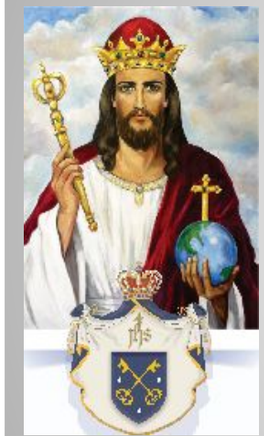
**The Antichrist in St. Robert Bellarmine's "De Romano Pontefice:** One particular man will arise near the end of the world, claiming to be the promised Messiah, demanding worship as God, and leading the final persecution of the Church. His aim is to take Christ's place, and he goes so far as to counterfeit Christ's resurrection. Bellarmine reads the "many antichrists" of St. John as forerunners of this one man. - **His birth and ancestry.** Antichrist will be a real man, born in the ordinary human way. Satan will work through him. Bellarmine dismisses theories of a diabolical incarnation or a return of Nero. He considers it certain that Antichrist will be of Jewish descent, be circumcised, and observe the Sabbath at least for a time. Reading John 5:43 in this light, he expects him to gain his first following among Jews who receive him as the expected Messiah. - **His rise to power and his seat.** He will rise from obscurity and obtain his first kingdom by deceit. Bellarmine reads Daniel's little horn as Antichrist, with Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadowing him. He expects the Roman Empire to break up into ten kingdoms. Antichrist will defeat three kings, whom Bellarmine identifies with Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia, and the other seven will submit to him. His royal seat will be Jerusalem, where he will claim the throne of David and set himself up in the rebuilt Temple of Solomon. Bellarmine allows that he may also demand worship in Christian churches. - **What he will teach.** Bellarmine gives four points. Antichrist will openly deny that Jesus is the Christ and attack the sacraments He instituted. He will claim that he himself is the Messiah promised by the Law and the Prophets. He will proclaim himself God and demand divine worship. Finally, he will claim that he alone is God and suppress every rival worship. His initial promotion of circumcision, the Sabbath, and other observances of the Old Law serves his claim to be the promised Messiah. - **His lying wonders.** Antichrist and his ministers will use Satanic signs to persuade people of his claims. Bellarmine singles out three from Apocalypse 13: fire descending from heaven, an image of the beast being made to speak, and Antichrist feigning death and a return to life. He also mentions apparent healings and raisings of the dead. Some wonders will be illusions. Others may produce real effects through hidden created powers. Their purpose is to make a false claim to divinity appear credible. - **His name, number, and mark.** Bellarmine takes 666 to be the numerical value of the letters of Antichrist's name. Following St. Irenaeus, he says the name must await the fulfillment of the prophecy, since several names can yield the same number. He likewise expects Antichrist to devise a recognizable mark of allegiance, borne on the right hand or forehead, whose form will become known when he comes. Buying and selling will be restricted to those who can show the mark, his name, or his number. - **The final persecution and the two witnesses.** Bellarmine expects the severest persecution the Church has ever suffered. Public Christian worship will be suppressed, especially the public offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass, and many of the faithful will be martyred. Yet the Church will endure. Bellarmine identifies the two witnesses of Apocalypse 11 as Enoch and Elijah, who will come in person to strengthen the faithful and bring about the conversion of the Jews. Antichrist will kill them. Their bodies will lie exposed in Jerusalem, after which they will rise and ascend into heaven. - **When he will come and how he will end.** Bellarmine gives six signs in order. First comes the preaching of the Gospel to every nation and the dissolution of the Roman Empire, which he identifies with the restraining power in 2 Thessalonians 2. Then come the preaching of Enoch and Elijah and the great persecution. Finally come the downfall of Antichrist after a reign of about three and a half years and the end of the world. Bellarmine reads Daniel's "time, times, and half a time" and the Apocalypse's forty-two months in this sense. He expects only a brief interval before the Last Judgment. Christ will destroy the "man of sin" by the breath of His mouth and the glory of His coming.



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## 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 22nd, 2026

*"...there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect…Heaven and earth shall pass, but my words shall not pass." - Mt. 24:24;35*

