

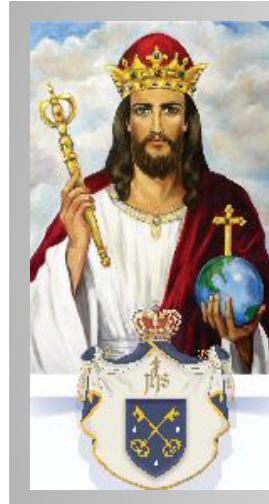
St. Joseph the Worker

In the first half of the 20th century, communism had gained support from many leaders around the world, and entire nations had succumbed to its ideas. In 1937, Pope Pius XI realized the serious threat that communism posed to the common good and called upon St. Joseph to protect the Church from the many errors of communism. He wrote: “We place the vast campaign of the Church against world communism under the standard of St. Joseph, her mighty protector.” As a result of Pope Pius XI’s words, Catholics fervently began to pray to St. Joseph, specifically under the title “Terror of Demons,” to combat the atheistic ideas of communism. They also invoked the help of St. Joseph in the cause of workers’ rights. May 1st, or May Day, was a holiday created in the 1880’s by a labor union called the International Workers of the World and which was overrun with communists by the mid-20th century. This holiday was created to advocate for workers’ rights but de facto ended up being a sort of liturgical feast on the secular calendar. The communist social program revolves entirely around work.

The Vicar of Christ, Venerable Pope Pius XII, turned to St. Joseph, as his predecessor had done, and denounced the falsehoods of communism by elevating the dignity of workers in a very specific way. On May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII declared May 1 to be the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He wrote:

We recall that the dignity and true advancement of the working person cannot rest solely upon material gains or external reforms, but must be founded above all upon a living and well-formed Christian spirit. Without this solid grounding in faith and morals, many are left exposed to errors concerning man, society, and the proper order of economic life, and thus risk being led astray by false and harmful doctrines. We affirm once more that the Church, as mother and teacher, has never ceased to show a special solicitude for workers. She rejects both unjust systems that wound human dignity and ideologies that obscure the truth about man’s eternal destiny. Yet she also recognizes the legitimate aspirations of workers and calls for a social order marked by justice, equity, and the harmonious cooperation of all, in which rights and duties are rightly balanced. We must insist that no mere multiplication of laws or institutions will suffice to secure true freedom and justice. Unless individuals are formed in uprightness of life, fortified by moral courage, and supported by a sound public conscience, even the best structures will fail. Therefore, each person must be enabled to take an active and responsible role in public life, contributing to the common good with integrity and perseverance. In this light, We contemplate labor itself not as a mere economic necessity, but as a participation in the divine order, ennobled by its union with the moral and spiritual life. Only when the dignity of work is fully recognized, and when society is guided by justice and charity, will there arise that true social peace which all rightly desire.

“We are happy to announce to you our determination to institute — as in fact we do institute — the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Worker, assigning it as the first day of May. Are you pleased with this our gift, beloved workers? We are certain that you are, because the humble workman of Nazareth not only personifies before God and the Church the dignity of the man who works with his hands, but is always the provident guardian of you and your families.”



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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

“Honor all men: love the brotherhood: fear God: honor the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy before God: in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Pt 2:18-19

Secretary: Melissa Burns
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Office Hours: 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri

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
4-26	7:00 AM Ronald Swierski+	M & K Weber
	8:30 AM Jaecob & Mary Case	Beggy family
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Dan Curran	Cecilia Cunningham
4-27	12:00 PM Carol & Leo Labrecque	Shehwen family
4-28	7:00 AM Reparation to Immaculate Heart	Anonymous
	9:00 AM Claire Verdini+	Zilli family
4-29	7:00 AM Margaret Romanes	A. Cunningham
	9:00 AM Ron Steindorf	Steindorf family
4-30	7:00 AM Diane M. Zettlemoyer+	Zettlemoyer family
	9:00 AM FSSP Confraternity Intentions	Marchand family
5-1	9:00 AM James Harper+	Alice Nicholas
	6:30 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory++	Louis de Saizieu
5-2	9:00 AM M/M Edward Boyer++	P & L Crowell
5-3	7:00 AM Priest's Intention	
	8:30 AM Saizieu's family	Louis de Saizieu
	10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM Canon Francis Xavier Altiere	Dr. James Bovienzo

“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				
4-26	3rd Sunday of Easter	2	W	
4-27	St. Peter Canisius, Doctor	3	W	
4-28	St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor	3	W	
4-29	St. Peter, Martyr	3	R	
4-30	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin	4	W	
5-1	St. Joseph the Workman	1	W	
5-2	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church	3	W	
5-3	4th Sunday after Easter	2	W	

From the Choir Loft: 3rd Sunday of Easter 4/26/26: Entr: In Our Risen Lord Rejoice SEC 861; Vidi Aquam SEC 566; Mass I SEC 700; Credo III SEC 776; Exit: Regina Caeli SEC 954; Friday 05/01/26 at 6:30 PM St. Joseph; Mass II SEC 696; Credo III SEC 776; Exit: Holy God We Praise Thy Name SEC 881
Salve Mater Misericordiae: The 11th-century Carmelite hymn Salve Mater Misericordiae will be sung during Offertory. Consider that when Our Lady gave the scapular to St. Simon Stock on July 16,1251 this hymn was already ancient! The chorus is: *Salve mater misericordiae, Mater Dei, et mater veniae, Mater spei, et mater gratiae. Mater plena sanctae laetitiae, O Maria!* (Hail mother of mercy, Mother of God, and mother of pardon; Mother of hope and mother of grace, Mother of holy joy, O Maria!)

Weekly Schedule	
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, Apr 28, 10:15 AM
Women's Book Club	Tue, Apr 28, 6:30-8 PM
Adoration	Fri, May 1, 10 AM - 6:15 PM

Prayer Corner
Please pray for: Antonio Negrin, 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

May 1st is the feast of the patron of our Capital Campaign, **St. Joseph the Worker**, the 6:30pm Mass will be sung!

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.

Three Hearts Billboards needs your help to get billboards honoring the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are a non-profit Traditional Catholic Corporation dedicated to restoring and honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus as June’s true patron. This year in commemoration of our nation’s 250th anniversary the USCCB will be consecrating the US to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Donate and help us get billboards promoting this devotion in cities everywhere in the US.

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 \$4,596.00; on-line \$3,886.08; **CFA:** \$150
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$8,560.00; online \$2,557.57

2026 CFA status at CtK as of April 20, 2026: \$96,000.00 assessment; \$28,211.67 pledged; \$18,881.37 paid. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance April 12- 565 souls
7:00am- 65
8:30 am- 172
10:30 am- 235
1:00 pm- 93
Ocala- 343