

Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

CONFESSION TIPS (modified) from Fr. Steve Schultz, of O.L. of Angels Church in Woodbridge, VA:

1. Prayerfully prepare! It's considerate to those who are waiting in line behind you, especially if they need to confess before Mass in order to receive.
2. Do this preparation with an examination of conscience. Many different kinds are available. There are ones based on the Ten Commandments; the Virtues; your particular vocation; for adults; for children; etc. Two general questions should lead to specifics: In what ways did I sin? In what way(s) did I fail to do the good I ought to have done?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Think about what you've made friends with that keeps you from a true friendship with God... Greed? Pride? Selfishness? Being lukewarm? Lust? Fear? Too much bacon? (Is that even possible?) Seriously, though, think about your sins with respect to who or what you have favored more than God.
4. Be ready to repent! "I'm done with this, that, and the other thing. **I will change**, and I trust in the Lord to help me!" That should be your disposition to the Sacrament. Your faith and repentance open your heart to God's healing power!
5. Go to confession! Do it! God promises mercy; He doesn't promise tomorrow.
6. Start by saying, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned, it has been X days/weeks/months/years/decades since my last confession and these are my sins..."
7. State your sins, in kind and in number if it is a serious sin. If it's been a while since your last confession and you don't remember the exact number, you can give an approximation by way of frequency, such as, "once a week over a period of three years" or "fortnightly." Venial sins should be confessed by habit, but with serious (i.e., mortal) sin, don't hold even a single one back! Put it all before the Lord. Trust Him. No sin is unforgivable as long as we repent.
8. It's not necessary to tell the story of your life since your last confession, give yourself advice, or expect hours of therapy. Confession isn't meant to change the circumstances of your life. It is meant to give you a new heart so that you can "put on" the mind of Christ.
9. You don't have to say, "My biggest sin is..." because that is probably not your biggest sin. Your biggest sin is probably the same as mine, the same as most people: We don't trust in God enough.
10. Nor should you say, "I need to be better about X" because your dear priest can't tell if that is a sin of omission (something you failed to do) or commission (something you did). Further, it doesn't sound like you're repenting of anything.
11. Or, "and I know that's wrong" because we know all sin is wrong.
12. Don't tell the priest other peoples' sins unless you want to do other peoples' penances. "For your penance pray three Our Fathers. For your wife's penance make a pilgrimage to Ephesus on your knees, and when you return, eat that fruitcake she made for Christmas."
13. One last, very important "don't." Don't give in to fear! There is nothing any of us can do that will make God love us any less! In confession there is no judgment, just mercy. (I probably should have led with that.)
14. When you're finished, LAND THE PLANE. "For these and all my sins I am truly sorry," or suchlike. If you just stop talking, the priest thinks you are still thinking or that you died. Land the plane!
15. Glorify the Lord's mercy. If you want to be forgiven, healed, and freed, the Lord will do all that and much besides. Trust in His mercy! Know who you are: God's daughter, God's son!



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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according to the liturgical books of 1962.

2nd 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:
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 |
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| Sun 12-04 | 2 nd Sunday of Advent | 1/V | |
| Mon 12-05 | Feria of Advent | 3/V | St Sabbas |
| Tues 12-06 | St Nicholas | 3/W | Feria |
| Wed 12-07 | St Ambrose | 3/W | Feria |
| Thu 12-08 | Immaculate Conception of BVM | 1/W | Feria |
| Fri 12-09 | Feria of Advent | 3/V | |
| Sat 12-10 | Feria of Advent | 3/V | St Melchiades |
| Sun 12-11 | 3 rd Sunday of Advent | 1/V(rose) | |

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

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| Sun 12-04 | (7 am) Emma T Fox+ (8:30 am) CtK volunteers (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Margo Maffei+ | rb D Meadows rb Hrycyk family |
| Mon 12-05 | (12 pm) Elizabeth Emmelkamp+ | rb K Kirsch & B Blake |
| Tues 12-06 | (7 am) Terry Angley (9 am) Ralph Johnson+ | rb Angley family rb A Hohne |
| Wed 12-07 | (7 am) Gabrielle Hrycyk (9 am) Fr Huber | rb M&D Hrycyk rb J Johnson |
| Thu 12-08 | (7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary (9 am) Joan Kitko+ (6:30) Pro-populo | rb a friend rb M Frances Kitko |
| Fri 12-09 | (9 am) Chris Lawton (6:30 pm) Elizabeth Brannon | rb his family rb T&C Flamminio |
| Sat 12-10 | (6 am) Armand & Lauretta Labrecque++ (9 am) Starost family | rb M/M L Labrecque rb M Pruitt |
| 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 |

Today's 10:30 Mass: Entr: Savior of the Nations, Come, #798; Asperges, #567; Mass XVII, #762 & Credo I, #768; Exit: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, #801.

This week, Monday, St Theresa Guild (1:30 pm); staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Wednesday, choir practice (7 pm); Thursday, **Immaculate Conception**, holy day of obligation, 7 am & 9 am Masses, Vespers (4:30 pm), & 6:30 pm Mass (frh), [at Ocala, 6 pm Mass (frv)]; Friday, Vespers (4:30 pm); Saturday, 6 am Rorate Mass (frh), server practice (10 am, Pro-life meeting in the choir room (10 am) [we will assemble gift bags for the staff of our local pregnancy centers who are vital for our mission], Vespers 4:30 pm).

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.

Last Sunday Collection: cash \$5,338.00; on-line \$1,505.00.

Attendance: 7 am-60; 8:30 am-130; 10:30 am-169; 12 pm-58; total 417 souls.

Thursday 12/08 at 6:30 pm: Mass IX, #731 & Credo I, #768; Exit: Immaculate Mary, #906. **Saturday 12/10 at 6 am:** Mass IX, #731; Exit: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #797.

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 and for taking the Diocese on-line Safe Environment training.

CtK's annual Rorate Caeli Mass Sat., Dec. 10, at 6 am, is a traditional candlelit votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Advent meant to honor the Light of the world & thank God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds & the sun rises, the church becomes brighter by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

Please pray for: Megan Roberts (12-4); Mary Fraser (11-27); Tom & Patti Costo, Roberta Speer (11/20); Rev. Fr. Ted Bradley, Janey Coyle, & Lourette Grant (11/06).

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.

Today, tickets to Our Lady of Guadalupe dinner, Dec. 12, at 6 pm, for sale after each Mass. \$75/person. Proceeds to support the FssP Seminary in Denton NE.

Qui praeparabit viam tuam ante te.

I have heard some of you say, when they learned some thief or murderer was condemned to death, *What! For the thirty murders or more, that thief and murderer has committed, he dies but one death? Where is there justice here?* You say he does not satisfy justice, who expiates his crimes with one sole death. Why do you say this? Shall I tell you? Because you are judging others, and not yourselves. But in what concerns ourselves we are hindered by too great love of self from seeing what is just, for then we are involved in shadows and understand but little. But if we examined our own case, with the sharp scrutiny we give the affairs of others, we should give a sincere and honest opinion. Our sins deserve, not one, but many deaths... When therefore you speak of homicide think to yourself whether you have not the same guilt upon you? Recollect that that man killed but a man, but you are guilty of the blood of the Lord. He was not a sharer in the divine mysteries; we are nourished at the Sacred Table. What shall I say of those who eat, who devour their neighbors with their cruel speech; pouring poison into them? What of those who take away the bread of the poor? If he who never gives alms in charity does this, how much more evil does he who deliberately steals? ~ St, John Chrysostom, 407+.