

Today's Introit takes from Psalm 30, verses 3 & 4; then 2. We identify them scripturally then understand them in relation to the feast. Bold print indicates the Introit inclusion.

Psalm 30 is paraphrased: "A prayer of a just man under affliction."

3. *(Bow down thy ear to me: make haste to help me.) Be thou unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge, to save me.*

4. *For thou art my strength and my refuge; and for thy name's sake thou will lead me, and nourish me.*

St. Robert Bellarmine applies Psalm 30 to the time when David fled for his life from his son, Absalom. **Be thou unto me a God, a protector...** Destitute of all help, David seeks his final remedy. His allies pressed David to flee, without rest, as Absalom's agents restlessly sought his life; *As no earthy abode is safe, O Lord, be Thou my resting place. For thou art my strength...* The urgency of his flight allowed no time to take provisions; David had to "live off the land" or more, "live off divine aid" alone. **For thy name's sake...** David knows divine aid will come, lest God be thought defective; *for the glory of Thy name Thou will provide, lest the godless fault Thy ability or Thy goodness.*

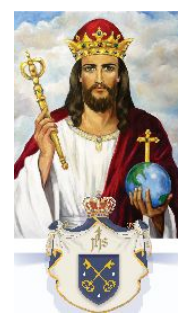
2. **In thee, O Lord, I have hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in thy justice.**

A free verse. and save me.

Psalm 30 begins with a verse of a confidence based on hope. **In thee, O Lord, have I hoped...** As if to say, "As I hoped in Thee, O Lord, so I am sure of victory. Thou are all powerful, the creator of heaven and earth; Thou are all good, noting the fall of a sparrow, caring to number each hair of my head; surely, Thou shall not disappoint me." **Deliver me in thy justice...** As if to say, "Aid me with Thy justice which stirs Thee to punish the wicked and rescue to the just."

The Feast of Quinquagesima ends our preparations for the Season of Lent. Fallen man is not only beset by his inner inclinations towards evil & outward assaults by the world, but even those within his own household, his friends, those with whom he had walked with concord & shared sweet meats, these too may rise up against him. The Epistle stresses charity at all costs, "*if I have all faith... if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing.*" The Gospel intimates man's blindness towards heavenly things and provides the remedy, "*Lord, that I may see.*"

The sane man knows his weakness, the world's empty promises, and the fact that his friends may fail him. The sane man admits these things, but he is oft blind towards his true support and compass. Should he cry out like the blind man, he shall see that God is **a protector, a house of refuge**; then he shall say, "**Thou art my strength**"; and, if only for His great name's sake, God shall lead and nourish the humble man to safety and health. In fine, the blind man's cries will obtain the sight he needs to



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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.

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Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 02-27	Quinquagesima Sunday	2/V	
Mon 02-28	Feria	4/V	
Tues 03-01	Feria	4/V	
Wed 03-02	Ash Wednesday	1/V	
Thu 03-03	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	3/V	
Fri 03-04	Friday after Ash Wednesday	3/V	St Casimir, St Lucius
Sat 03-05	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	3/V	
Sun 03-06	First Sunday of Lent	1/V	



St Casimir, St Lucius

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

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
Mon 02-28	(12 pm) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb G Agudelo & J Olivos
Tues 03-01	(7 am) William Shriner, Patricia Wierichs & Elanor Shriner re D Matthews (9 am) Conversion of Daughter	rb Thu Le
Wed 03-02	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory (9 am) Lynda Hall (6:30 pm) The Holy Father	rb K Dinh rb M&K Weber
Thu 03-03	(7 am) Maureen Hallagan+ (9 am) Gertrude Topitz+	rb The Altar Servers rb S Shenko
Fri 03-04	(9 am) Private intention (6:30 pm) Matthew Burns+	rb Burkett family rb J Tholotowsky
Sat 03-05	(7 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
Sun 03-06	(9 am) Joseph Gerard Quigg (7 am) CtK volunteers (8:30 am) Ludovic, Camille, Helene de Saizieu (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (12:30 pm) Kalysta Emke	rb Lawton family rb L de Saizieu rb C Clough

Today's 10:30 am Mass- Entr: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King, #856; Asperges, #567; Mass XI, #740; Credo III, #776; Exit- Faith of Our Fathers, # 928

Thank you for pledging towards our 2022-23 CFA which is \$109,000.00. If each of our 165 households pledge \$660.60, or \$1.90/day (cost of a cafe coffee), 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-77; 8:30 am-153; 10:30 am-183; 12:30 pm-101; total 514 souls.

This week, Monday, Adult cat. (5-6); Tuesday, St Teresa Guild hosts devotions to the Holy Face (after the 9 am Mass); Ash Wednesday, three Masses (see infra); Thursday, Vespers (5 pm); 1st Friday, 9 am Mass followed by Stations & 5:30 pm Stations followed by Mass; 1st Saturday, Mass & devotions.

Please pray for: Davis family, Gloria Flynn (2/27), Carol Labrecque (2/20), Frank Zaffina, Lynda Hall (2/13), Meza family, Johnson family, and Jim Hathaway (1/30). (Posted for a month; renewable.)

March 2, Ash Wednesday, Ashes are blessed and distributed before Mass. The Mass begins with the Introit (no Prayers at the Foot of Altar.) Ash Wednesday is a day of fast & abstinence, but not a holy day of obligation.

The current Law of abstinence begins on one's 14th birthday & obliges abstinence from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. **The current Law of fast** applies to everyone aged 18 to 59, inclusive & permits one full meal and two other meals which, when combined, are less than a full meal, and obliges on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

On each Friday of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the Prayer Before a Crucifix:

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Thy face I humbly kneel and with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins; and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me while I call to mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus, "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

Be kind to everyone you meet, for we are all in the 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:

- 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.

To allow greater participation, please only register to attend one session.