

Our Lady of

Grace

Catholic Parish



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Parish Office (863) 453-4757

Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Fr. Ronnie Sison
Pastor

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Confession

3:30 PM English
6:30 PM Spanish

Vigil Mass

4 PM English
7 PM Spanish

Sunday

8 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Days

Vigil Mass 6:30 PM
8 & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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God we are surrounded by a cloud,
faithful witnesses who have gone before.

Those who have loved
where we would have hated.

Those who have healed
where we would have hurt.

Those who have spoken out
when we remained silent.

God may we walk in their footsteps,
Learning courage from their sacrifice,
Gaining strength from their faithfulness.

May we learn to give
so that others may receive.

May we learn to love
so that others may be set free.

May we learn to die to self
so that others might live.

God may we join that cloud of faithful
witnesses,

Treading paths of loving obedience,
Leaving footprints for others to walk in.

God may we too lead kingdom lives,
And walk into your ways.



Image: Fra Angelico

All Saints Day - November 1

“Not all of us can do great things.

But we can do small

Things with great love.”

Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

All Souls Day – November 2, 2026

Special 9 A.M. Mass for Holy Souls – Fr Ronnie

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,

may they rest in peace. Amen.

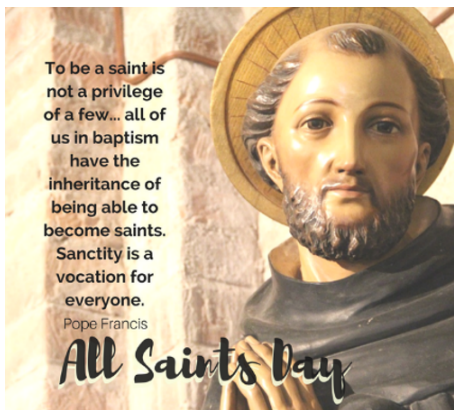


The Feast of All Saints – Nov 1

There is a beautiful image that compares the saints to **stained glass windows**. On their own, the pieces of glass are dark and fragmented. But when the sun rises, the windows come alive with brilliant, vibrant colors. The saints are simply human beings who allowed the light of Jesus Christ to shine completely through them. They were not perfect people, born without faults; rather, they were people who constantly turned back to the light of God's word and

love, which shone through them. Looking at them, we can say, *"if they can do it, we can do it."*

In the 1st Reading from Revelations, St John sees a striking vision: *"a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."* They stand before the throne of the Lamb, clothed in white robes and holding palm branches. When asked who these souls are, the guiding angel reveals the beautiful truth of today's feast: *"these are the ones who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and have safely reached the shores of eternity).*



Today is not just a feast for the **famous, canonized heroes** whose names adorn our churches and calendars. This is the feast day of the **unnamed, unsung heroes of the faith**—the countless millions who lived quiet, hidden lives of radical love.

We are not walking this path alone. We are surrounded and supported by what the author of the **Letter to Hebrews** – 2nd reading - calls a *"great cloud of witnesses."*

Let this solemnity fill us with tremendous hope. **Holiness is not an impossible dream reserved for a select few; it is a universal calling**, let us resolve today to keep our eyes firmly fixed

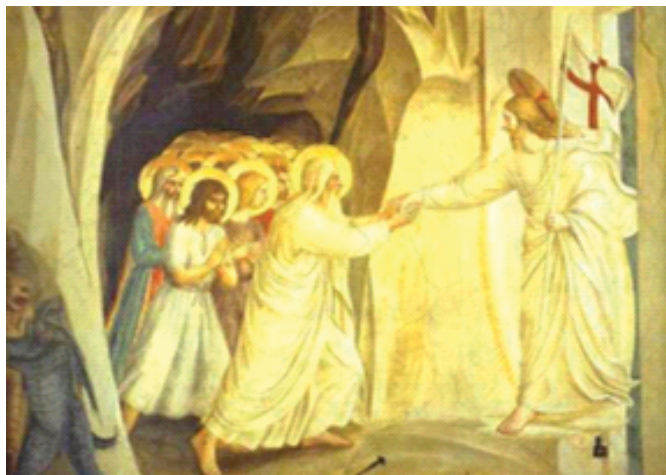
on Jesus. Let us shed the burdens of sin that weigh us down, embrace the map of the Beatitudes, and run with perseverance the race set before us. Heaven is waiting, and this could be your feast day.

How do we get there? If heaven is the destination, Jesus gives us the **precise road map** in today's Gospel: **The Beatitudes** (Matthew 5:1-12).

