

## The 1st Commandment: The Catechism of Fr. John Hardon

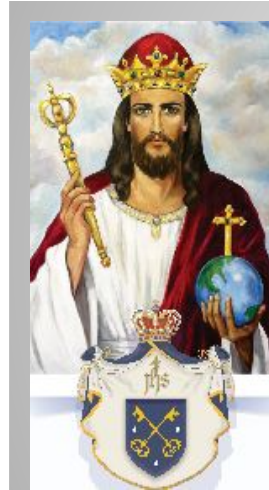
The 1st Commandment is the foundation of the entire moral law because it establishes man's relationship with God before all other duties. God first reveals Himself as Lord, Creator, and Redeemer, and on this basis claims our worship and obedience. The commandment is both a positive precept and a negative prohibition. Positively, it requires the virtue of religion; negatively, it forbids every form of false worship and every sin against religion. Religion is the virtue by which we render to God the honor that is His due. Although it is related to justice, it surpasses every form of human justice because God's rights over us are absolute. Everything we are and possess comes from Him. Religion therefore acknowledges God as the source of our existence, while charity responds to Him as our final end. Together they express man's complete relationship to God.

**Adoration:** The highest act of religion is adoration, by which the creature acknowledges God's infinite majesty and absolute sovereignty. Because God alone is the Creator and Lord of all things, adoration belongs to Him alone. No creature, however holy, may receive such worship. The Church therefore carefully distinguishes between adoration and veneration. The saints and angels are honored because of their holiness and closeness to God, but they remain creatures. Even the Blessed Virgin Mary, though exalted above all other creatures, is never adored. Adoration is given only to God, while veneration honors those in whom God's grace has triumphed.

**Prayer:** Prayer is another principal act of religion because it expresses our dependence upon God and our need for His grace. Through prayer we acknowledge that every good gift comes from Him and that without His assistance we cannot attain salvation. God has willed that many graces be obtained through prayer, making it morally necessary for the Christian life.

**Sacrifice:** Sacrifice is the fullest expression of the virtue of religion because it unites adoration and prayer in a visible act of self-surrender. Through sacrifice we acknowledge God's dominion over us by giving up something valuable for His sake. Every genuine sacrifice requires an interior offering of the heart, but it is ordinarily manifested through some external renunciation. The sacrifice may be small, such as surrendering a pleasure, or great, such as the offering of one's life in martyrdom. What makes an act sacrificial is the willingness to relinquish something precious in order to please God. In this way sacrifice becomes a profound acknowledgment that God is worthy of our total self-giving.

**The Veneration of Saints, Relics, and Sacred Images:** The veneration of saints, relics, and sacred images has been part of Christian life since the earliest centuries and rests upon the distinction between adoration and veneration. Sacred images are honored not for their own sake but because they represent Christ, His Blessed Mother, the angels, and the saints. The honor given to an image passes to the person depicted. For this reason the Church has consistently defended the use of images, relics, crosses, incense, and other sacred objects as aids to devotion rather than forms of idolatry. The saints in heaven continue to intercede for the faithful on earth, and it is therefore good and profitable to seek their prayers and assistance. Such devotion does not compete with Christ's unique mediation, since every grace comes from God through Him. Indeed, all genuine devotion to the saints ultimately leads to Christ, whose grace is reflected in their holiness, and through Christ leads the soul to the Father. Thus the First Commandment teaches that God alone is to be adored above all things, while all legitimate Catholic devotion serves to draw us more perfectly into His worship and love.



