

“Hail queen, Mother of mercy” - The Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus Liguori

The Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen because she is the Mother of Christ, the King of kings. From this unique dignity flows her participation in His royal glory. The saints consistently teach that her queenship is not something separate from Christ’s, but rather a sharing in His dominion. Since all creation is subject to Christ, it follows in a subordinate and dependent way that all creation is also under the maternal care and influence of Mary. Thus, her title as Queen of Heaven and Earth is not merely poetic, but grounded in her intimate union with her Son.

Yet Mary’s queenship is distinguished in a particular way: she is not primarily a queen of justice, but a Queen of Mercy. While Christ, as divine Judge, exercises justice, Mary’s role is especially to intercede, to plead, and to obtain mercy for sinners. The tradition expresses this by saying that God has, as it were, entrusted the dispensation of mercy to her, so that the graces granted to mankind pass through her maternal hands. This does not diminish Christ’s role, but rather manifests the tenderness of His plan—that mercy should come to us through a mother.

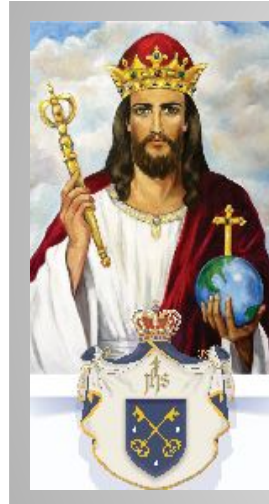
Because she is Queen of Mercy, Mary’s greatness is shown not in severity but in compassion. Earthly rulers often inspire fear by their majesty, but Mary draws souls by her gentleness. She does not seek her own glory, but the good of her children, especially the poor, the suffering, and sinners. Her office is to console, to protect, and to obtain pardon. Indeed, the saints insist that the more miserable a sinner is, the more fitting he is as an object of her mercy, provided he turns to her with some desire for conversion.

For this reason, the faithful need not fear approaching her. She is never harsh or inaccessible, but always kind and welcoming. Her intercession is extraordinarily powerful, for God, in honoring her as His Mother, listens to her prayers with a singular favor. The tradition goes so far as to say that her petitions are never refused, and that her prayer carries a kind of “law of mercy,” obtaining grace for those for whom she intercedes.

Moreover, her compassion is universal. No one who has recourse to her is sent away empty. Even those who do not yet fully turn to God may receive some grace through her intercession, such as protection from greater temptation or the beginning of conversion. Only those who definitively reject God are beyond her help; for all others, her mercy remains open and active.

Therefore, the proper response of the Christian is one of great confidence. Even when burdened by sin, one should not despair, but rather turn more readily to this most merciful Queen. She has been raised to her exalted dignity precisely in order to assist and save sinners. In a beautiful image found in the tradition, those whom she helps to save become her crown in heaven—a fitting adornment for the Queen of Mercy, whose glory consists in the exercise of compassion.

In sum, Mary’s queenship reveals the maternal heart of God’s plan for salvation. She reigns not by power alone, but by love, intercession, and mercy, continually drawing souls to her Son and obtaining for them the graces necessary for eternal life.



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4th Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2026

“...let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak, and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore casting away all uncleanness, and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” - James 1:19-21

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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	
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 Altieri	Dr. James Bovienzo
5-4	12:00 PM	Ted Wade	Afra Wade
5-5	7:00 AM	Conversion of a loved one	Anonymous
	9:00 AM	Louise Van Norden	Cecilia Cunningham
5-6	7:00 AM	Christina Gallagher	M & B Cunningham
	9:00 AM	Virginia C. Simmons+	T & J Lynch
5-7	7:00 AM	Janice Owen & family	Donna Fagan
	9:00 AM	Sam & Val Caggiula++	M/M Leo Labrecque
5-8	9:00 AM	Stephanie Devore	Anna Devore
	6:30 PM	FSSP Confraternity Intentions	Beggy family
5-9	9:00 AM	Frankie Zaffina+	His loving family
5-10	7:00 AM	FSSP & Preservation of TLM	
	8:30 AM	Children of St. Monica Prayer Group	Mary Pruitt
	10:30 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
	1:00 PM	Anna Dinh+	Lan Dinh

“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.”

Weekly Schedule	
St. Theresa Devotions	Mon, May 4, 1:00-3:00 PM
Holy Face Devotions	Tue, May 5, 10:15 AM
Women's Lectio Divina	Tue, May 5, 4:00-5:30 PM
Youth Catechism	Thurs, May 7, 5:00-6:00 PM
Adoration	Fri, May 8, 10 AM - 6:15 PM
Server Practice	Sat, May 9, 10 AM

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

We will have a seminarian with us for the month of June! Details are to come but we will have a camp of some sort for the youth the last month of June.

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.

You are invited to put your Mother’s Day prayer intentions in the basket in the vestibule. The basket will be placed above the altar on Mother’s Day.

Next Sunday is Mother’s Day and we will do a procession followed by the May crowning of Our Lady before the 10:30am Mass.

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

1962 Liturgical Calendar

5-3	4th Sunday of Easter	2	W	
5-4	St. Monica, Widow	3	W	
5-5	St. Pius V, Pope & Confessor	3	W	
5-6	Feria of Paschaltide	4	W	
5-7	St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	3	R	
5-8	Our Lady, Mediatrix of all Graces	4	W	Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel
5-9	St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor	3	W	
5-10	5th Sunday after Easter	2	W	

From the Choir Loft: 4th Sunday of Easter 5/3/26: Entr: Be Joyful, Mary, Heav'nly Queen SEC 847; Vidi Aquam SEC 566; Mass I SEC 700; Credo III SEC 776; St. Stephen Enrollment; Exit: Ye Sons and Daughters SEC 849

Heinrich Isaac (c. 1450 – 1517):

Heinrich Isaac was a Flemish composer and a renowned musician of his era. He worked for the Hapsburg Duke Sigismund at Innsbruck. In 1485, he moved to Florence, working under the patronage of Lorenzo de’ Medici. From 1496 until his death, Isaac returned to Innsbruck and was employed as the court composer of Emperor Maximilian I. The choir sings Isaac’s O Esca Viatorum during the distributions of Holy Communion.

Finances

Last Sunday’s collection: cash \$7,138.01; on-line \$1,757.77; **CFA:** \$150
Do This in Memory of Me: cash \$12,710.23; online \$2,320.76

2026 CFA status at CtK as of April 20, 2026: \$96,000.00 assessment; \$27,191.67 pledged; \$20,061.67 paid. **Thank you for your support!**

Mass Attendance
April 26- 540 souls
7:00am- 57
8:30 am- 156
10:30 am- 211
1:00 pm- 116
Ocala- 327