The Greek word used in the Gospel is *Makarios*. While often translated simply as "happy," its deepest biblical meaning is closer to **"blessed" or "divinely favored."** Christ turns the logic of the world entirely upside down:

- **The poor in spirit** are blessed because they know they depend entirely on God.
- **Those who mourn** are blessed because their hearts are soft enough to break for what breaks God's heart.
- **The peacemakers, the merciful, and the pure in heart** are blessed because they carry the very attributes of Jesus into a broken world.

The Beatitudes are not a list of passive, optional ideals; they are the active footprints of the saints. Every soul resting in the joy of heaven walked this exact path. The Saints embody the Beatitudes.



November 2 – All Souls Day

Special All Souls Day Mass 9 AM Fr Ronnie

The Church prays for all those **in purgatory**, and, those, including **deceased family members, who have died who are in most need of our prayers**, that God would grant them eternal rest. Fr Ronnie will offer a special All Souls Day Mass at 9 A.M. on Monday, November 2.



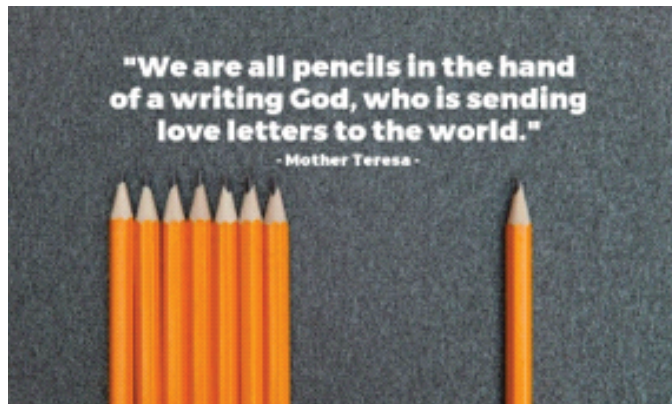
Envelopes for listing family members & friends: If you wish to have your relatives & friends

prayed for at all masses during November, pick up an envelope in the Parish office for that purpose, list the names, drop the envelope in the Parish office, or, in the collection basket. Envelopes available on tables at Church exits.

1st Friday Mass, November 6, 2026, 8:00 A.M.



**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
8:30 – 9:00 A.M**



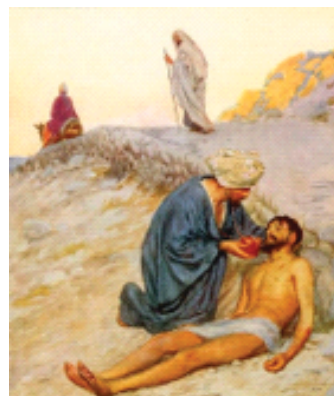
Collection For Church Service Center – Nov 1

Mother (Saint) Teresa of Calcutta referred to herself as a “pencil in the hand of God, writing messages to people who need to hear those messages. Like Mother Teresa, **our lives are “pencils in the hand of God”** writing messages which God wishes to write to those who need to hear them.

For example, Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to Church to all masses this weekend for the Church Service Center. (CSC).

The CSC distributes food to approximately **1,000 local families** every month, which represents approximately **1,000 – 1,500 poor neighbors here in Avon Park.**

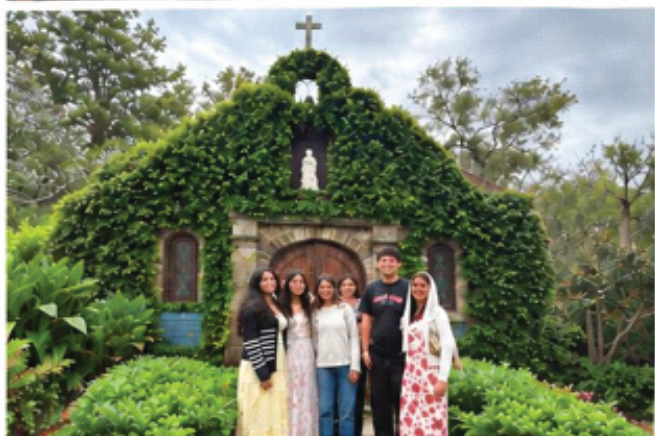
We will also take a **2nd collection** at all masses this weekend, to assist those who come to the Church Service Center, asking for **help with water & electric bills & with rent payments.**



**Good Samaritan
helps person in
need**

**Choice?
Do you help
Or
Do you just pass by?**

*Your Generosity Makes
Events Like This Possible.*



 Our Trip to St. Augustine

Our students had the privilege of participating in an event in St. Augustine with Bishop Emilio and 300 other youth.



