

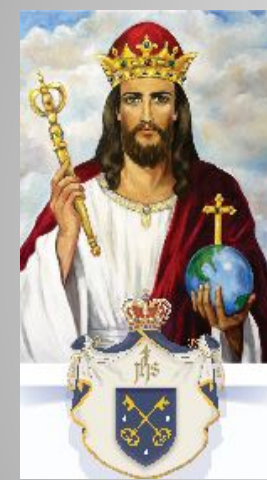
The Catechism of Fr. John Hardon: The 2nd Commandment
“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain” (Ex. 20:7; Dt. 5:11)

BLASPHEMY AND CURSING: Blasphemy is one of the gravest profanations of God’s name, consisting in words, thoughts, or actions that express contempt for God, the Church, or the saints. Because it directly attacks what is sacred, it is intrinsically evil and was severely punished in the Old Testament, even serving as the principal accusation against Christ. Historically, Christian societies also treated blasphemy as a serious civil offense, though modern secular cultures have largely abandoned such laws as belief in God has declined. Blasphemy presupposes both an awareness of the sacred and a deliberate attitude of scorn toward it, making it especially common where faith is still recognized. Closely related, but distinct, is cursing, which means calling down evil upon someone or something. Unlike blasphemy, profanity, swearing, or vulgar speech, cursing is specifically the wish that evil befall another. Scripture teaches that a curse has no magical power but is effective only insofar as God permits it. The Israelites therefore understood curses as prayers of imprecation rather than magical formulas, trusting that God alone judges justly, protects the innocent, and can even turn curses into blessings. The Old Testament contains many examples of such imprecatory prayers, especially in the Psalms and the prophets. These must be understood in light of the gradual revelation of God’s will, the vivid language of the biblical writers, and, above all, their prophetic character, often expressing God’s justice rather than merely personal vengeance. With the coming of Christ, however, His disciples are explicitly forbidden to curse their enemies. Instead, they are commanded to love, forgive, and pray for those who persecute them, imitating the mercy of the heavenly Father. Although St. Paul occasionally pronounces anathemas against those who reject Christ or corrupt the Gospel, these are exceptional acts ordered toward the defense of divine truth, not personal revenge. Catholic moral theology distinguishes between cursing things and cursing persons. Wishing evil upon another’s soul is always sinful, while wishing physical suffering is likewise wrong unless sincerely desired for the person’s spiritual good or the welfare of others. Maliciously desiring harm out of hatred, envy, or revenge is always sinful, with its gravity depending on the seriousness of the evil intended. As St. James reminds us, it is inconsistent to bless God with the same tongue that curses those made in His image. Christians, therefore, must replace every impulse to curse with prayer for their neighbor, since the measure with which they seek God’s blessing is the same measure by which they extend charity to others.

How may you misuse the name of God? By using it without good reason and without respect. This is generally a venial sin.

What is blasphemy? An expression insulting to God or religion. It is a mortal sin when the blasphemer really intends to insult God.

What kind of sin is it to use vulgar language? To say "hell" or "damn" or to use vulgar language usually is no sin at all, unless you mean what you say or say it out of anger or impatience. However, these expressions are not fitting for a Christian. "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." (James 3:10).



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8th Sunday after Pentecost July 19th, 2026

“...you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear; but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father). For the Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God. And if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint heirs with Christ: yet so, if we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.” Rm. 8:15-17

