

The Forty Days of Mary's Purification are now completed, and she must go to the Temple, there to offer to God her Child Jesus. Before following the Son and his Mother in this mysterious journey, let us return to Bethlehem, in lovingly pondering over the mysteries at which we are going to assist.

The Law commanded that a woman who had given birth to a son should not approach the Tabernacle for a term of forty days; after which time she was to offer a sacrifice for her purification. She was to offer up a lamb as a holocaust, and a pigeon or turtle-dove as a sin-offering. But if she were poor, and could not provide a lamb, she was to offer in its stead a second pigeon or dove.

By another ordinance of the Law, every first-born son was to be considered as belonging to God, and was to be redeemed by five sickles, each sickle weighing, according to the standard of the Temple, twenty obols.(1)

Mary was the Daughter of Israel – she had given birth to Jesus – he was her First-born Son. Could such a Mother and such a Son be included in the laws we have just quoted? Was it becoming that Mary should observe them?

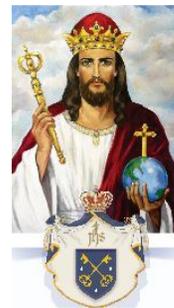
If she considered the spirit of these legal enactments, and why God required the ceremony of Purification, it was evident that she was not bound by them. They for whom these laws had been made were espoused to men; Mary was the chaste spouse of the Holy Ghost, a Virgin in conceiving and a Virgin in giving birth to her Son; her purity had ever been spotless as that of the Angels; but it received an incalculable increase by her carrying the God of all sanctity in her womb and bringing him into this world. Moreover, when she reflected upon her Child being the Creator and Sovereign Lord of all things, how could she suppose that he was to be submitted to the humiliation of being ransomed as a slave, whose life and person are not his own?

And yet the Holy Spirit revealed to Mary that she must comply with both these laws. She, the holy Mother of God, must go to the Temple like other Hebrew mothers, as though she had lost something which needed restoring by a legal sacrifice. He that is the son of God and son of Man must be treated in all things as though he were a servant and be ransomed in common with the poorest Jewish boy. Mary adores the will of God and embraces it with her whole heart.

(Thus and so Dom Prosper continues with five more richly thought-filled pages.)

~ Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB; *The Liturgical Year*, Vol. 3, *Christmas Book II*, p.462.

(1) One biblical sickle (also sicle or sheckle) weighed 0.40 oz. Therefore, five sickles would be two 2 ounces. As today's spot price for silver is \$24.00/oz, so Mary & Joseph would pay \$48.00 to redeem their Son, Who needed no redeeming! Hmm. If we consider the Child had no need of being redeemed, this is a rip-off! When we consider the Child is destined to redeem the world, it is a bargain price!



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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

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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	COMMEMORATION
Sun 01-29	4 th Sunday after Epiphany	2/G	
Mon 01-30	St Martina	2/R	
Tues 01-31	St John Bosco	3/W	
Wed 02-01	St Ignatius	3/R	
Thu 02-02	Purification of BVM	2/W	
Fri 02-03	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	St Blaise
Sat 02-04	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W	St Andrew Corsini
Sun 02-05	Septuagesima Sunday	2/V	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 01-29	(7 am) Timothy J Simmons Sr (8:30 am) Ralph Johnson+ (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Mildred Shumard+	rb J Simmons rb Deneke family rb M/M L Labrecque
Mon 01-30	(12 pm) Ralph Deitche+	rb M Pruitt
Tues 01-31	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Maria Mylien Lai	rb M/M Marchand rb N Truong
Wed 02-01	(7 am) Conversion of a loved one (9 am) Christopher Davis	rb anonymous rb T Tocher
Thu 02-02	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) M/M Melloh (6:30 pm) Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI+	rb a friend rb Beggy family rb MF Kitko
Fri 02-03	(9 am) Oliver Furlong (6:30 pm) Stephen Tracy	rb O Furlong rb Emke family
Sat 02-04	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
Sun 02-05	(7 am) Winston Shuttleworth+ (8:30 am) in thanksgiving for support if Steindorf family (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Fr Hathaway	rb R&S Perri rb Steindorf family rb B Rodriguez

Today's 10:30 am Mass: Entr: Once in Royal David's City, #818; Mass VI, #719 & Credo III, #776; Exit: *Alma Redemptoris*, #142. **Feb 2. (Candlemas)** Entr: *O Sanctissima*, #915; Mass IX, #731 & Credo III, #776
Exit: *Ave Regina Caelorum*, #951.

Today, "Announcement Sunday," begins the 2023 Catholic Faith Appeal. Funds obtained from this appeal support the diocese and its operations. This year, Christ the King's assessment is \$123,000.00. This week, please look forward to mailing from our Bishop, the Most Rev. Frank Dewane, about the appeal. In the coming weeks, we will hear more on this appeal and be invited to pledge what we can towards our goal.

This week, Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Wednesday, Theresa Jaqueline Boyer requiem Mass (10:30 am, frv); Thursday, Purification of BVM (not a holy day of obligation), three Masses with candle blessing & procession at 6:30 pm sung Mass only, Vespers (4:30 pm), [Ocala, 6 pm Mass (frv)]; 1st Friday, normal Mass & devotions with blessing of throats after each Mass, Vespers (4:30 pm); 1st Saturday, Mass & devotions, Vespers (4:30 pm), [Ocala, 10:30 am Mass (frv)].

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,463.52; on-line \$1,505.70; CFA \$20.00.

Attendance: 7 am-47; 8:30 am-148; 10:30 am-171; 12:30 pm 83; total 449 souls.

Your end-of-year-tax-statements have been mailed out; please let the office know if there is any incorrect information on your form. Thank you for supporting Christ the King!

Offertory envelopes are here! They are available in the vestibule, for those who ordered them last October.

"Whenever you are given a cross, be sure to embrace it with humility and gratitude. If God, in His infinite goodness, favors you with a cross of some importance, be sure to thank Him in a special way." ~ St Louis de Montfort

Please pray for: Tom Costo, Roberta Speer, Elaine Hinkley (1/29); Sheila Mills, Riley Carter, Karen Carter (1/22), & Rosemarie Carter (1/15).

FINAL 2022 CFA status at Christ the King as of Jan. 27: \$91,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$115,283.29 pledged (126.68% of goal); from 98.89% of 90 households; payments being \$114,075.29. (from dioceseofvenice.org)

100% beeswax candles, 10-hr votives & 7" pillars, will be blessed on Candlemas (Feb. 2) and then offered by the CtK Young Adults Group for a free-will donation after each Mass on Sunday, Feb. 5. Glass holders for the pillars and blessed Frankincense & Myrrh incense will also be available for a free-will donation

"Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake. If you keep good companions, I can assure you that you will one day rejoice with the blessed in heaven; whereas if you keep with those who are bad, you will become bad yourself, and you will be in danger of losing your soul." ~St John Bosco

Sarasota 40 Days for Life Spring Kickoff Event, "Love and Truth Are Winning," Sat., Feb. 18, 2023; 8 am to 3 pm; Church of St. Patrick, 7900 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota. Attend one or all: Mass, Holy Hour, morning & afternoon sessions of speakers. Cost: \$10.00/person, includes lunch. Register by Feb. 10th, limited seating.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-kickoff-event-love-and-truth-are-winning-tickets-517080099497> Questions? Email Rich, rich.rosary.unborn@gmail.com