



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.

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

“Someone might ask himself: How can I live out now an event that took place so long ago? How can I participate fruitfully in the birth of the Son of God, which took place over 2,000 years ago? During the Holy Mass on Christmas Night, we repeat... "Today a Savior is born for us." This adverb of time "Today," refers to the birth of Jesus and to the salvation that the incarnation of the Son of God comes to bring.

In the liturgy, this event reaches beyond the limits of space and time and becomes actual, present; its effect continues, even amidst the passing of days, years and centuries. In indicating that Jesus is born "today," the liturgy does not use a meaningless phrase, but underscores that this birth affects and permeates the whole of history -- even today, it remains a reality to which we may attain, precisely in the liturgy. For believers, the celebration of Christmas renews our certainty that God is really present with us, still "flesh" and not only far away: though also with the Father, He is close to us. In that Child born in Bethlehem, God drew near to man: we can encounter Him now -- in a "today" whose sun knows no setting.

I would like to stress this point, because modern man -- a man of "the sensible," of the empirically verifiable -- finds it increasingly more difficult to open his horizons and enter the world of God. The Redemption of mankind certainly took place at a precise and identifiable moment in history: in the event of Jesus of Nazareth. But Jesus is the Son of God -- He is God Himself, who not only spoke to man, showed him wondrous signs and guided him throughout the history of salvation -- but became man and remains man. The Eternal entered into the limits of time and space, in order to make possible an encounter with Him "today."

The liturgical texts of Christmas help us to understand that the events of salvation wrought by Christ are always actual -- the interest of every man and of all mankind. When, within liturgical celebrations, we hear or proclaim this "Today a Savior is born for us," we are not employing an empty, conventional expression; rather, we mean that God offers us "today", now, to me, to each one of us, the possibility of acknowledging and receiving Him like the shepherds in Bethlehem, so that He might be born in our lives and renew them, illumine them, transform them by His grace, by His Presence. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI, emeritus.*

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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:
christthekingsarasota.weebly.com

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.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 12-25	The Nativity of Our Lord	1/W	Anastasia (Dawn Mass)
Mon 12-26	St Stephen, proto-martyr	2/V	Octave
Tues 12-27	St John the Evangelist	2/V	Octave
Wed 12-28	Holy Innocents	2/R	Octave
Thu 12-29	5 th Day of Christmas	2/V	St Thomas Becket
Fri 12-30	6 th Day of Christmas	2/V	
Sat 12-31	7 th Day of Christmas	1/V	St Sylvester
Sun 01-01	Octave Day of the Nativity	1/W	



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 12-25	(12 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (7 am) No Mass (8:30 am) unborn babies (10:30 am) Friends & Benefactors rb frh (12:30 pm) No Mass
Mon 12-26	(12 pm) John DiCino rb A Baugh
Tues 12-27	(7 am) Timothy McNichol Jr. & Christopher McNichol rb S Mills (9 am) Megan Veech rb J Johnson
Wed 12-28	(7 am) Teresa & Scott Tocher rb T Tocher (9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary rb a friend
Thu 12-29	(7 am) Mr & Mrs. P DiGiacinto++ rb C DiGiacinto (9 am) Ralph Johnson+ rb A Hohne
Fri 12-30	(9 am) Caterina Spagnuolo+ rb Hrycyk family (6:30 pm) Florentino Buznego+ rb family
Sat 12-31	(9 am) Kathryn Lawton rb her family
Sun 01-01	(7 am) FssP & Preservation of the TLM (8:30 am) Margaret Johnson rb J Johnson (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Charles Hart+ rb M Kuziel

Merry Christmas!

Dear friends & benefactors,

Thank you for your many Christmas cards, gifts, & prayers given the priests and staff at Christ the King during this joyous time of year. *It is a great blessing to be the pastor of this real Christian Community!* I am reminded of the scripture verse, “There is no man who has left house or brethren for my name’s sake & for the gospel who shall not receive a hundred-fold *now in this time* and in the world to come.” (Mk 10:29,30). Please know, to show my appreciation, I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions on Dec. 25, 2022. May the Joy of Christmas be

Thank you to the crew who decorated the church for Jesus!

Sunday, 12 am ~ *Adeste Fideles*, #804; Mass II & Credo III; Exit: Angels We Have Heard in High, #812.

Monday, Vespers (4:30 pm), Adult Cat. (5-6 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), QAA caroling & you are welcome to attend (5-8 pm); Thursday, Vespers (4:30 pm), optional make-up Youth Catechism class (5-6 pm); Friday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Saturday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Sunday, normal Mass times.

Last Sunday Collection: cash \$4,638.00; on-line \$1,803.00; CFA \$81.99.

Attendance: 7 am-53; 8:30 am-138; 10:30 am-145; 12 pm-96; total 432 souls.

Please pray for: Roberta Speer, Maryanne VanGelderren, Cosmas Langley, Tom Costo, Cristina Walker (12/25); Victor Milana, Jack Kennedy, Bill & Barbara Wis (12/11); Megan Roberts (12-4); & Mary Fraser (11/27).

If you have recently registered at Christ the King, please know that Fr Hathaway would like to meet with you; contact the office to make an appointment. If you don’t want to do so, for some reason e.g., you are in the witness protection program, he understands; he just wants to provide a time for you to know him and he you.

2022 CFA status at Christ the King as of Dec. 17: \$91,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$114,282.29 pledged (125.58% of goal); from 44.9% of 196 households; payments being \$109,289.30. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Fr. Hathaway thanks CtK for supporting the diocese we call home.** He is especially heart-warmed to see 45% of us contributing, ranking us third in the diocese for parishioner participation; this is an ‘active participation’ anyone can appreciate.

The Knights of Columbus thank you for attending this year’s O.L. of Guadalupe dinner; ~~\$2000.00 was raised to be given the FssP seminary in Denton, NE.~~

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.