**Secretary**: Melissa Burns
**Finances**: Melissa Funderburk
**Choir**: Leo & Carol Labrecque
**Maintenance**: Tom Flamminio
**Office Hours**: 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11-22** | 7:00 AM | Rinaldo & Agnes DeSantis++ | Donna Hrycyk |
| | 8:30 AM | Intentions of the Confraternity of St. Peter | Ted & Afra Wade |
| | 10:30 AM | *Pro Populo* | |
| | 1:00 PM | Priest's intention | |
| 11-23 | 12:00 PM | In Honor of the B.V. Mary | Brenda Rodriguez |
| 11-24 | 7:00 AM | Mary Fanelli+ | A. Cunningham & A. Fanelli |
| | 9:00 AM | Jean McAllister+ | McAllister family |
| 11-25 | 7:00 AM | JFK Jr. & Family | Janet McGonigle |
| | 9:00 AM | Thomas J.D. Grube | Grube family |
| 11-26 | 7:00 AM | Landon Thorpe+ | Beggy family |
| | 9:00 AM | Anne Marchand+ | Marchand family |
| 11-27 | 9:00 AM | Carlota & John - 50th Wedding Anniversary | Plowman family |
| | 6:30 PM | Greg Marchand | Marchand family |
| 11-28 | 9:00 AM | Priest's intention | |
| **11-29** | 7:00 AM | Intentions of the Confraternity of St. Peter | Ted & Afra Wade |
| | 8:30 AM | Deceased Classmates of Quigley Sem.-1969+ | Bill Schuetter |
| | 10:30 AM | *Pro Populo* | |
| | 1:00 PM | Thomas & Patricia Fabyanic++ | Anonymous |

*"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."*

| 1962 Liturgical Calendar | | | | |
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| **11-22** | **Twenty fourth and last Sunday after Pentecost** | **2** | **G** | |
| 11-23 | St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr | 3 | R | St. Felicity, Martyr |
| 11-24 | St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor | 3 | W | St. Chrysogonus, Martyr |
| 11-25 | St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr | 3 | R | |
| 11-26 | St. Sylvester, Abbot | 3 | W | St. Peter Alexandrinus, Bishop, Martyr |
| 11-27 | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal | 4 | W | |
| 11-28 | Our Lady on Saturday | 4 | W | |
| **11-29** | **First Sunday of Advent** | **1** | **V** | |

**From the Choir Loft:** 24th Sunday after Pentecost 11/22/26: Entr: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King SEC 856; Asperges SEC 567; Mass VI SEC 719; Credo IV SEC 780; Exit: Holy God We Praise Thy Name SEC 881
Camille Saint-Saens - Ave Maria
Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) was born in Paris. He had learned to read and write by age three and knew Latin by age seven (that always takes a little longer). He gave his first public piano recital at age ten. Saint-Saens studied at the Paris Conservatoire and held various appointments as organist, most notably at the Madeleine. Franz Liszt considered him the greatest organist in the world. The choir will sing his setting of the Ave Maria for two sopranos at Offertory.

| Weekly Schedule | |
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| Holy Face Devotions | Tue, Nov 24, 10:15 AM |
| Women's Book Club | Tue, Nov 24, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM |
| Adoration | Fri, Nov 27, 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM |

**Prayer Corner**
**Please pray for**: John Beggy; Cindy Lane; Robert Burns; Lisa Eagles; Baby Tiberius; Arianne Gardner; Baby Gardner; Sciscenti family; Carol Labrecque; Terry Angley; Wis family; McNamara family; Crowell family; Aaron Pruitt; Gar Syvertsen; Stacy Steindorf

Join us for the 11th Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 12 December at the Founder's Club in Sarasota. Our Guest Speaker this year is Fr. Andrew Daniels, FSSP. Tickets are on sale before and after Sunday Masses, with proceeds going to the FSSP Seminary and Saint Joseph's Guild.

The **office** will be **closed** Thursday, Nov 26 and Friday, Nov 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Please keep the **CFA** in mind as you plan your end of year giving!

**FSSP North American Province**: In the vestibule you will find trifold pamphlets with envelopes asking for support for our North American Province.

Save the date! The Ave Maria march for Life will be held on Saturday, January 16th. FREE transportation if we get 50 parishioners to ride with us. Open for all ages. Minors must be accompanied by their parents. Sign-up ctksarasota.flocknote.com/signup/277701 Contact: matosdalia@yahoo.com

**FSSP Christmas Card Novena**: Forms and envelopes are available in the vestibule for those who would like to enroll themselves or loved ones in the FSSP Christmas Mass novena. FSSP Christmas cards are also available upon request.

**Christmas Giving Tree** - serviced by **Our Mother's House**, a Catholic Charities transitional living program in Venice. To participate, select an ornament from the tree found in the vestibule. Each ornament lists an item requested by a family. Alternatively, there is a list by the tree of everyday items needed by Our Mother's House. Please drop-off your items in the social hall before or after Masses on December 13. Questions? Contact Zack Kanter at (941) 861-3541.

**We are preparing your 2026 contribution statements.** If you have moved within the past year, please let us know your current address.

**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

**Finances**

**Last Sunday's collection:** cash $13,856.00; online $2,588.00;
***Do This in Memory of Me:*** cash $4,345.00; online $3,508.19

**2026 CFA status at CtK as of November 16, 2026**: $104,000.00 assessment; $66,444.92 pledged; $65,090.97 paid; 23.41% of HHolds. **Thank you for your support!**

**Mass Attendance**
**Nov 15 - 548 souls**
7:00 am- 78
8:30 am- 136
10:30 am- 226
1:00 pm- 108
***Ocala- 331***