

The Papacy (part II)

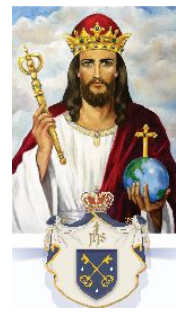
“**The gates of hell shall not prevail**” signifies the Church is indefectible. In his Modern Catholic Dictionary, Fr. John Hardon SJ neatly sums Pastor Aeternus, the First Dogmatic Constitution of the Church of Christ (Pope Pius IX, July 18, 1870 at Vatican Council I): “The Church's indefectibility, therefore, means that she now is and will always remain the institution of salvation in her teaching, her constitution, and her liturgy. It does not exclude modifications that do not affect her substance, nor does it exclude the decay of individual local churches or even whole dioceses.”

As God became Incarnate for the purpose of saving souls, so the Church must be visible and service the saving souls; nor can the Church perish or be changed, in any of her three essential offices of teaching, governing & sanctifying. Again, until the end of time, the Church will visibly: 1) teach, without error, faith, morals & disciplines necessary for salvation; 2) govern by deacons, priests and bishops, one of whom, the pope, will hold supreme authority; and, 3) distribute supernatural grace, especially through her Sacraments.

“**The keys to the kingdom of heaven**” refers to authority in the Church held, in a supreme way, by Peter & his successors; nor is “**whatsoever**” in *binding or loosing* taken absolutely, which would be both ridiculous and unbiblical. Recall the Lord’s words: “*Whatsoever* you shall ask the Father in My Name, that I will do.” Now, to ask in this Name, is to ask for things of salvation. Just so, the “whatsoever” authority given to Peter is for the Church, not to change her, but to govern her; “the keys” are not meant for any door or any purpose. Imagine otherwise. Say a pope invoked the authority of “the keys” to decree that “monkeys fly” or “in 1492 Christopher Columbus did not sail the ocean blue.” Nothing would change. In the same way, should a pope decree marshmallows as new matter for Mass or milk for baptism, no Sacrament would happen. The power of the keys have no power over nature, human history, or realities divinely ordained. Again, the pope has no authority to change the Commandments, the Creed or the elements essential to the Sacraments. Some real-life examples: Not long ago, to those advocating a women’s priesthood & recognizing the limits of his authority, pope St. John Paul II replied, “The Church has no authority to do this.” In another time & place, a friend at a Catechism Class where Sr. Holy Water, (nor her real name but that’s what he said), kept telling the children that, one day, women would be priests. Finally, he tired, stood up & said, “Sister, ordaining a woman is like ordaining a fence post (he was a rancher), you can ordain & ordain & it just won’t take.” He is right; neither is the proper matter for the Sacrament; the Church has no authority here.

The Haydock Bible Commentary sums-up the authority “to bind”: 1. refusing to absolve; 2. enjoining penance for sins forgiven; 3. excommunication, suspension or interdict; 4. making rules & laws for governing the Church; 5. determining what is of the faith by judgments & definitions of the Church. The authority “to loose” refers to: remitting the punishment owed to forgiven sins by way of indulgences.

A word about “bad popes.” The Church has had bad popes as shepherds; but these more defend the Church’s indefectibility than harm it. How? While these lived immoral lives and/or held false opinions, they never demanded the Church change her belief or practice in things necessary for salvation. Indeed, bad popes prove that the Church is divinely protected; if not, she surely would have expired long ago. More, if the Church were always ruled by saintly, learned & talented men, the world would more credit her successes to human ability than divine aid. Again, the Church’s durability has been surely proved by her 2000 years of existence; but her indefectibility is more evident by the bad popes, from time to time, elected to her headship.



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.

3rd Sunday after Easter

April 30, 2023, A.D.

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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.

Sacramental Emergency: 941-400-5415

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 Sunday Mass.

