

The Papacy (part III)

One day, Father asked his Confirmation class if they sometimes wonder whether or not the Catholic Church is the true church. All hands went up. This is not unusual. It is a common experience for young Catholics, beginning to think for themselves, to ask this question, after all there are so many churches; nor is this a bad question to ask, rather it shows a discerning mind.

To help them, and us, be better grounded on this most important question, we return to that pivotal scene from Caesarea Philippi recorded in Matthew's Gospel (16:16-19), (which we should all know by heart) wherein, having answered correctly who Jesus is, Jesus tells Simon, "**Blessed are thou, Simon bar- Jona, for flesh and blood have not revealed this to thee but my Father in heaven. (17) And I say to thee, that thou are Peter (rock); and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (18) And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou loose upon earth, it shall be loosed in heaven.**" (19)

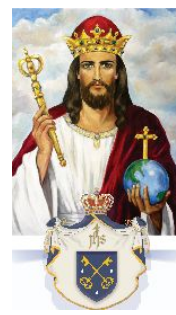
Most churches so stress that God became man to die for us that we might be saved (Jn 3:16) as to overlook many other essential things the Son of God did for us. If it were enough for Christ to die to redeem us, than why was the Infant Jesus not killed by Herod's men at Bethlehem or, later, after giving us a Christian example how to live, was He not killed by a gang of stone throwing Jews. Indeed, Jesus was born to die for us but He had many things to do first and chief among these was to establish a Church which would continue His mission, after His bodily ascension into heaven, having His authority to do so until the end of time.

This is why the scene at Caesarea Philippi is pivotal, it is a turning point in the life of Christ, for, having promised us His Church and keys to govern, we read next, "From that time on Jesus began to show to His disciples that he must go to Jerusalem... and be put to death." (Mt 16:21)

Again, Jesus only began to speak of His death after He had organized a Church to replace His visible presence on earth.

On another day, Father stepped into the 6th-8th grade Catechism Class and, to his happy surprise, saw written on the white board, the three attributes of the Church. Do you know the three attributes of the Church? (Ask this at the dinner table tonight.) Suppose, next time, we review these as gleaned from Fr. John Hardon's Modern Catholic Dictionary. For now, simply know they reflect what the Son of God told Simon at Caesarea Philippi two thousand years ago, and remains, true even in our own strange & confusing times.

To end, to know the attributes of the Church is good; to believe them is best. Said again, we must believe **the Church will always maintain a visible & efficacious presence in the world in her hierarchy, in her dogma and in her Sacraments.**



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
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4th Sunday after Easter

May 7, 2023, A.D.

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The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am.

Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. (On Friday, a 5:30 pm Holy Hour & confession time, precedes the 6:30 pm Mass.)

Saturday at 9:00 am.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; & 10:30 am sung & a seasonal 12:30 pm low Mass.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the last Sunday Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

Sarasota "Lost & Found" now located in the office

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR
Sun 05-07	4 th Sunday after Easter	2/W
Mon 05-08	Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces	1/W
Tues 05-09	St Gregory Nazianzen	3/W
Wed 05-10	St Antoninus	4/W Ss Gordian & Epimachus
Thu 05-11	Ss Philip & James	3/W
Fri 05-12	Requiem	2/B
Sat 05-13	St Robert Bellarmine	3/W
Sun 05-14	5 th Sunday after Easter	2/W

