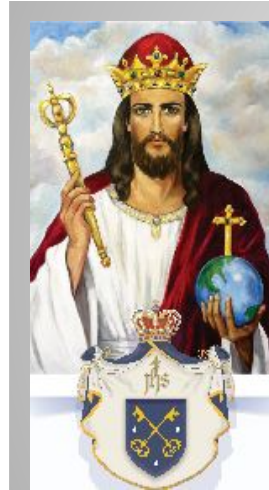


Baltimore Catechism on the 4th Precept of the Church: He who neglects to receive Communion during the Easter time commits a mortal sin; The Easter time is, in this country, the time between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday, inclusive. Trinity Sunday is the eighth Sunday after Easter.

“Catholic Catechism” by Fr. John Hardon: Weekly reception of the Eucharist was customary already in apostolic times. In the Didache, the faithful are admonished that, “having come together on the Lord’s Day, you are to break bread and give thanks, after you have confessed your sins, so that your sacrifice might be undefiled. But anyone who is estranged from his friend should not join us, until both have become reconciled, lest your sacrifice be polluted.” Equally clear is the description of the Sunday morning service given by St. Justin during the middle of the second century: “On the day which is called Sunday, we have a common assembly.... The Eucharistic elements are distributed and consumed....” From the end of the second century there are numerous indications that priests and laity received Holy Communion every day. St. Basil in Asia Minor writes that “it is commendable and most beneficial to communicate and partake of the body and blood of Christ every single day.” From the beginning of the ninth century we see a notable decline in the frequentation of the sacraments. Thus the Council of Tours, in 813, had to make this decree: “If not more often, at least three times each year the laity must receive Holy Communion, unless someone be prevented by reason of a major crime.” Instead of improving, however, the situation became worse, until finally in 1215 the Fourth Lateran Council enjoined at least annual Communion at Eastertime: “Everyone of the faithful of both sexes, after reaching the age of reason, should in private faithfully confess all his sins at least once a year ... reverently receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist at least at Eastertime.” During the four centuries following the Lateran Council spiritual writers strongly recommended the practice of frequent Communion. Moreover, popular preachers among the Franciscans and Dominicans helped to promote the frequentation of the sacraments. Nevertheless, the response that this evoked among the clergy, and consequently among the laity, was in general very slight. St. Thomas praised daily Communion, but only for those in whom frequency of reception increases the fervor of charity without decreasing reverence and respect. He proposed the question of “whether it is lawful to receive this Sacrament daily,” and answered in the affirmative, quoting St. Augustine: “This is our daily bread; take it daily, that it may profit you daily.” Not until the middle 1500s do we find what may properly be called a renaissance of Eucharistic piety. It was in Spain that the greatest impetus was given to promoting frequent reception of Holy Communion. Finally, in 1551 the Council of Trent passed a decree on the Holy Eucharist, urging “all who bear the Christian name...may be able to receive frequently that supersubstantial bread.” It went on to specify that this meant “at every Mass they attend.” St. Robert Bellarmine wrote a treatise on frequent Communion: “Experience bears out that those who receive frequently with a desire to grow in holiness make wonderful progress in the spiritual life...this is the unique and infallible way of reforming the Church of Christ.” All culminating with the decree of St. Pius X which was appropriately entitled The Holy Synod of Trent: “Frequent and daily Communion, as a thing most earnestly desired by Christ our Lord and by the Catholic Church, should be open to all the faithful, of whatever rank and condition of life; so that no one who is in the state of grace, and who approaches the holy table with a right and devout intention, can lawfully be hindered therefrom.”



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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. - 1 Peter 2:21-25

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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
4-12	7:00 AM Maureen Hallagan+	B. Hallagan
	8:30 AM Elizabeth Olmstead	C. Olmstead
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Frank & Frances Maika++	A. Phaup
4-13	12:00 PM Danuta Kusper	Lucyna Wojtek
4-14	7:00 AM Grozdana Jurman	R & K Jurman
	9:00 AM FSSP Confraternity Intentions	K. Slovak
4-15	7:00 AM Conversion of a soul	Anonymous
	9:00 AM Diane M. Zettlemoyer+	Zettlemoyer family
4-16	7:00 AM Nancy Zilli	Zilli family
	9:00 AM Fr. Stephane Dupre FSSP	S. Hemeryck
4-17	9:00 AM Richard McKnight+	T & J Lynch
	6:30 PM Deceased parents & family	C & C Walker
4-18	9:00 AM John & Elizabeth Hoops	Hoops family
4-19	7:00 AM Priest's Intention	
	8:30 AM Intentions of the Vargas family	Vargas family
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Rita & Ken Dunn	B Blake & K Kirsch

“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			
4-19	2nd Sunday of Easter	2	W
4-20	Feria of Paschaltide	4	W
4-21	St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church	3	W
4-22	Ss. Soter and Caius, Popes & Martyrs	3	R
4-23	Feria of Paschaltide	4	W St. Georgius, Martyr
4-24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr	3	R
4-25	St. Mark, Evangelist	2	R The Greater Litanies
4-26	3rd Sunday after Easter	2	W

From the Choir Loft: 2nd Sunday of Easter 4/19/26: Entr: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing SEC 848 v 1-2; Vidi Aquam SEC 566; Mass I SEC 696; Credo III SEC 776; Exit: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing SEC 848 v 3-4

Ad Regias Agni Dapes is the vespers hymn for Sundays in Paschal time. Established in the 1632 revised Breviary of Urban VIII, it is based on the 6th-century hymn Ad Cenam Agni Providi. The choir will sing it during the offertory. The English translation, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, #848 in the pew hymnal, is the entrance and exit hymn.

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Apr 21, 10:15 AM
Women's Lectio Divina	Tue, Apr 21, 4:00-5:30 PM
Youth Catechism	Thur, Apr 23, 5-6 PM

Prayer Corner
Please pray for: 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

If you have not contacted the office or one of the priests about 1st communion and confirmation, please do so asap! **1st communion is on Sunday June 7th, and confirmation is Thursday May 28th.** We need a **baptismal certificate** from everyone. For 1st communion the child needs to pass the oral test with one of the priests, and for confirmation there is a take home test.

The **CtK Respect Life group** is holding a supply drive for Solve Maternity Homes. Donations will be collected before and after Masses on May 3rd and May 10th. Information on acceptable items for donation can be found in the vestibule. Questions? Contact Zack Kanter at (941) 861-4536.

- 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

Finances

Last Sunday's collection: cash \$8,223.05; on-line \$3,970.00; **CFA:** \$150
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$4,690.00; online \$4,230.10

2026 CFA status at CtK as of April 11, 2026: \$96,000.00 assessment; \$43,211.67 pledged; \$16,971.67 paid. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance April 12- 538 souls
7:00am- 74
8:30 am- 152
10:30 am- 192
1:00 pm- 120
Ocala- 321