

Today's Introit takes from Psalm 43, verses 23 - 26; then 2. We identify them scripturally then understand them in relation to the feast. Bold print indicates the Introit inclusion.

Psalm 43 is paraphrased: "The Church commemorates former favors, and present afflictions: under which she prays for succor."

23. **Arise, why sleep thou, O Lord? Arise, and cast us not off to the end.**
24. **Why turn thou thy face away? and forget** (our want and) **our trouble?**
25. (For our soul is humbled down to the dust:) **our belly cleaves to the earth.**
26. **Arise, O Lord, help us, and deliver us** (for thy name's sake.)

St. Robert Bellarmine reads Psalm 43 as the church groaning under persecution. **Arise, why sleep...** As if to say, "Wake and see the sufferings of Thy servants while they labor for Thy cause; why are Thou silent?" **Why turn thy face away...** repeats the idea of a God apparently careless about His people's predicament. **Our belly cleaves to the earth.** St. Robert, seeing here an extreme humility, writes: "One can be humbled in mind and body even to the earth: in mind, if he truly reflect, and understand, and acknowledge that he is but mere dust, in the language of Abraham, who said, *I will speak to the Lord, who am but dust and ashes*: in his body, if he prays prostrate on the earth,... The petitioners here pray in both positions, for they say, *For our soul is humbled down to dust; our belly cleaves to the earth.*" **Arise, O Lord, help us...** for thy name's sake. A final plea argues for divine aid lest the godless blaspheme the holy Name (for what will they say of a God who abandons His own?).

2. **We have heard, O God, with our ears: our fathers have declared to us,** (the work thou hast wrought in their days, and in the days of old.)

The Prophet begins Psalm 43 recalling the works of God, in days gone by, in hopes to receive favors anew. **We have heard, O God, with our ears...** As if to say, "Not vague legends or fairy tales, but true events we have heard; and not from some passerby or bard, but from our own fathers, from credible witnesses, we have heard; nor have we heard only what they experienced, but also of what their fathers saw did they report... *the work Thou hast wrought.*"

The Feast of Sexagesima continues our preparations for the Season of Lent. Fallen man must oft recall God's past helps to fortify his confidence amid current dangers but always with a firm humility. The Epistle presents the litany of St. Paul's perils, his special revelations, AND his *sting in the flesh*, "lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me." The Gospel imparts instruction on degrees of hearing God's word, carefully noting its proper hearing: "...in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience."

Hearing is a good thing; remembering what is heard is better; bringing forth fruit in its patient practice is its blossom



CHRIST THE KING Catholic Church

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Sexagesima Sunday

February 20, 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.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am low; 8:30 am low; 10:30 am sung; and 12:30 pm low.

Items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall are blessed after the 12:30 pm Mass; or, after the 10:30 am Mass, if there is no 12:30 pm Mass.

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before Mass.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm

Monday Mass at 7 am.

1st Saturday Mass at 10:30 am.

Sarasota "Lost & Found"
now located in the office

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 02-20	Sexagesima Sunday	2/V	
Mon 02-21	Feria	4/V	
Tues 02-22	Chair of St Peter	1/W	St Paul
Wed 02-23	St Peter Damian	3/W	
Thu 02-24	St Matthias	3/R	
Fri 02-25	Feria	4/V	
Sat 02-26	Saturday of Our Lady	4/W	
Sun 02-27	Quinquagesima Sunday	2/V	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 02-20	(7 am) Thanksgiving to St Roch (8:30 am) Claire Verdini (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Fr Mahowald	rb M&K Weber rb K Zilli rb J Tholotowsky
Mon 02-21	(12 pm) Conversion of daughter	rb Thu Le
Tues 02-22	(7 am) Bernard de Ruyg (9 am) Ramon Torres+	rb L de Saizieu rb M/M L Labrecque
Wed 02-23	(7 am) Those who sacrifice their jobs for freedom (9 am) FssP Confraternity intentions	rb The Sciscenti's rb T Tocher
Thu 02-24	(7 am) Cerie Wade (9 am) Samuel Jr. & Valerie Caggiula++	rb Beggy family rb M/M L Labrecque
Fri 02-25	(9 am) Mary Weigand+ (6:30 pm) Conversion of sinners per Mediatrix of all Graces	rb R Archangel
Sat 02-26	(9 am) Henriette & Marguerite Costa de Beauregard+	rb L de Saizieu
Sun 02-27	(7 am) The President of the United States (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Maureen Hallagan+ (12:30 pm) M/M Edwin Forrester	rb M/M L Labrecque rb the Altar Servers