Bishop Emilio celebrated Mass at Mission Nombre de Dios, where the very first parish Mass was celebrated and a shrine was built dedicated to Our Lady of La Leche.



Thank you to all of our parishioners

for your constant prayers and support for our youth.
Without your help, events like this wouldn't be possible.



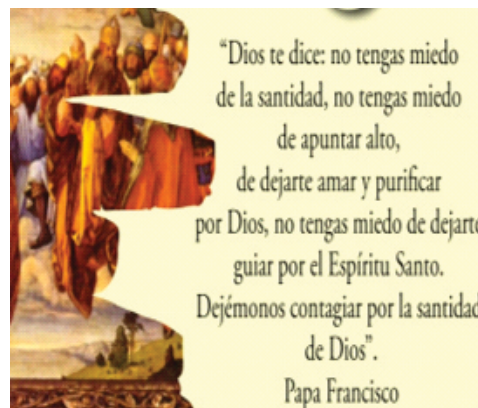
Jesús no nos dice que busquemos enemigos, sino que no temamos si los tenemos. Una parte importante de nuestra fe es el mandato de difundirla. Algunas personas lo hacen compartiendo su fe durante el almuerzo. Otras imparten clases de formación a futuros cristianos. Algunas intentan llevar los valores cristianos al sistema legal defendiendo los derechos de los pobres, de los no nacidos o de los inmigrantes. Algunas se convierten en misioneras en países que rechazan el cristianismo.

Existen muchas formas de difundir la fe y muchos tipos de santos a quienes celebramos hoy. Algunos fueron rechazados por sus familias, otros por sus amigos, y otros más por las autoridades locales o incluso por líderes religiosos. Algunos llegaron a dar la vida por su fe.

Quizás hoy sea un buen día para conocer más sobre tu santo favorito. ¿Qué lo hacía especial? ¿Cómo difundía la fe? ¿Qué persecuciones sufrió? Tal vez podrías hablar de los santos con tus hijos. ¿Qué santo comparte nombre con tu hijo? A medida que conocemos a nuestros santos favoritos, sus vidas pueden inspirarnos a afrontar la persecución o las burlas por nuestra fe, o al menos darnos el valor para hablar de ella y, tal vez, cambiar la vida de otra persona. ___ Tom Schmidt



SOLEMNIDAD DE TODOS LOS SANTOS



DÍA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

"Una flor sobre su tumba, se marchita; una lágrima sobre su recuerdo, se evapora; pero una oración por su alma, la recibe Dios"
SAN AGUSTÍN

Que sus benditas almas "puedan gozar de la visión de la felicidad eterna".



Educación Religiosa

Preescolar a 6º Grados

Domingos 9:00 - 10:15am

7º a 12º Grados, Confirmación y Biblia

Miércoles 6:00 - 8:00pm

Preguntas/Información

Mayra Donan (863)453-7537

OCIA / ADULTOS

Domingos 9:00-10:00am

Para información

Florentino Perada (863)840-4533

GRUPO JUAN XXIII

Se reúne los **MARTES** a las 6:30 PM en el salón San Juan Bosco. Para más información llamar 863-205-0694 / 863-852-0065.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "SANTISIMA TRINIDAD"

Se reúne los **JUEVES** a las 7:00pm en el Salón MacDonald. Rosario en Comunidad a las 6:30pm. Para información llamar 863-448-6869 / 863-528-8267.

Domingo 8 de Noviembre

Salón Parroquial Grogan

11:00AM

12 Ante /10 Puerta Taquillas por \$10

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY OCTOBER 31**

8:00 a.m. Gerald Grinkiewicz by Family.
 4:00 p.m. + Susan Palmer McCarthy
 by Bill & Laura Swink.
 7:00 p.m. + Humberto Ramirez by
 Ophelia Ramirez.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

8:00 a.m. + Dale O'leary by Family.
 10:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by
 Fe Schiano.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. Birthday – Fe Schiano.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for the many
 Blessings – Maria Nguyen.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. + Mary Joan Bender by
 Rebecca Kneller.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. + Magdalen Stohh by
 JoMarie Grinkiewicz.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

8:00 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

8:00 a.m. + Ignacio Castano by
 Castano Acosta Family.
 4:00 p.m. + William & Virginia Cook
 by Evelyn Seely.
 7:00 p.m. + Dioniso & Telma Prado
 by Prado Family.