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 04-30	3 rd Sunday after Easter	2/W	
Mon 05-01	St Joseph the Workman	1/W	
Tues 05-02	St Athanasius	3/W	
Wed 05-03	Feria in Paschaltide	4/W	St Alexander & Comp.
Thu 05-04	St Monica	3/W	
Fri 05-05	Sacred Heart of Jesus	3/W	St Pius V
Sat 05-06	Immaculate Heart of Mary	3/W	
Sun 05-07	4 th Sunday after Easter	2/W	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 04-30	(7 am) Bodhi Nicholas	rb M Meza
	(8:30 am) My godchildren	rb K Dinh
	(10:30) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Alan Alcantara	rb J Walker
Mon 05-01	(12 pm) Tom Rudnick+	rb a friend
Tues 05-02	(7 am) Francis J Kramer+	rb AB Kramer
	(9 am) Huton family	rb JM Tholotowsky
Wed 05-03	(7 am) Nicholas Sharkoski	rb Mimi & Jidu
	(9 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb JP&L Marchand
Thu 05-04	(7 am) Anna Sa+	rb M/M L Truong
	(9 am) Ted Wade	rb A Wade
Fri 05-05	(9 am) Helen & William Hahn++	rb M Kuziel
	(6:30 pm) Joseph & Wilhelmina Mercier+	rb D&M Priest
Sat 05-06	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
Sun 05-07	(7 am) Declan Michael	rb M Meza
	(8:30 am) Arthur Magnusson+	rb B Magnusson
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Walker family	rb L de Saizieu

Today's 10:30 am Music: Entr: Be Joyful Mary, Heavenly Queen, #847; *Vidi Aquam*, #566; Mass I, #696 & Credo III, #776; Exit: Ye Sons & Daughters, #849.

This Week, Monday, St Therese Guild (1:30 pm), staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am), Building Committee (6 pm); **Wednesday, Parish Finance Council (5 pm); First Thursday,** Adoration (5-8 pm); Vespers (4:30 pm); **First Friday,** Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm), Holy Hour (5:30 pm) followed by Mass (6:30 pm), Young Adults (7:30 pm); **First Saturday,** Mass & devotions (9 am), Vespers (4:30 pm) [Ocala, 10:30 am, frv].

Last Sunday's Collection: cash \$4,090.00; on-line \$1,528.00; CFA \$50.00.
Total souls: 476: 7 am-54; 8:30 am-147; 10:30 am-153; 12:30 pm-122. **Ocala** (314)

2023 CFA status at CtK as of April 22, 2023 : \$123,000.00 assessed by the diocese; \$55,846.00 pledged (45.40% of goal); from 30% of 203 households; \$29,382.35 paid. (from dioceseofvenice.org) **Thank you for your support!**

Please pray for: Deanna Gallock, JoLynn Terrebonne, Jennifer Wong (4/23); Debora Came, Rosemarie Carter (4/16); Shehwen family, Mary Pruitt, Joe Pauly (4/9); Meadows family, Cecilia Khoei, Pat Delio, & Cristina Walker (4/2).

A young lady & past parishioner at CtK, Christina Davis, asks if you can help her attend a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) program this summer. She is currently in college in South Dakota and her parents, Jeff & Teresa, currently attend CtK. Her email is christinatheballerina@lidekin.com. Thank you.

Mas importante! A reminder for those needing to, and a thank you to those doing so, for signing in & out of Volgistics. May God reward you!

Our dear CtK building is experiencing pipe damage to its plumbing system. This was the reason for the recent closure of our two vestibule bathrooms. After an inspection, all our old iron pipes underneath the building need to be lined; and one small section needs to be replaced. In all, the repair will cost \$41,000.00. Meanwhile, although no problems are expected at this moment, please be prepared for possible bathroom closures. Finally, one should only flush toilet paper down the drain; nor the cores of the rolls that we currently use.

Safe Environment Training - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires all employees and volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website for scheduled training dates.

You say: *The world is not right; all is woe!*
 JESUS said: *You shall lament & weep, but the world shall rejoice; you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
 What shall I do?
I will think more on second half of the film than the first.