

## Christmas, a time to consider ~“To give or not to give”

The APOSTOLIC LETTER ISSUED 'MOTU PROPRIO' OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI, **ON THE SERVICE OF CHARITY**, states that monies of Catholic charities are to be obtained and distributed in harmony with the Gospel... which, His Holiness has come to discover, has not always happened.

In regard to your own charity giving, an application of the Letter's principle is presented here for your consideration.

### *Vox clamantis in deserto...*

Many institutes receiving charity monies do not like the 'divisive issues' e.g., abortion, and so put clauses in their mission statement which read very similar to United Way's position: "Pro-choice and pro-life advocates in all parts of the country have tried to make abortion a United Way issue. United Ways have taken a position of neutrality on this divisive issue because we do not want any single topic to overshadow our mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities."

### *Parate viam Domini...*

It should be asked, "Is neutrality on abortion in harmony with the Gospel?"; or, again, "Should a Catholic donate to an agency stating neutrality on abortion?" The issue is a choice not between vanilla or chocolate ice-cream, but between saving or destroying a human life.

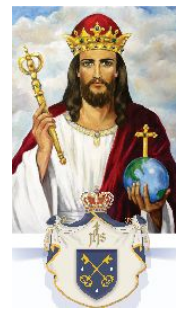
Imagine if the issue were slavery. Would United Way take a position of neutrality (to avoid losing donor money on either side of this *divisive issue*)... "to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities"?

In line with the pontiff's *Motu Proprio*, on moral issues involving intrinsic evil the words of the Savior apply, "*He who is not with me, is against me.*" Abortion is an issue where neutrality is intolerable.

Similarly, please know that monies collected by the Salvation Army from the annual army of Christmas shoppers may, in part, be used to fund contraception and sterilization programs (to decrease abortions)... moral issues also repugnant to the Catholic Faith.

### *Rectas facite semitas eius.*

Before donating this Christmas Season to this or that charitable cause, research their position on important moral issues. A cause appearing worthy on the surface, may harbor elements of the culture of death within. To donate to such a cause is not "giving with the Gospel" but rather giving against it.



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

An apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter  
preaching the Gospel & sanctifying souls  
according to the liturgical books of 1962.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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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.

For the weekly bulletin, see:  
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### **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 Mass on Sunday.

**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.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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## Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 12-11	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent	1/V <sub>(rose)</sub>	
Mon 12-12	<b>O.L. of Guadalupe</b>	<b>1/W</b>	Feria
Tues 12-13	St Lucy	3/R	Feria
Wed 12-14	Ember Wednesday of Advent	2/V	
Thu 12-15	Feria of Advent	3/V	
Fri 12-16	Ember Friday of Advent	2/V	St Eusebius
Sat 12-17	Ember Saturday of Advent	2/V	
Sun 12-18	4 <sup>th</sup> (Rorate) Sunday of Advent	1/V	

### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-11	(7 am) Katrina Hrycyk (8:30 am) FssP & preservation of TLM (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Mary Kitko+	rb M&D Hrycyk   rb M Frances Kitko
Mon 12-12	(12 pm) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
Tues 12-13	(7 am) Jacek Rutkowski (9 am) Jennifer Baugh	rb A Nazarian rb A Baugh
Wed 12-14	(7 am) Susan Hemeryck (9 am) Ralph Johnson+	rb J Johnson rb A Hohne
Thu 12-15	(7 am) a loved one (9 am) Fr Jose Maniyangat	rb a friend rb Lawton family
Fri 12-16	(9 am) Hilda White+ (6:30 pm) Donnie Kirsch+	rb Emke family rb K Kirsch & B Blake
Sat 12-17	(9 am) Matt Fontana	rb S&C Fontana
Sun 12-18	(7 am) Nicholas Anthony Slovak (8:30 am) Frances Kitko (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Maria Rojas+	rb K Slovak rb J Johnson  rb B Rodriguez

**Today's 10:30 Mass:** Entr: On Jordan's Bank, #800; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #780; Exit: Hark a Herald Voice is Calling, #795.

**This week,** Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), O.L. of Guadalupe dinner (6 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Wednesday, choir practice (7 pm); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), St Joseph Guild (6:30 pm); Friday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Saturday, Youth Group (10 am), Vespers (4:30 pm).

**Last Sunday Collection:** cash \$8,213.00; on-line \$4,310.00; CFA \$281.00.

**Attendance:** 7 am-62; 8:30 am-171; 10:30 am-114; 12 pm-68; total 415 souls.

**Today, the Youth Group is selling 2023 FssP calendars as a fund raiser after each Mass.** \$13/each. Cash or checks accepted; write checks to Christ the King.

**Thank you for not munching in the church,** but in the social hall.

**Thank you for taking your child to the social hall,** should they act up.

**Thank you volunteers** for remembering to sign-in and sign-out of Volgistics.

**Thank you** anonymous person (who wants to volunteer their time & talent at Christ the King) for taking the Diocese on-line Safe Environment training before doing any work at Christ the King (see the office for more.)

**Please pray for:** Ralph Deitche, Victor Milana, Jack Kennedy, Bill & Barbara Wis (12/11); Megan Roberts (12-4); Mary Fraser (11-27); Tom & Patti Costo, & Roberta Speer (11/20).

**Do you want to help-out at Christ the King?** If so, please take the Diocese of Venice on-line "Safe Environment" course, (see the parish secretary). Those who work with children and/or vulnerable adults must also be fingerprinted.

#### **Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:**

##### ***In Sarasota, (frh)***

Carols: Saturday, Dec. 24 at 11:30 pm  
Midnight sung Mass: Sunday, Dec. 25 at 12:00 am  
Dawn low Mass: Sunday, Dec. 25 at 8:30 am  
Day low Mass: Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 am  
Octave Day: Sunday, Jan. 1, normal Mass times

##### ***In Ocala, (frv)***

Midnight Mass at 12:00 am  
\* Dawn Mass at 1:00 pm  
Day Mass at 1:30 pm  
\* (Communion distributed at the 1:30 pm Day Mass)

**Rejoice in the LORD**  
**always:**  
**again I say, rejoice.**  
 ~ St. Paul

**Baptism:** we ask that all families be active, registered parishioners 6 months prior to receiving this Sacrament.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** your child's attendance at our catechism classes is required of them before receiving these sacraments.

**Matrimony:** arrangements with the parish should be made at least 6 months in advance of a wedding date; participation in a priest conducted marriage preparation program is required.

**Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?** Please contact the office; individual instruction will be arranged with our priests.