Christ the King welcomes Fr. William Lawrence, FssP, Provincial of the North American Province of FssP, to its apostolate; he leaves early Monday.

Thank you for pledging towards our 2022-23 CFA which is \$109,000.00. If each of our 160 households pledge \$681.25, [\$56.77/ month (cost one cup of Black Ivory Coffee i.e., elephant dung coffee) or \$13.10/week (a fancy coffee cup), we would meet our goal; any extra returns to the parish. As not every household can do this, so think of this in pledging. Thank you.

Last Sunday - Collection: \$6,904.92; CFA: \$1,565.00 & \$11,833.25 pledged.

Attendance: 7 am-49; 8:30 am-138; 10:30 am-170; 12:30 pm-141; total 498 souls.

This week, Wednesday, choir practice; **Thursday**, no Youth Catechism (due to the Queen of Angels Homeschool Conference, see infra) and CtK day at Planned Parenthood (1-5 pm); **Friday**, Conference; **Saturday**, Conference.

Please pray for: Carol Labrecque (2/20), Frank Zaffina, Lynda Hall (2/13), Meza family, Johnson family, Jim Hathaway (1/30), McNamara family, Kelly Katz, and David Clough Sr. (1/23). (Posted for a month; renewable.)

Join us for the 2022 Catholic Homeschool Conference Fri. & Sat., Feb., 25-26, at Christ the King. Speakers include Phillip Campbell, author of the Story of Civilization series, Fr. Josh Passo, FssP, Sr. Louise Marie, MICM and more! Register at QueenofAngelsAcademy.org. On Feb. 24, a youth conference will be held from 9-12:30; after 9 am Mass, Mr. Campbell, Fr. Passo & Sr. Louise Marie will talk on vocations & history! Light breakfast is provided. **Parents must accompany their children, no drop-offs!** For more info & to register go to QueenofAngelsAcademy.org. The fee is \$10/family.

The Gregorian Chant Academy, by FSSP parishioner Christopher Jasper, is an online learning source producing original chant recordings (available for download), beginner tutorials (on YouTube), and a new interactive, immersive, personal and flexible online Chant Master-Course, beginning March 12, feast of St Gregory the Great. For more information, please visit the Academy website at: www.GregorianChantAcademy.com

Heads up: On March 1, the feast day of the Holy Face, St Teresa Guild will host devotions to the Holy Face after the 9 am Mass. Also, on Monday, Feb. 21, a novena begins wherein the Holy Face Chaplet is prayed daily. This can be obtained at <https://illuminaDomine.com/2017/03/31/the-chaplet-of-the-holy-face/>. If you have questions, please call or text Denise Priest @ 941-799-0444.

Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all in a great battle!

Help the Church save souls! Attend a synodal listening session (below) & voice, again, John's cry in the wilderness! Sessions are from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm:

- Tues., Feb. 22, Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles Parish, 2850 75th St. W., Bradenton.
- Thurs., March 3, St. Andrew Parish, 2628 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral.
- Mon., March 14, St. John XXIII Parish, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers.
- Wed., March 16, Sacred Heart Parish, 211 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda.
- Thurs. March 24; St Elizabeth Seton Parish, 5225 Golden gate Pkwy, Naples.
- Mon., March 28, St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples.
- Mon., May 9, St. Catherine Parish, 820 Hickory St., Sebring.
- Mon., May 16, St. Agnes Parish, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples.
- Mon., May 23, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, 355 S. Bridge St., LaBelle.

To register, see the homepage of the DOV website. For any questions regarding the listening sessions, please email synod@dioceseofvenice.org.