

**A young theologian** once asked, “Why would God, an infinite Being, allow a man, a finite being, to offend Him knowing that man could never repair the offense?”

This is an answer to that question. But first let us briefly review the history of man’s fall from grace & a few (of many) divine promises of man’s restoration in grace.

**Recall God’s test given Adam**, “Of every tree of paradise thou shall eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat for in what day so ever thou shall eat of it, thou shall die the death.” (Gn 2:16) Alas, Adam did eat & now the consequences of his disobedience infect all mankind. But, in this tragic episode, God plants a seed of hope. In His decree of perpetual warfare between the man & his true enemy, the devil, God promises mankind the final victory, “I will put enmities between thee and the woman, & thy seed & her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shall lie in wait for her heel.” (Gn 3:15)

**2000 years Before Christ (BC)**, God tested another man, Abraham; he passed, “Because thou has done this thing, and has not spared thy only-begotten son for my sake, I will bless thee, and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, as the sand that is by the seashore. Thy seed shall possess the gates of their enemies, and **in thy seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou has obeyed my voice.” (Gn 22:16) This promise went to Abraham’s grandson, Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, “I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac, the land wherein thou sleep, I will give to thee and to thy seed. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth... and in thee, **and in thy seed**, all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.” (Gn 22:18). Of the 12 tribes, Jacob prophesied one to rule until the promised seed should sprout, “the scepter shall not be taken away from Judah... **till he come that is to be sent**... the expectation of the nations.” (Gn 49:10)

**1500 years B.C.**, Moses, in obedience to God & helped by Him, freed the Hebrews from Egypt & led them in the desert; at the end of his life, noting his failure to bring this *stiff-necked people* into the Promised Land, he prophesied One coming whom they would obey, who would lead them to the true land of Promise: “The Lord shall raise up to thee a prophet of thy name and of thy brethren like unto me, **him thou shall hear**.” (Dt 18:15)

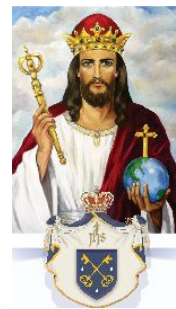
**1000 years B.C.**, King David ruled the twelve tribes now a kingdom; but as he had shed much blood, he is prohibited from building God’s temple; but God promised this to his seed, a *most quiet man & peaceable*, who would build an eternal temple: “He shall build a house to my name... and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**.” (2 Kg 7:12,13)

**700 years B.C.**, the prophet Isaiah spoke clearly about the promised One: “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and **shall call his name Emmanuel** (God with us).” (Is 7:14); “God himself will come and save you.” (Is 35:4)

**400 years B.C.**, the prophet Malachi breathed the last prophecy, “Lo, I send my angel, he shall prepare the way... **the Lord, whom you seek... shall come to his temple**.” (Ma 3:1)

**Finally, 2000 year ago**, an angel, sent from God, tells a virgin girl, “Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb & shall bring forth a son, & thou **shall call his name Jesus**.” (Lk 1:31) The same angel tells the virgin’s troubled betrothed, “Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins.” (Mt 1:20)

So, again, “Why would God test a finite being knowing that a finite creature could never repair an offense against an infinite Being?” One answer: God, knowing all outcomes, knew this was the best way to reveal His love for man; by Himself becoming man, to repair Adam’s fault, is a wonderful testament of visible love! Indeed, so stupendous is this Gift that God needed millennia to prepare the world to receive it. Ah, and here we only concern ourselves with the crib; how much more the proof of divine love when we consider the Cross!



## CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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# 4<sup>th</sup> (Rorate) Sunday of Advent

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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 12-18	4 <sup>th</sup> (Rorate) Sunday of Advent	2/V	
Mon 12-19	Greater feria of Advent	2/V	
Tues 12-20	Greater Feria of Advent	2/V	
Wed 12-21	St Thomas, Apostle	2/R	Feria
Thu 12-22	Greater Feria of Advent	2/V	
Fri 12-23	Greater Feria of Advent	2/V	
Sat 12-24	Vigil of Christmas	1/V	
Sun 12-25	Nativity of Our Lord	1/W	Anastasia (Dawn Mass)



### Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-18	(7 am) Nicholas Anthony Slovak	rb K Slovak
	(8:30 am) Frances Kitko	rb J Johnson
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Maria Rojas+	rb B Rodriguez
Mon 12-19	(12 pm) Eric Matthew Johnson+	rb M Johnson
Tues 12-20	(7 am) intentions of the pastor	rb a Tertiary
	(9 am) Maryanne VanGeldereren	rb S Hemeryck
Wed 12-21	(7 am) healing of a soul	rb a friend
	(9 am) Ivana Trump+	rb M/M Leo Labrecque
Thu 12-22	(7 am) Frank Kramer+	rb J&J Runkle
	(9 am) Ralph Johnson+	rb A Hohne
Fri 12-23	(9 am) Maria Han D	rb K Dinh
	(6:30 pm) St Joseph Guild	rb S Mills
Sat 12-24	(9 am) CPCI, SMPC, PC & staff	rb CtK Pro Life
Sun 12-25	(12 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(7 am) <b>No Mass</b>	
	(8:30 am) unborn babies	
	(10:30 am) Benefactors	rb frh
	(12:30 pm) <b>No Mass</b>	

**Today's 10:30 Mass:** Entr: Creator of the Stars of Night , #799; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, # 762 & Credo I, #780; Exit: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel, #796.

**This week, Monday,** staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Caroling at PP (10:45-11:30 am); **Wednesday,** choir practice (7 pm); **Thursday,** CtK Day at PP (1-6 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm), Youth Cat. (5-6 pm); **Friday,** Vespers (4:30 pm); **Saturday,** Caroling at CtK (11:30 pm); **Sunday,** Masses at 12 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am (no 7 am or 12:30 am Masses), [**at Ocala**, Masses at 12 am Midnight Mass, 1 pm Dawn Mass immediately followed by 1:30 pm Day Mass at which communion will be distributed.]

**Last Sunday Collection:** cash \$7,961.14; on-line \$3,840.00; CFA \$180.00.  
**Attendance:** 7 am-60; 8:30 am-136; 10:30 am-143; 12 pm-85; total 424 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 eating in the church, but in the social hall; for taking your child to the social hall, should they act up; for volunteers remembering to sign-in and sign-out of Volgistics; & to any potential volunteer for taking the Diocese on-line Safe Environment training before working at CtK (see the office for more.)

**Please pray for:** Victor Milana, Jack Kennedy, Bill & Barbara Wis (12/11); Megan Roberts (12-4); Mary Fraser (11/27); Tom & Patti Costo, Roberta Speer (11/20); Coasmas Langley, Maryanne VanGeldereren (12/19).

**Please know,** if you have recently registered at Christ the King, Fr Hathaway would like to meet with you; contact the office to make an appointment. If don't want to for some reason (e.g., you are in the witness protection program), he will understand. He just wants to provide an opportunity for you to get to know him and he you.

### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:

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

Carols: Saturday, Dec. 24 at 11:00 pm; choir 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)

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

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** your child's regular 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.

**Regarding Confession,** as often time is limited to deal with situations in Confession, please know that the priests at CtK are available to meet with you outside confession times to help you with your spiritual dilemmas; simply call the office to arrange an appointment with either priest.

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