

Today's Introit takes from Psalm 46 verses 2 & 3. We review them scripturally then understand them in relation to today's feast.

Psalm 46 is summarized: "The gentiles are invited to praise God for the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ." This Introit omits a full scriptural verse which is included within the parenthesis below.

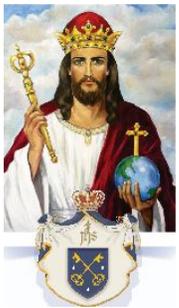
2. O clap your hands, all ye nations: shout unto God with the voice of joy. 3. For the Lord is high, he is terrible; (a great king over all the earth.)

Verse 2, St. Robert Bellarmine says, invites all mankind to express gladness to God in their heart by speech & gesture. By "all ye nations" none are omitted 'for the glory of the head is in common with that of the body and the body includes not just Jews but every nation; for the Church, which is Christ's body, is spread over all the world.' Moreover, "clap your hands" is not to be taken literally; rather, we are called to be internally glad & joyful as those who express inner joy by external clapping of hands, dancing, and like gestures. The Saint defends his interpretation by citing Psalm 95 wherein the prophet writes that not only men but even the heavens and earth, rivers and mountains, and trees applaud – things impossible literally – which impart the idea that men are to be so joyful as to see, if possible, 'all nature sharing it with them.'

Verse 3, says St. Bellarmine, identifies reasons why all nations ought to exult God: 'the greatness of Christ, who is "high" by reason of his divinity, "terrible" by reason of his power, and a "great king" by reason of his providence and government.' Said again, all nations are beckoned to express joy for "the Lord is high," nor can he be higher, as regards his divine nature, in which he exceeds all created things; for "he is terrible," as regards his power, which nothing can resist; and, finally, for he is "a great king over all the earth," being 'the one supreme, absolute, and universal ruler of the whole world.'

The Feast of the 7th Sunday after Pentecost presents, variously, the idea of 'fruit'. The Collect begs protection from *noxia* 'harmful things' e.g., noxious weeds and asks for *profutura*, 'profitable things' e.g., produce or useable food stuffs. The Epistle speaks of our past servitude to sin, wherein we obtained no fruit but only shame; but after becoming servants of God, we now have our fruit "unto sanctification and life everlasting." The Gospel advances the idea of fruit, good & bad, under the analogies of the bad tree, yielding only bad fruit, and the good tree which only bears good fruit. Within this theme of 'fruit' is the reality of the divine Harvester... who will judge the good from the bad.

With this backdrop, the Introit invites us to express our joy for our labors are no-longer unto damnation but "unto sanctification and life everlasting." Moreover, "the Lord is high" but not so high as to have no concern for us for He shares our toils & Himself with us in a most wondrous & intimate way; "He is terrible," or as St. Robert says, "powerful" which recalls "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me"; finally, He is "a great King over all the earth" implying, among other things, that my little garden does not lie outside His jurisdiction nor are my fruits outside His right to judge.



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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 07-24	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 07-25	St James	2/R	St Christopher & <i>pro Episcopo</i>
Tues 07-26	St Anne, Mother of BVM	2/W	
Wed 07-27	Feria (7 th Sunday after Pentecost)	4/G	St Pantaleon
Thu 07-28	Ss Nazarius, Celsus, Victor, & Innocent I	3/R	
Fri 07-29	St Martha	3/W	Ss Felix, Simplicius, Faustinis & Beatrice
Sat 07-30	Saturday of Our Lady	3/R	Ss Abdon & Sennen
Sun 07-31	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 07-24	(7 am) Anna Sa+	rb M/M Truong
	(8:30 am) Pope Francis	rb G Scarano
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Teresa & Brenden	rb Carlota Plowman
Mon 07-25	(12 pm) Dominic HD	rb K Dinh
Tues 07-26	(7 am) Poor Souls in Purgatory	rb L de Saizieu
	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
Wed 07-27	(7 am) Rita Cooke+	rb C Flamminio
	(9 am) Iziekial Bouvier	rb C Bouvier
Thu 07-28	(7 am) FssP intentions	rb M/M L Truong
	(9 am) Therese Do Truong+	rb N Truong
Fri 07-29	(9 am) Martin D	rb KD
	(6:30 pm) Felix Tilden	rb M/M Pllumb Suka
Sat 07-30	(9 am) Alfredo Lezcano Sr+	rb family
Sun 07-31	(7 am) Virginia Vargas	rb C Vargas
	(8:30 am) Thanksgiving for favors received	rb P Gubala
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) Kimberly Meadows	rb B&D Meadows