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	
7-19	7:00 AM	Gregg Nugen+	Funderburk family
	8:30 AM	Ian Peterson	Chris & Marion Lawton
	10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM	Gary Davis+	Paula Criqui
7-20	12:00 PM	Teresa Buznego+	Brenda Rodriguez
7-21	7:00 AM	Conversion of a loved one	Anonymous
	9:00 AM	Leonard West+	M/M Leo Labrecque
7-22	7:00 AM	Claire Verdini+	Zilli family
	9:00 AM	Susan Hemeryck	Susanne & Ron Perri
7-23	7:00 AM	Alexandra Phaup	Mom & Dad
	9:00 AM	Audrey Deitche+	Mary Pruitt
7-24	9:00 AM	Juliana Flamminio	Grammy & Grandad
	6:30 PM	Alexander Baugh	Catherine Clough
7-25	9:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
7-26	7:00 AM	FSSP Confraternity Intentions	Mary Milana
	8:30 AM	Nancy Zilli	Zilli family
	10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM	Rita Dunleavy	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				
7-19	8th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	
7-20	St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor	3	W	St. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr
7-21	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Doctor of the Church	3	W	St. Praxedes, Virgin
7-22	St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent	3	W	
7-23	St. Apollinarius, Bishop & Martyr	3	R	St. Liborius, Bishop and Confessor
7-24	St. Christina, Virgin & Martyr	4	R	
7-25	St. James the Greater, Apostle	2	R	St. Christopher, Martyr
7-26	9th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From the Choir Loft: 8th Sunday after Pentecost, 7/19/26; Entr: O Lord I Am Not Worthy SEC 902; Asperges SEC 567; Mass VIII SEC 727; Credo IV SEC 780; Exit: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus SEC 936
Perosi Ave Maria: Don Lorenzo Perosi (1872-1956) was one of the foremost Italian composers of the early twentieth century. He graduated from the Milan Conservatory in 1892 was ordained to the priesthood in 1895. In 1898 Pope Leo XIII appointed him Director of the Sistine Choir, a position he held until his death. A close friend of Pope St. Pius X, Perosi is said to have collaborated in the motu proprio Tra le Sollicitudini, which restored the use of Gregorian chant in the liturgy. The choir sings Perosi’s Ave Maria at Offertory today.

Weekly Schedule		Prayer Corner
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Jul 21, 10:15 AM	Please pray for: Cecilia Koei; John Plowman; 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; Peter & the Crowell family; Lakendra Deitche; Katie Madosky
Women's Lectio Divina	Tue. Jul 21, 4:00 PM-5:30 PM	
Adoration	Fri, Jul 24, 10 AM - 6:15 PM	

Troops of St. George Coming to Christ the King! - A new **Troops of St. George - Troop #111** is forming at Christ the King Parish! Troops of St. George is a Catholic apostolate for boys (ages 6–18) and their fathers or male mentors that combines outdoor adventure, authentic Catholic faith, and the formation of virtuous men. Through camping, hiking, service projects, practical skills, prayer, and the sacraments, fathers and sons grow together in faith, courage, and brotherhood. If you're interested in learning more or joining our founding troop, please contact Jason Gedmin Ph: 630-877-5805 Email: TSG.Troop111@gmail.com. Visit troopsofstgeorge.org for more information.

Welcome to Deacon Rodrigo Torres, who will be with us until August 8th!

Welcome Card for Bishop Emilio Biosca Aguero - We invite all parishioners to extend a warm and prayerful welcome to Bishop Emilio by signing the greeting card available in the church vestibule. The card will be presented to Bishop Emilio on behalf of Christ the King Parish as a sign of our prayers and support. Thank you for helping us welcome our new shepherd!

Fasting Brothers are men who commit to fasting one day a week in conjunction with their parish’s Seven Sisters group (SevenSisterApostolate.org) exclusively for the intention of their pastor. Here at Christ the King parish, we have three groups of Seven Sisters praying on behalf of Father Huber, Father Daniels, and our bishop. We would like to form corresponding groups of Fasting Brothers. If you would like to learn more, contact Bill Cunningham at 484.631.5990 or billyc@gvtc.com.

Finances	Mass Attendance
Last Sunday’s collection: cash \$5,789.96; on-line \$965.58; CFA: \$100.00 <i>Do This in Memory of Me:</i> cash \$6,825.00; online \$4,018.10	July 12 - 509 souls 7:00 am- 62 8:30 am- 141 10:30 am- 223 1:00 pm- 83 Ocala- 363
2026 CFA status at CtK as of July 13, 2026: \$96,000.00 assessment; \$36,906.69 pledged; \$30,397.40 paid. Thank you for your support!	

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