

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 7 am (frv), 8:30 am (frv), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses Ocala -4:30 pm Mass (frv)	27 St John Chrysostom, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala – 7 am Mass	28 St Peter Nolasco, <i>Confessor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face Devotions 6:30-8 pm Women’s Book Club (frh)	29 St Frances de Sales, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	30 St Martina, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass (frh) 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers	31 St John Bosco, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	February 1 1st Saturday / Immaculate Heart of Mary 7 am Mass & devotions 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala -10:30 am Mass (frv)
2 <i>Begin FssP Novena Purification of BVM</i> 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am (frv) & 12:30 pm (frv) Masses. [candle blessing & procession at the 10:30 am Mass] Ocala -4:30 pm Mass (frh)	3 <i>Novena</i> St Blaise, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 12 noon Mass 1-3 pm St Theresa Devotions Guild (hall/chapel) 4:30 pm Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala - 7 am Mass	4 <i>Novena</i> St Andrew Corsini, <i>Bishop</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions	5 <i>Novena</i> St Agatha, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 5 pm Parish Finance Council	6 <i>Novena</i> St Titus, <i>Bishop & Confessor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-8 pm Adoration 5:30-6:30 Confession	7 <i>Novena</i> 1st Friday / Sacred Heart 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Young Adults	8 <i>Novena</i> St John of Matha, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 10 am Server Practice 4:30 pm Vespers
9 <i>Novena</i> 5th Sunday after Epiphany 7 am (frv), 8:30 am (fr Perozich), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses Ocala -4:30 pm Mass (frv)	10 <i>End FssP Novena</i> St Scholastica, <i>Virgin</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala - 7 am Mass	11 <i>FssP Consecration Day Apparition of the BVM Immaculate</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women’s Book Club (frv)	12 Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of the BVM 7 am Mass 9 am Mass	13 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism	14 St Valentine, <i>Martyr</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	15 Ss Faustinus & Jovita, <i>Martyrs</i> 9 am Mass 10 am Youth Group 4:30 pm Vespers
16 Septuagesima Sunday 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am (frv) & 12:30 pm (frv) Masses Ocala -4:30 pm Mass (frh)	17 [Begin Novena to St Joseph for Do This in Memory of Me capital campaign] Feria 12 noon Mass 4:30 Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala – 7 am Mass	18 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> St Simeon, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-7 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face (3 rd Tuesdays)	19 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 9-5 pm CtK Day at PP	20 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild	21 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Feria 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	22 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Chair of St Peter 9 am Mass 10 am Potluck & Rosary 4:30 pm Vespers
23 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Begin Holy Face devotion Sexagesima Sunday 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (fr Perozich), 10:30 am (frv) & 12:30 pm (frv) Masses Ocala-4:30 pm Mass frv)	24 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> St Matthias, <i>Apostle</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 6-7 pm Adult Catechism Ocala - 7 am Mass	25 <i>Novena to St Joseph</i> Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women’s Book Club (frh)	26 Feria 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 6:30 pm Votive Mass of St Joseph (frh)	27 St Gabriel of O.L. of Sorrows, <i>Confessor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism	28 Feria 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass	March 1 1st Saturday / Immaculate Heart of Mary 7 am Mass & devotions 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala -10:30 am Mass (frv)

Some Considerations on 'The Finding of Christ in the temple'

Devout Jews went to Jerusalem at least three times a year to fulfill religious obligations. The three feasts which devout Jews observed were: **The Pasch**, which fell on the 14th day of Nissan (1st month of the ecclesial calendar or the 7th month of the civil calendar; corresponds to our April); the Pasch commemorated the liberation of the Jews from Egypt. **The Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost**, so called because it occurred 50 days after the Pasch; this feast commemorated the gathering-in of the harvest through seven weeks and also the time Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai. **The Feast of Tabernacles** was a joyful celebration 6 months after the Passover, in the month of Tishri (7th month of the ecclesial calendar; corresponds to our September – October); this feast commemorated the time Israel dwelt in tabernacles in the desert after leaving Egypt. (The Life of Christ, Isidore O'Brien, OFM, 1937; p. 104)

The Holy Family "finds" the 12-year-old Jesus in the temple after celebrating the Pasch. After the 8-day feast, the crowds returned to their home region in large groups; according to custom, the men traveled separately from the women. Thus, in the first day of their 3-day return trip, Joseph thought Jesus was with Mary, and Mary thought Joseph was with Jesus... being twelve, our Lord was still allowed to travel with either the men or the women. At the end of the first day, Mary and Joseph regroup and discover the missing Child. They return to Jerusalem the next day... the second day. Finally, on the third day of His absence, Mary and Joseph find their Child in the temple speaking to the ecclesiastics of Israel, *"sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions."* Mary asks her son, "Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." It is a plea to soften any heart. Jesus answers without apparent sympathy, *"How is it you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"* Thereby instructing us, as much as the onlookers then present, that Christ's purpose for becoming man was ever before Him and that we too should place God's purpose above that of any other. Nor does the verse, *"they understood not the word that He spoke unto them,"* indicate that Mary and Joseph were ignorant of their Son's mission, i.e. God become man to redeem mankind. They knew their Child was the Messiah; they simply were unclear about all the details of how the redemption would be accomplished. Finally, Christ returns to Nazareth with His parents, *"and was subject to them"* and we are told, the Christ Child advanced, *"in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and with man."*

Some say this last verse indicates Christ gradually came to know of His mission and Messiahship, but we do not believe this. The Christ Child is God and has the perfections proper to God; and perfection cannot develop; but as a man the Christ child could develop. As God, Christ is all wise & full of all grace; as man, Christ ages & grows as we all do and also obtains experiential knowledge of the world through His sense faculties. In the Person of Christ, the divine knowledge illuminates the human intellect. Christ knows the scent of every flower without smelling it; He knows all fragrance without having to smell; yet it is through His divine nose that He acquires an experiential knowledge of a dandelion.

Regarding Jesus, we must always keep in mind His two natures, one divine & everlasting and one human & created, being joined in one deposit, the Divine Person, Jesus Christ, and ever make distinctions. Again, Mary gave Christ His human nature, not His divine nature; but we do not say, "Mary is the mother of the human nature of Christ," but simply, "Mary is the mother of Christ." Just so, in the Christ Child, all things are known in virtue of His divine nature; He is all wise & full of every grace. As man, however, He advances in years, advances in experience of using His nose, eyes and ears. Yes, we speak of these things as belonging to a Person. It is a fine distinction: indeed, Christ is the only man who can say, "I never tasted a hamburger like this" and mean it, although He always knew what it tasted like.

After finding Jesus in the temple, we hear no more of the Holy Family's life in Nazareth, not even when Joseph dies. For 18 years, the Holy Family lives in a tranquility which only ends when Christ enters His public life with His baptism by John in the desert.