FLOWERS

Flowers this weekend are dedicated
 by Juan 23 Group.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Carol Krause	Donna Skelly
Jean Rapp	Rosemary Melinson	Angie Intorre
Cameron Prosperi	Deb Perry	Louise Schorsch
Donald Schorsch	Ed Carrigan	Joey Prescott
Bea Pedara	Marty Worley	Sharon Ingalls
Susan Beaudoin	Amy Slane	Jeff Babbit
Rose Brault	Waylen James	Sherry
Jerry Grinkiewicz	Jeannie Stopa	Jim Stopa
Marie Burley	Rick Burley	Ron Maslyk
Kathy Reisert	Clay Gooch	Janice Vreeland
Joan Trace	Jan Raccine	Paul Repa
Joan Reetz	Brenda Buergi	Jackie & Steven
Waylon James Adams	Michael Thomas Adams	
Jennifer Vohs	Terry O'Leary	Coty Quillman
Jacqueline Orlando	Jane DeSantis	Carol Buhlman

And for those who care for the sick, for the
 deceased member's and benefactors of the
 parish, and for our loved ones.

HURRICANE PRAYER

God, our Father, Creator
 and Lord of the Universe,
 You have set the earth on
 its foundation and all ele-
 ments of nature obey your
 command. We humbly be-
 seech you to keep us safe
 from all dangers and calm
 the storms that may threat-
 en us. May we be secure
 in your loving protection
 and serve you always with
 grateful hearts. We ask this
 through our Lord, Je- sus
 Christ, your Son, who lives
 and reigns with you
 forever. Amen.

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THREE TYPES OF CATHOLICS

Catholics are known not just by name, but by how they live their faith.

1. NOMINAL:

One who claims the name but does not practice. They attend only for major events and rarely follow Church teachings in daily life.

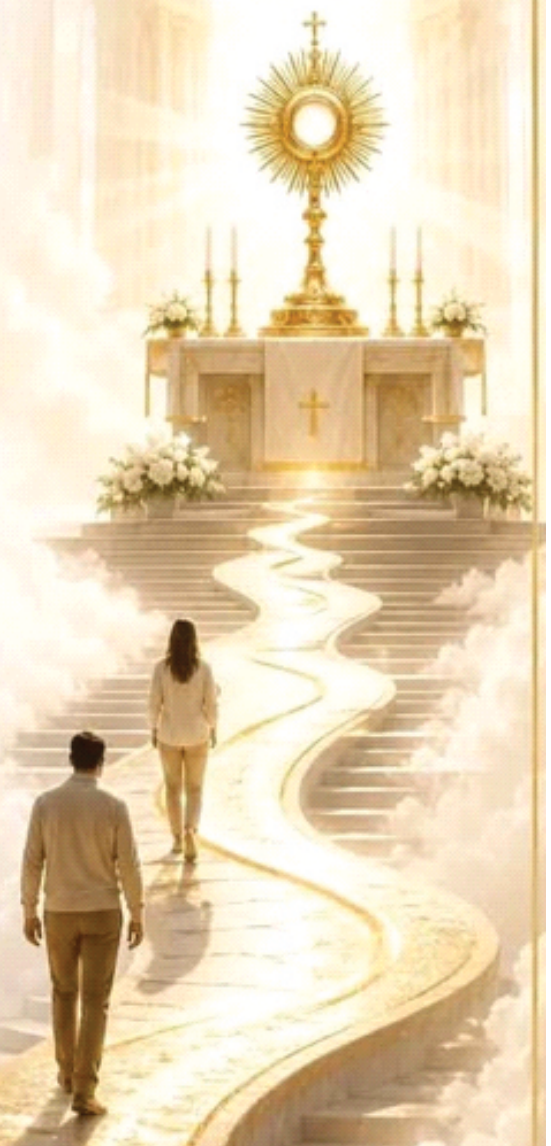
2. CAFETERIA:

One who selectively picks and chooses which teachings to accept, often ignoring those that conflict with personal opinions.

3. PRACTICING:

One who faithfully observes Church teachings, regularly receives the Sacraments, and strives to live as a true disciple of Christ.

Let us strive to be truly practicing Catholics, living our faith in word and deed.



*Using this scale: 1,2,3,
How would you rate yourself?*