

Today's Introit takes from Psalm 53 verses 6, 7 & 3. We review them scripturally then understand them in relation to today's feast.

Psalm 53 is paraphrased: "A prayer for help in distress." This Psalm of David recounts when Saul sought his life; the Introit contains the full scriptural verses.

6. For behold, God is my helper: and the Lord is the protector of my soul. 7. Turn back the evils upon my enemies; and cut them off in thy truth.

St. Robert Bellarmine says "behold" signifies God's sudden intervention will not be lacking in time of need; and the present tense reveals the certitude of this knowledge, as if the thing had even now been accomplished. The Saint recalls the Psalm's contextual proof of this: when Saul had so surrounded David with his army that his escape seemed impossible, a messenger suddenly brought Saul news that the Philistines had invaded his kingdom; hearing this, Saul abandoned his purpose with David. The Saint says David, in spirit, foresaw all this, and was, possibly, even then announcing, "Behold, God is my helper; and the Lord is the protector of my soul."

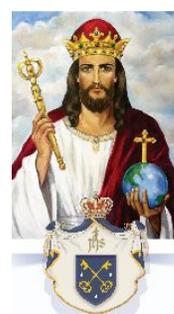
Next, "Turn back the evils upon my enemies" is a type of imprecation (common in Old Testament writ) which is to be read as a prediction. There is a contextual proof for this. For as Saul, who was pursuing David, was now pursued by the Philistines, so the "evils" which had bore upon David, were now pouring in upon Saul. Similarly, "cut them off in thy truth" was fulfilled in the utter defeat of Saul and his army upon Mount Gelboe; lastly, "in thy truth," refers to God's promise that His justice shall judge all men according to their works.

3. Save me, O God, by thy name, and deliver me in thy strength.

Here, the Psalm properly begins. In the absence of human help, David seeks help from God: "Save me, O God, by thy name," to which he adds, 'in thy strength' a saying, 'to which all things submit.' St. Robert says this verse should fortify us in our trials: for we should never despair of God's help, even though death should appear at our very door, 'for God is everywhere, has everything in his power, and never despises his clients when they have recourse to him.'

The Feast of the 9th Sunday after Pentecost, speaks of the God's care over his children, "who will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able" and who "wept over Jerusalem" because he foresaw her future ruin due to her present transgressions. The Introit speaks to the former, "God is our helper" and He does not allow that we be tempted above our strength being "the protector of my soul"; and to the latter, "Turn back the evils upon my enemies," because punishments await those who seek to destroy the just and upon them who dismiss God's invitations to peace and preserve his temple against those who want to make of it a "den of thieves."

Save me, O God, may my enemies dig no trench about nor remove, stone by stone, the temple of my soul.



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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 08-07	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	
Mon 08-08	St John Mary Vianney	3/W	Ss Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus
Tues 08-09	Vigil of St Laurence	3/V	St Romanus
Wed 08-10	St Laurence	2/R	
Thu 08-11	Feria (9 th Sunday after Pentecost)	4/G	St Tiburtius & Susanna
Fri 08-12	St Clare	3/W	
Sat 08-13	Ss Hippolytus & Cassian	4/R	
Sun 08-14	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 08-07	(7 am) Helen Greenwood	rb J Greenwood
	(8:30 am) Claire Conetta	rb Conetta family
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) No 12:30 pm Mass through August	
Mon 08-08	(12 pm) Louis de Saizieu	rb anonymous
Tues 08-09	(7 am) Sharyn Myers	rb M A Witek
	(9 am) Roger Myers	rb M A Witek
Wed 08-10	(7 am) Vera Anderson+ & all souls in Purgatory	rb P Gubala
	(9 am) Melvin Henson+	rb N Henson
Thu 08-11	(7 am) Scott Funderburk	rb Funderburk family
	(9 am) Emily Meadows	rb B&D Meadows
Fri 08-12	(9 am) Maureen Hallagan+	rb B Hallagan
	(6:30 pm) Michael Priest & family	rb anonymous
Sat 08-13	(9 am) Marie Thompson+	rb Conetta family
Sun 08-14	(7 am) Dr John Wheeler	rb A M Cunningham
	(8:30 am) Kevin Weber	rb M Weber
	(10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i>	
	(12:30 pm) No 12:30 pm Mass through August	

Today's 10:30 music: Entr: O Lord I Am Not Worthy, #902; *Asperges*, #567; Mass IV, #710 & Credo IV, #780; Exit: *Panis Angelicus*, #895.

Last Sunday: Collection – \$5,124.45; CFA: \$240.00. **Attendance:** 7 am-46; 8:30 am-128; 10:30 am-178; 12:30 pm-70; total 422 souls.

This week, Monday, staff meeting (3:30 pm), Vespers (4:30 pm); St Theresa Prayer Guild (7 pm); **Tuesday,** Holy Face devotions (10:15 am); **Wednesday,** Choir practice (7 pm); **Thursday,** Vespers (4:30 pm); **Friday,** Mass & devotions; **Saturday,** Vespers (4:30 pm). [**Through August, no 12:30 pm Mass.**]

Please pray for: Ralph Deitche (7/31); Kristin Tilsinger, Scott Funderburk, Gloria Flynn (7/24); Nicholas Meza (7/17); & McNamara family (7/10).

A St Monica Prayer Group is being formed at CtK for mothers whose children are not Catholic, have left the faith or are in danger of losing the faith. Members support each other by praying in unison specific prayers to St Monica and St Augustine for everyone's intentions. Membership is open to anyone; we always need more prayer warriors. There are no meetings. To join or request more information, contact Mary Pruitt by email at mary.pruitt56@comcast.net or call/text at 937-463-3248.

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 parish office to schedule a day for on-line training.

Thank you to all our volunteers who now sign-in and out of Volgistics!

Fr. Hathaway sermon series on the Ten Commandments takes, in great part, from The Faith by Fr. John Hardon SJ.

Vos autem fecistis illam speluncam latronum.

The soul and conscience of the faithful is also the Temple and House of God. Should this bring forth wicked thoughts, like harming your neighbor, they will as it were settle there like robbers in a cave, slaying one by one those that pass by, thrusting swords of their malice into those who are without fault. The faithful soul now is no longer a house of prayer, but a den of thieves, when, scorning the innocence and simplicity of holiness, it tries to do what it can to injure another. But since we are instructed without ceasing against all such perverse conduct, by the words of the Redeemer in sacred writ, even now He is doing what we read He did then: *And he was teaching daily in the temple.* For Truth teaches daily in the Temple when it carefully instructs the mind of the faithful: that it may guard itself against this evil. ~ St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor; 604 †

Want to help a Pregnant Mother in need? Perhaps she is being evicted or having her electricity turned off. Imagine being in her shoes, perhaps with other young children in the home. Think about what happens to food in a refrigerator without power for even a few hours. Your donation can assist pregnant women in need with rent, utilities, or other necessities. Send your donation to Catholic Charities Pennies for Babies Fund, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285. No administrative fees are taken so your donation money goes directly to those in need who have been screened by case managers. Questions? Contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-3744-1068 or

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