Today's 10:30 music: Entr: Daily Daily Sing to Mary, 912; Asperges , 567; Mass VIII, 748 & Credo IV, 780; Exit: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, 936.

Today, the second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021, we will recite **A Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** (see infra) after Mass. This Church-wide celebration accompanies the feasts of Saints Anne & Joachim, the Grandparents of Jesus. This year's theme is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15) which expresses the living of this age to the fullest. Grandchildren & young people are invited to be present in the lives of older people; elderly & grandparents are reminded to be living witnesses of the faith to the young. (And, yes, if father had some of "grandma's lace" he would proudly wear it!)

Last Sunday: Collection – \$5,033.00; CFA: \$223.00. **Attendance:** 8:30 am-139; 10:30 am-212; total 351 souls.

This week, Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm) & Vespers (4:30 pm); Tuesday, Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); Thursday, CtK Day at Planned Parenthood (1-6 pm) & Vespers (4:30 pm); Saturday, Vespers (4:30 pm).

Please pray for: Kristin Tilsinger, Scott Funderburk, Gloria Flynn (7/24); Nicholas Meza (7/17); McNamara family (7/10); Arianne Gardner, Jackie Tholotowsky, Amelia Mae Mikluscak, Cecelia Jean Mikluscak, Christopher Anton, & Samuel Selario (6/26).

Denise Priest invites you to join the Sanctification of our Priests Ministry at CtK. She prefers texts or calls (941-799-0444) and will email you the devotional materials.

Help! It has come to the pastor's attention that over a month period only eight volunteers were active in Volgistics. Please, all adult volunteers (e.g., ushers, group leaders, council members, choir members, hospitality & altar servers, money counters, gardeners) sign-in before starting your work & sign out after your work is done. A Volgistics audit will be conducted at parishes in the near future. Only having eight volunteers sign in & out of Volgistics within a month period is a red flag. Again, if there is no improvement in signing in & out of Volgistics, Father is forced to end ministries i.e., beginning with coffee & donuts after Sunday Mass. Also, due to a lack of ushers at the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass, this Mass may end.

Also, it has come to the haggard pastor's attention that blessed items (even those with name tags) are being removed from the blessing table, and not by their rightful owners. Our Lord said, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Hmmm?

CtK is committed to helping end abortion through the 40 Days for Life 365 program. Our prayer vigil day is the 4th Thursday afternoon of every month; this time it falls on July 28th from 1 – 6 pm. Please sign up for an hour shift on the sheet in the vestibule. Contact Missy Funderburk with any questions at 316-258-4319 or to [sign up by email \(mlfunderburk@gmail.com\)](mailto:mlfunderburk@gmail.com).

A Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

We give thanks to Thee, O Lord, for the long life of our grandparents & elderly. Grant them the grace to be always fruitful.

Forgive them, O Lord, for any lack of resignation or disillusionment, nor let them feel forsaken when their strength declines.

Preserve them in faith, hope, and charity; and keep them faithful to their Christian vocation so that they may ever sing Thy praises.

Help them to continue working Thy great work; and guard with love their grandchildren and any little ones with whom they may come in contact.

Finally, we ask Thee, O Lord, to protect Pope Francis, to assist anyone who suffers from loneliness and to direct all of us in the way of peace. Amen.