



Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild's Annual

RED MASS

Christ the King Catholic Church
821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33609

Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Deacons Eugene Beil and John Schaefer, Sixth Judicial Circuit (Retired) will assist.

First Reading: Hon. Melissa M. Polo, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Second Reading: Hon. Joseph M. Tompkins, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Oath of Attorney: Hon. Christine A. Marlewski, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Prayer of the Faithful: Hon. Darren D. Farfante, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

A reception* will follow the Mass for Guild members and all in attendance with the opportunity to renew your membership or become a new member of The Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild

***Please RSVP for the Reception to: tomallisonlaw@hotmail.com**



THE "RED MASS" IS A HISTORICAL TRADITION WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DATING BACK TO THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY WHEN IT OFFICIALLY OPENED THE TERM OF THE COURT FOR MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE PARTICIPANTS—GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LAWYERS AND JUDGES— WOULD PROCEED INTO A CHURCH CLOTHED IN RED VESTMENTS OR RED GARMENTS, SIGNIFYING THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE TO ALL WHO PURSUE JUSTICE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. JUDGES, LAWYERS, STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, AND OTHERS IN THE LEGAL FIELD ARE INVITED.