

MAY 2025

@ Christ the King Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 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)</p>	<p>28 St Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 Vespers Ocala – 7 am Mass</p>	<p>29 St Peter, <i>Martyr</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>30 St Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>May 1 St Joseph the Workman, Spouse of the BVM 7 & 9 am Masses 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Adoration 6:30 pm Mass (sung)</p>	<p>2 1st Friday / Sacred Heart of Jesus 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>3 1st Saturday / Immaculate Heart of Mary 7 am Mass & devotions 9 am Mass & devotions 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala – 10:30 am (frv)</p>
<p>4 2nd (Good Shepherd) Sunday after Easter 7 am (frv), 8:30 am (frv), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses. Ocala-4:30 pm (frv)</p>	<p>5 Fr Huber on Retreat (to 5/9) St Pope Pius V, <i>Pope & Confessor</i> 12 noon Mass 1-3 pm St Theresa Devotions Guild (hall/chapel) 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>6 St John Before the Latin Gate 9 am Mass 10:15 am Holy Face devotions</p>	<p>7 St Stanislaus, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 9 am Mass 5 pm Finance Council</p>	<p>8 O.L. Mediatrix of All Graces 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism (classes meet together with Fr Hathaway)</p>	<p>9 St Gregory Nazianzen, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>10 St Antoninus, <i>Bishop & Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 10 am Server Practice 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>11 (Mother's Day) 3rd Sunday after Easter 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am (frv) & 12:30 pm (frv) Masses [May Crowning at 10:30 am Mass] Ocala-4:30 pm (frh)</p>	<p>12 Ss Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, <i>Virgin & Pancras, Martyrs</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala - 7 am Mass</p>	<p>13 St Robert Bellarmine, <i>Bishop, Confessor & Doctor</i> 7 & 9 am Masses 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frv)</p>	<p>14 St Boniface, <i>Martyr</i> 7 Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>15 St John Baptist de la Salle, <i>Confessor</i> 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm St Joseph Guild</p>	<p>16 St Ubald, <i>Bishop Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>17 St Paschal Baylon, <i>Confessor</i> 9 am Mass 10 am End of Year Youth Group, family picnic at Bob Gardener Park! 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>18 4th Sunday after Easter 7 am (frv), 8:30 am (frv), 10:30 am (frh) & 12:30 pm (frh) Masses Ocala-4:30 pm (frv)</p>	<p>19 St Peter Celestine, <i>Pope & Martyr</i> 12 noon Mass 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala – 7 am Mass</p>	<p>20 St Bernardine of Siena, <i>Confessor</i> 7 am & 9 am Masses 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-7 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face (3rd Tuesdays)</p>	<p>21 Feria in Paschaltide 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 9 am Mass 9-5 CtK Day at PP</p>	<p>22 Feria in Paschaltide 7 am Mass 9 am Mass 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 5-6 pm Youth Catechism</p>	<p>23 Feria in Paschaltide 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>24 Saturday of Our Lady 9 am Mass 10:30 am Mass, QAA graduation Day; no Rosary potluck 4:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>25 5th Sunday after Easter 7 am (frh), 8:30 am (frh), 10:30 am (frv), & 12:30 am (frv) Masses Ocala-4:30 pm (frh)</p>	<p>26 (Memorial Day) St Phillip Neri, <i>Confessor</i> or Rogation Mass 12 noon 4:30 pm Vespers Ocala- 7 am Mass</p>	<p>27 St Bede the Venerable, <i>Confessor & Doctor</i> or Rogation Mass 7 & 9 am Masses 10:15 am Holy Face devotions 6:30-8 pm Women's Book Club (frh)</p>	<p>28 Vigil of the Ascension or Rogation Mass 7 am Mass 9 am Mass</p>	<p>29 Ascension of the Lord (not a holyday in the Diocese of Venice in Florida) 7 am Mass (frh) 9 am Mass (frv) 3 pm staff meeting 4:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Mass (frh)</p>	<p>30 St Felix I, <i>Pope & Martyr</i> 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers 5:30 Holy Hour 6:30 pm Mass</p>	<p>31 Queenship of Mary 9 am Mass 4:30 pm Vespers</p>

Suppose we anticipate **the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord into heaven** and how this relates to us.

This day, St John Chrysostom says, reveals the great & wonderful munificence of God: “The day all mankind was restored to God. The day, the long warfare, the prolonged estrangement, was ended. The day a wonderful peace returned to us: a peace we had not expected.”

Indeed, who would ever have thought that man would be treated so honorably?

This nature which, at one time, was deemed unworthy to exist, had become lower than beasts & showed incredible cruelty to its Maker... is, today, brought to the highest heavens.

Recall, the time when God vented to destroy the whole human race. Now what God created, “man,” is good, indeed *very good*, but when this nature corrupted itself, God repented He had ever made this *very good* thing: “I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth; from man even to the beasts, for it repents me that I have made them.” (Gen. 6:7) But God spoke thus to show His great displeasure at mankind’s sins; He spoke as to correct man, lest a worse misfortune overtake him than mere physical death.

Recall, mankind did amend, for a time, before relapsing into former ways, becoming beasts, even less than beasts. Man became “compared to senseless beasts and made like unto them.” (Ps 48:21) But to become *senseless* is beneath the nature of man, *created in the image & likeness of God*; it is a perversion that rational man should act like an irrational creature. Again, man fell lower than beasts; beasts are supposed to be senseless, but not man. “The ox knows his master, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel has not known me.” (Is 1:3) Indeed, man became *unmanly* as to need instruction from an ant: “Go to the ant; consider her ways & learn her wisdom.” (Pr. 6:6) Even worse, St. John says of this nature, “For you are children of the devil.” (Jn 8:44); & the Baptism rite terms the infant “a child of wrath.”

Recall, to rescue mankind from his terrible condition, God sends a mediator. Not any kind; He sends not a holy man, angel or cherubim, but His only beloved Son, to bridge the terrible gap between a thrice holy God & a wicked mankind, to reconcile the two parties at odds. This Son takes upon Himself a human nature, becoming one with mankind, even the guilt of this nature He takes upon Himself; this Same is wounded anew by His creature; He Who came to befriend mankind is slain by him...BUT He Who suffered, died & was buried, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven with His newly acquired nature, where He now sits beside God the Father in the likeness of man.

Truly, Ascension Thursday manifests the wonderful munificence of God. Our nature, once thought worthless & more senseless than all creatures, is raised, this day, above every creature.

This nature, at one time meriting destruction, measuring less than beasts, is taken up into heaven, beyond the realms of angels & cherubim, to sit at the right hand of God.

To end, this is a great day. On this day, we see anew God’s great love for man & man’s great value in himself.

The Lord says, “the very hairs of your head are numbered” (Lk 12:7) God counts each man’s hair as even our trifles concern Him; He numbers each strand as He values every part of us. Let us never forget these important lessons from this important day.