

APRIL 2025
@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 FEAST 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 7 am Mass (frh), 8:30 am Mass (frh), 10:30 am Mass (frv) & 12:30 pm Mass (frv) Ocala -4:30 pm (frh)	31 FAST Feria of Lent 12 noon Mass 4:30 Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala – 7 am Mass	1 FAST Feria of Lent 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	2 FAST Feria of Lent 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	3 FAST [Fr Huber away until 4/7] Feria of Lent No 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-8 pm Adoration 5:30-6:30 Confession	4 FAST Feria of Lent 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Stations 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 soup meal	5 FAST Feria of Lent 7 am Mass & devotions 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers No Mass in Ocala
6 FEAST Passion Sunday 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am (frp) & 12:30 pm (frp) Masses. Ocala -4:30 pm (frh)	7 FAST Monday of Passion Week 12 noon Mass 1-3 pm St Theresa Devotions Guild (hall/chapel) 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass	8 FAST Tuesday of Passion Week 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frv)	9 FAST Wednesday of Passion Week 7 am Mass 9 am Masses	10 FAST Thursday of Passion Week 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism	11 FAST Friday of Passion Week 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Stations 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm soup meal	12 FAST Saturday of Passion Week 9 am Mass 10 am Server Practice (for Palm Sunday) 4:30 pm Vespers
13 FEAST Palm Sunday 7 am (frv), 8:30 am (frv), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses Ocala -4:30 pm (frv)	14 FAST Mon. of Holy Week 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm Tenebrae review & practice Ocala - 7 am Mass	15 FAST Tuesday of Holy Week 7 Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-7 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face (3 rd Tuesdays)	16 FAST Spy Wednesday 7 Mass 9 am Mass 9-5 CtK Day at PP	17 FAST Holy Thursday 10-11:15 am Tenebrae 2-4 pm server practice 7 pm Mass (frh) Ocala - 4 pm (frv)	18 FAST Good Friday 10-11:15 am Tenebrae 1-2 pm server practice 2:30 pm confessions (frh) 2:30 pm Stations (MC) 3 pm Service (frh) Begin Mercy Novena Ocala – 12 pm Service (frv)	19 FAST Holy Saturday 10-11:15 am Tenebrae 12-2 churching 5-7 pm server practice 10 pm Easter Vigil (frh) Ocala - no vigil
20 FEAST Easter Sunday 8:30 am (frv), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses Ocala -1:30 pm (frv)	21 FEAST Easter Monday 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala – 7 am Mass	22 FEAST Easter Tuesday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frh)	23 FEAST Easter Wednesday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	24 FEAST Easter Thursday 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism (make-up)	25 FEAST Easter Friday 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	26 FEAST Easter Saturday 9 am Mass 10-1 pm Rosary potluck 4:30 pm Vespers
27 FEAST Low (Divine Mercy) Sunday 7 am Mass (frh), 8:30 am Mass (frh), 10:30 am Mass (frv) & 12:30 pm Mass (frv) Ocala -4:30 pm (frh)	28 St Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 Vespers Ocala – 7 am Mass	29 St Peter, <i>Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	30 St Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	May 1 St Joseph the Workman, Spouse of the BVM 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Adoration 6:30 pm Mass (sung)	2 1st Friday / Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	3 1st Saturday / Immaculate Heart of Mary 7 am Mass & devotions 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala – 10:30 am (frv)

Father, Forgive Them for They know not What They Do (A mediation by Bishop Fulton Sheen)

It seems to be a fact of human psychology that when death approaches, the human heart speaks its words of love to those whom it holds closest and dearest. There is no reason to suspect that it is otherwise in the case of the Heart of hearts. If He spoke in a graduated order to those whom He loved most, then we may expect to find in His first three words the order of His love and affection.

His first words went out to enemies: “Father, forgive Them,” His second to sinners: “This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise,” and His third to saints, “Woman, behold thy son.” Enemies, sinners, and saints – such is the order of Divine Love and Thoughtfulness.

The congregation anxiously awaited His first word. The executioners expected Him to cry, for every one pinned on the gibbet of the Cross had done it before Him. Seneca tells us that those who were crucified cursed the day of their birth, the executioners, their mothers, and even spat on those who looked upon them. Cicero tells us that at times it was necessary to cut out the tongues of those who were crucified, to stop their terrible blasphemies. Hence the executioners expected a cry but not the kind of cry that they heard.

The Scribes and Pharisees expected a cry, too, and they were quite sure that He who had preached “Love your enemies,” and “Do good to them that hate you,” would now forget that Gospel with the piercing of feet and hands. They felt that the excruciating and agonizing pains would scatter to the winds any resolution He might have taken to keep up appearances. Everyone expected a cry, but no one with the exception of the three at the foot of the Cross, expected the cry they did hear. Like some fragrant trees which bathe in perfume the very axe which gnashes on them, the great Heart on the Tree of Love poured out from its depths something less a cry than a prayer, the soft, sweet, low prayer of pardon and forgiveness: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Forgive whom? Forgive enemies?

The soldier in the courtroom of Caiaphas who struck Him with mailed fist; Pilate, the politician, who condemned a God to retain the friendship of Caesar; Herod, who robed Wisdom in the garment of a fool; the soldiers who swung the King of Kings on a tree between heaven and earth – forgive them? Forgive them, why? Because they know what they do? No, because they know not what they do.

If they knew what they were doing and still went on doing it; if they knew what a terrible crime they were committing by sentencing Life to death; if they knew what a perversion of justice it was to choose Barabbas to Christ; if they knew what cruelty it was to take the feet that trod everlasting hills and pinion them to the limb of a tree; if they knew what they were doing and still went on doing it, unmindful of the fact that the very blood which they shed was capable of redeeming them, they would never be saved!

Why, they would be damned if it were not for the fact that they were ignorant of the terrible thing they did when they crucified Christ! It was only the ignorance of their great sin that brought them within the pale of the hearing of that cry from the Cross. It is not wisdom that saves: it is ignorance!

There is no redemption for the fallen angels. Those great spirits headed by the Bearer of Light, Lucifer, endowed with an intelligence compared with which ours is but that of a child, saw the consequences of each of their decisions just as clearly as we see that two and two make four. Having made a decision, they made it irrevocably; there was no taking it back, and hence there was no future redemption. It is because they knew what they were doing that they were excluded from the hearing of that cry that went forth from the Cross. It is not wisdom that saves: it is ignorance!

Father, Sin Is Terrible. Help Me Forgive Enemies

In like manner, if we knew what a terrible thing sin was and went on sinning; if we knew how much love there was in the Incarnation and still refused to nourish ourselves with the Bread of Life; if we knew how much sacrificial love there was in the Sacrifice of the Cross and still refused to fill the chalice of our heart with that love; if we knew how much mercy there was in the Sacrament of Penance, and still refused to bend a humble knee to a hand that had the power to loose both in heaven and on earth; if we knew how much life there was in the Eucharist and still refused to take of the Bread which makes life everlasting and still refused to drink of that Wine that produces and enriches virgins; if we knew of all the truth there is in the Church as the mystical body of Christ and still turned our backs to it like other Pilates; if we knew all these things and still stayed away from Christ and His Church, we should be lost! It is not wisdom that saves; it is ignorance! It is only our ignorance of how good God is that excuses us for not being saints!