

The Catechism of Fr. John Hardon: The 3rd Commandment, Keep Holy the Lord’s Day

The Divine Origin of the Sabbath: The Third Commandment is rooted in God's covenant with Israel and commands that time be set apart for His worship. The Sabbath commemorated both God's rest after creation and His deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage, making it both a memorial of creation and a celebration of redemption. Because it was directly instituted by God, it became the distinguishing mark of Jewish religious life and a constant reminder that all creation and salvation come from Him.

From the Sabbath to the Lord's Day: With the coming of Christ, the observance of the Third Commandment passed from the Jewish Sabbath to Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. The Apostles assembled on this day for the breaking of bread, and the early Church recognized it as the Lord's Day. The Church thus fulfilled, rather than abolished, the divine command.

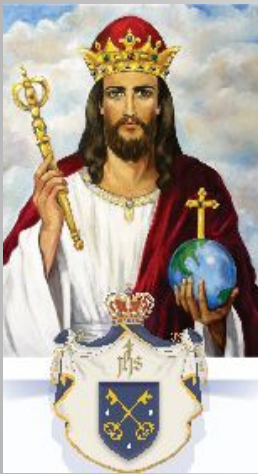
Sunday as the Christian Feast: From the beginning, Sunday became the weekly celebration of the Paschal Mystery. It commemorates Christ's Resurrection, the new creation established through His victory over sin, and, by ancient tradition, the coming of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. The Fathers closely associated Sunday with Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, seeing it as the privileged day on which the faithful most fully participate in the mysteries of Redemption.

The Apostolic Tradition of Sunday Worship: The obligation to gather for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday is apostolic in origin. The *Didache* already commands Christians to assemble on the Lord's Day, while St. Justin Martyr describes the Sunday liturgy and explains that Christians worship on this day because it marks both the beginning of creation and Christ's Resurrection. Participation in the Eucharist has therefore always stood at the center of Christian life.

The Church's Law Concerning Sunday: Throughout the centuries, the Church strengthened her laws to preserve the sanctity of Sunday. Councils, Popes, Christian rulers, and the Code of Canon Law consistently required attendance at Mass and abstention from unnecessary servile work. This discipline safeguards a day dedicated to divine worship, prayer, family life, works of charity, and the spiritual and physical renewal that comes from resting in God.

The Duties of Pastors and the Faithful: Priests are responsible for faithfully preaching the Word of God and celebrating the sacred mysteries with reverence, while the faithful fulfill the Third Commandment by devout participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, receiving Holy Communion when properly disposed, dedicating time to prayer, strengthening family life, performing works of mercy, and observing a holy rest worthy of the Lord's Day.

The Spiritual Meaning of the Third Commandment: By resting from unnecessary labor Christians acknowledge God as Creator; by participating in the Holy Eucharist they give thanks for the salvation won through Christ. Sunday thus becomes the weekly renewal of the Christian life and a foretaste of the eternal rest prepared for the faithful in heaven.



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9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th, 2026

“Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human. And God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.” - 1 Cor 10:13

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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
7-26	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
7-27	12:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Blaso	Gedmin family
7-28	7:00 AM Irma Sanchez Vidal	Anonymous
	9:00 AM Maria BichLien Truong	N. Truong
7-29	7:00 AM Susan Hemeryck	Anonymous
	9:00 AM Norberto Sanchez Guerrero	Anonymous
7-30	7:00 AM A loved one	Anonymous
	9:00 AM FSSP Confraternity Intentions	Carol Labrecque
7-31	9:00 AM Cecilia Grube	Grube family
	6:30 PM Phillip Kirsch+	K. Kirsch
8-1	9:00 AM Priest's Intention	
8-2	7:00 AM Veronica Gardner	A thankful customer
	8:30 AM Fr. Carl Kaltreider+	Ted & Afra Wade
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Steve & Catherine Keenan	T & C Flamminio

“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				
7-26	9th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7-27	St. Pantaleon, Martyr	4	R	
7-28	Ss. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs, etc.	3	R	
7-29	St. Martha, Virgin	3	W	Ss. Felix, Simplicius, Faustinus, and Beatrice, Martyrs
7-30	St. Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs	4	R	
7-31	St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor	4	W	
8-1	St. Peter in Chains (FSSP)	3	R	St. Paul, Holy Machabees, Martyrs
8-2	10th Sunday after Pentecost	2	G	

From the Choir Loft: 9th Sunday after Pentecost, 7/26/26: Entr: Come Holy Ghost SEC 883; Asperges SEC 567; Mass XI SEC 740; Credo IV SEC 780; Exit: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty SEC 927

Sacred Music

The types of sacred music used during the liturgy are Mass, propers, motet, and hymn. “Mass” refers to a setting of the Ordinary (unchanging parts) of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei). Today we sing Mass XI (Orbis Factor), which is designated for Sundays during the year.

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Jul 28, 10:15 AM
Women's Book Club	Tue, Jul 28, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Adoration	Fri, Jul 31, 10 AM - 6:15 PM
Solemn Mass:Peter in Chains	Sat, Aug 1, 9:00 AM

Prayer Corner
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; Aaron Pruitt; Jean Phaup

There will be **no 7:00 am Mass** this week Tues, Wed, and Thur.

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

The **Saturday, Aug 1st, 9:00 AM** Mass will be a **Solemn Mass**, the feast **of St. Peter in Chains!**

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.

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.

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 \$4,902.00; on-line \$2,890.00;
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$1,685.26; online \$3,672.06

2026 CFA status at CtK as of July 20, 2026: \$96,000.00 assessment; \$37,006.69 pledged; \$31,257.40 paid. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance
July 19 - 500 souls
7:00 am- 51
8:30 am- 84
10:30 am- 255
1:00 pm- 110
Ocala- 313