Burns; Sciscenti family; Carol Labrecque; Terry Angley; Wis family; McNamara family; Peter & the Crowell family; Aaron Pruitt; Gary Syvertsen

A **Requiem Mass** will be offered at Christ the King for the soul of **Bishop Dewane** on **Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am**.

Please click [here](#) to see the funeral arrangements for Bishop Dewane, Or use the QR code:



Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Patrick O’Doherty**, pastor of **Queen of Peace in Ocala**, great friend of the FSSP since 2007!

Save the date! CtK's **40 DFL Fall campaign prayer vigil day** is on Saturday, 10/17, from 7am-7pm in front of Planned Parenthood (736 Central Ave, Sarasota). A table for sign-ups will be in the breezeway before and after Masses on 10/11 and a sign-up sheet can be found in the vestibule.

CTK **parish potluck picnic** will be October 25th after the 10:30am Mass. Save the date, and please note, **we will cancel the 1:00 pm Mass that day!**

Next Sunday, October 18th, after all Masses, we will have our **annual enrollment ceremony** for those who would like to join the FSSP Confraternity. If you are interested, brochures are in the vestibule.

This month, the **Youth Group** will participate in the 40 DFL prayer vigil. We will meet at Planned Parenthood at 4pm to pray, followed by a tour of the pro-life center. Then we will drive to Payne Park for pizza and games. Youth can be picked up from Payne Park at 7:30.

Father Huber will be permanently incorporated in the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter after the 7:00am Mass next Sunday. A reception will follow.

Parish Groups

St. Joseph’s Guild

St.Theresa Devotions Guild

Respect Life

Altar Servers

Choir

Youth Catechism

Youth Group

Holy Face Archconfraternity

Women’s Book Club

Women’s Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Seven Sisters Apostolate/Fasting Brothers

St. Monica Prayer Group

From the Choir Loft: 20th Sunday after Pentecost, 10/11/26: Entr: Come, Holy Ghost SEC 883; Asperges SEC 567 Mass VI SEC 719; Credo IV SEC 780; Exit: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus SEC 936

Ignaz Reimann

Ignaz Reimann (1820-1885), was born in Albendorf, Silesia (now in Poland near the Czech border). He studied in Breslau and was a church musician, composer, and teacher in Rengersdorf (now Krosnowice, Poland). Much of his extensive musical output was lost in World War II. Today the choir sings Ave Maria for women’s voices by Reimann.

Finances

Last Sunday’s collection: cash \$4,478.00; online \$4,073.00;
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$4,505.00; online \$4,291.56

2026 CFA status at CtK as of October 5, 2026: \$104,000.00 assessment; \$53,030.02 pledged; \$49,890.36 paid; 20.72% of HHolds. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance
Oct 4 - 486 souls
7:00 am- 69
8:30 am- 125
10:30 am- 180
1:00 pm- 112
Ocala- 353