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## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21st, 2026

*“I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us. For the expectation of the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God.” - Romans 8:18-19*

**Secretary:** Melissa Burns  
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### Masses

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

Monday: 12:00pm  
Tues, Wed, Thur: 7:00am & 9:00am  
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
6-21	7:00 AM Daniel Corman	John G. Motzenbecker
	8:30 AM Saizieu's family	Louis de Saizieu
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Christopher Barca	his wife
6-22	12:00 PM Carolyn Schuetter+	Bill Schuetter
6-23	7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory	Louis de Saizieu
	9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory	B&C Cunningham
6-24	7:00 AM Kenneth H. Zilli+	Zilli family
	9:00 AM Walker family	Louis de Saizieu
6-25	7:00 AM Susan Hemeryck	M/M T. VanGelderen
	9:00 AM Joseph & Dorothy Torres	M/M Leo Labrecque
6-26	9:00 AM Mary Mai Nguyen+	K.D.
	6:30 PM Pamela & Mark Tino	Stephanie Mullin
6-27	9:00 AM Priest's Intention	
6-28	7:00 AM FSSP priests living & deceased	Phaup family
	8:30 AM Fr. Shawn Roser	Hallagan family
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Catherine Byron	Christine Dunleavy

*“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			
<b>6-21</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>G</b>
6-22	St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop & Confessor	3	W
6-23	Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	2	V
6-24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	1	W
6-25	St. William, Abbot	3	W
6-26	Ss. John and Paul, Martyrs	3	R
6-27	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	4	W
<b>6-28</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>G</b>
	<b>Vigil of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles</b>		

**From the Choir Loft:** 4th Sunday after Pentecost. 6/21/26; Entr: Soul of My Savior SEC 938; Asperges SEC 567; Mass XI SEC 740; Credo IV SEC 780; Exit: Faith of Our Fathers SEC 928

#### Adoro Te Devote

The hymn Adoro Te Devote was written by St. Thomas Aquinas around 1260. It is a meditation on the Real Presence, expressing faith because of the One who has spoken. Listen for this hymn during the Ablutions. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in Thee, But hearing alone is enough to believe. I believe whatever the Son of God has spoken; There is nothing truer than the word of Truth.

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Jun 23, 10:15 AM
Women's Book Club	Tue, Jun 23, 6:30-8:00 PM
Chant Camp	Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10 AM-3 PM
Chant Camp Mass	Fri, Jun 26, 9:00 AM
Adoration	Fri, Jun 26, 10 AM-6:15 PM

Prayer Corner
<b>Please pray for:</b> Cecilia Koei; John Plowman; Tiberius Perkins; Negrin Family; Sciscenti family; Patricia Furlong; Richard B; Nicole Romano; Shehwen family; Meadows family; Carol Labrecque; Stacy Steindorf; Terry Angley; Amanda Smith; Robert M; Wis family; McNamara family

**Father Eichman’s Farewell Party** - Please join us after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, July 28th for a farewell party for Fr. Eichman. Please keep Father in your prayers as he begins his new assignment as Pastor of St. Mary’s Church, the FSSP Apostolate in Providence, Rhode Island.

We are accumulating **clutter in the kitchen and parish hall, please pick up your items!** Soon we will get rid of everything that does not belong! And a reminder that the **lost-and-found** is in the vestibule.

The novena to Ss. Peter and Paul began on June 20. Novena booklets are available in the vestibule.

"Parents, there is a new homeschool hybrid starting in Tampa this fall, **Mater Dei Classical Hybrid Academy**. A Classical Catholic homeschool following the hybrid method of instruction. This is a supportive program for homeschool families with in-class days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a daily lesson plan to follow throughout the year, and is accepting of PEP. For more information please see Katie Conetta, or check out their website: <https://mdahybrid.org/>

#### 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

St. Monica Prayer Group

#### Finances

**Last Sunday’s collection:** cash \$5,200.00; on-line \$915.00; **CFA:** \$66.67  
**Do This in Memory of Me:** cash \$2,291.67; online \$2,448.01

**2026 CFA status at CtK as of June 15, 2026:** \$96,000.00 assessment; \$35,055.02 pledged; \$28,300.02 paid. **Thank you for your support!**

#### Mass Attendance June 14 - 532 souls

7:00 am- 57  
8:30 am- 107  
10:30 am- 236  
1:00 pm- 132  
**Ocala- 289**