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 05-07	(7 am) Declan Michael	rb M Meza
	(8:30 am) Arthur Magnusson+	rb B Magnusson
	(10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Walker family	rb L de Saizieu
Mon 05-08	(12 pm) William & Anna Shehwen++	rb B&T&family
Tues 05-09	(7 am) Thanksgiving for Our Lord	rb N Romano
	(9 am) Frank W Zaffina+	rb Zaffina family
Wed 05-10	(7 am) Gloria Scarano+	rb G Scarano
	(9 am) Cayden Emke	rb Emke family
Thu 05-11	(7 am) Timothy McNichol Jr	rb S Mills
	(9 am) Afra Beggy	rb T&A Wade
Fri 05-12	(9 am) Maria Han Dinh	rb N Truong
	(6:30 pm) Fr Terrence Gordon, FssP+	
Sat 05-13	(9 am) Julie Sneddon	rb M Meza
Sun 05-14	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
	(8:30 am) Teresa & Brenden	rb C Plowman
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Anne Marchand+	rb M/M Marchand

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: Regina Caeli, #954; *Vidi Aquam*, #566; Mass I, #696 & Credo III, #776; Exit: In Our Risen Lord Rejoice, #851.

This Week, Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); **Adult Cat. (5-6 pm, frh, we end our Vatican Council II study with *Gaudium et Spes*, 'The Joys & the Hopes',** handouts not provided, please download them yourself from the Vatican website), St Theresa Guild (7 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Book Club (6:30-8 pm); **Thursday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Cat (5-6 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm) followed by a **special sung Requiem Mass** for Fr Terrence Gordon, FssP, recently deceased from a heart attack (6:30 pm); **Saturday,** server practice (10 am-12 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm).

Next Sunday, at the 10:30 am Mass, CtK will host its May Crowning; we will honor our Blessed Mother with an outdoor procession & flowers (provided). Father will lead us in singing the Litany of Loreto before the altar, then continue as we process once around the parking circle. Returning to the sanctuary, Mary's image will be placed between the communion rail gates. In turn, each one of you may approach her and give a server a flower which will be put in a vase. (If you have no flower, you may kiss your hand then the statue's foot; this will please her as much as if you had a flower to give her.) After flower giving, we will sing Bring Flowers of the Rarest (see handout) while a girl crowns Mary near the verse: "O Mary! We crown thee today." After the Crowning, Mass begins without the *Vidi Aquam*.

First Holy Communion candidates, see letter on the table by offertory box.

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$5,078.25; on-line \$6,905.00; CFA \$4,700.00.
Total souls: 456: 7 am-57; 8:30 am-135; 10:30 am-157; 12:30 pm-107. **Ocala** (303)

2023 CFA status at CtK as of April 29, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$56,991.00 pledged (46.33% of goal); from 30.73% of 205 households; \$29,917.35 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Please pray for: Deanna Gallock, JoLynn Terrebonne, Jennifer Wong (4/23); Debora Came, Rosemarie Carter (4/16); Shehwen family, Mary Pruitt, Joe Pauly (4/9); Meadows family, Cecilia Khoei, Pat Delio, & Cristina Walker (4/2).

Today, the CtK Pro-Life Group will be out in the breezeway after each Mass. Help us support life & families! Stop by our table to pick out an item to donate to a local pregnancy center for Mother's Day. Bring your donations on Sunday, May 14th and we'll deliver them to CPCI, SMPC, and Pregnancy Solutions.

Muy importante! A reminder for those needing to, and a thank you to those doing so, for signing in & out of Volgistics. May God reward you!

Our dear CtK building is experiencing pipe damage to its plumbing system. After an inspection, all our old iron pipes underneath the building need to be lined; and one small section needs to be replaced. In all, the repair will cost \$41,000.00. Meanwhile, be prepared for possible bathroom closures. Finally, please only flush toilet paper down the drain but not the cores of the rolls that we currently use.

The world is convinced of sin, because it does not believe in Christ; and of justice, because of the justice of those who do believe... for to compare them (who do not believe) with the just (who do believe) is to reproach the unjust; and of judgment because, by the devil already having been cast out & judged, it is useless for one who will not believe in Christ to look instead to the devil, whom not only men have defeated but even women and boys and little girls who were martyred, condemned that he is, that is, outcast, though permitted to attack us outwardly, so that we may be tested. ~ *St. Augustine of Hippo; 430 †*