

# Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

June 21 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

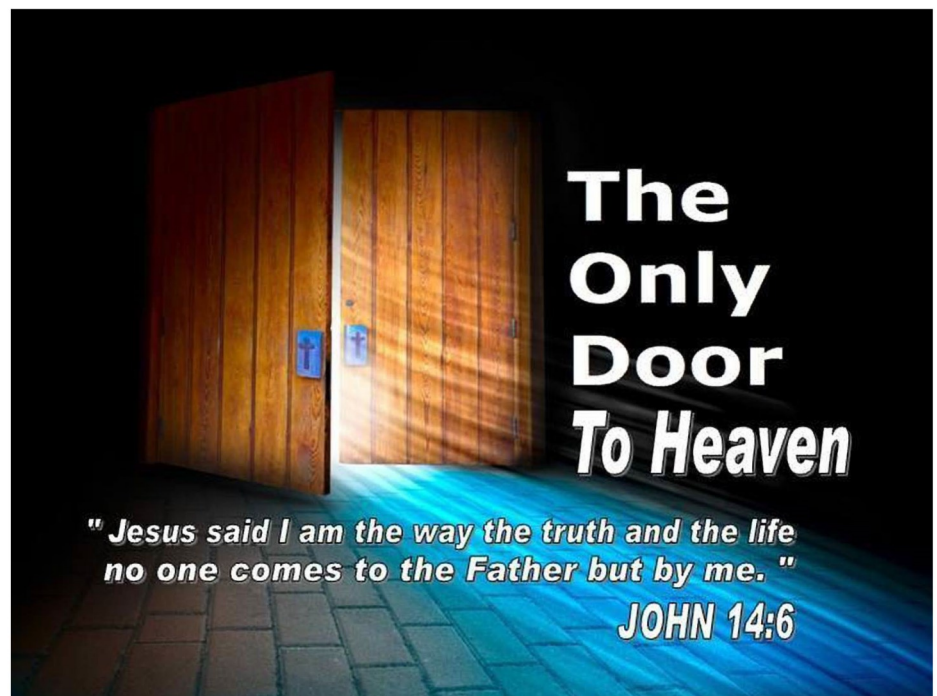
### Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday  
8 AM

### First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour  
8 AM

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## The Only Door To Heaven

"Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life  
no one comes to the Father but by me."

JOHN 14:6

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel (Mt 10:33)

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others,  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.  
But whoever denies me before others,  
I will deny before my heavenly Father."*

### Question:

*Have you volunteered as a catechist  
to share Jesus with others?*



**U.S. Bishops dedicate 250<sup>th</sup> U.S. Birthday to Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
At Special Mass on Thursday, June 11, 2026**

They say, *“a picture is worth a thousand words.”* We celebrate the Feast of the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12.**

Years ago, when we grew up in a Catholic home, **every home had a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the kitchen**, where most family life took place. As youngsters, if we were ever entertaining youthful mischief in the kitchen, we were unnerved by the eyes of the picture of the Sacred Heart which appeared to follow us around the kitchen.

Years ago, Catholic families knelt down on the kitchen floor every evening after dinner and, **prayed the Rosary in front of the picture of the Sacred Heart.** In those days, we knew it was important, even if we did not always know why.

**A Reading for the Feast from the First letter of St. John (1 John 4: 7-16) explains why:**

*“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, & his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him & he in us, that he has given us his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen & testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him & he in God. We have come to know & to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, & whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.”*

The **“Heart”** is the symbol and Source of God’s love. John’s 1st Letter describes God as, **“God is love.”** We are created **“in the image and likeness of God,”** a God who is love. John’s challenge, **“Let us love one another, because love is of God.”** God revealed his love **“in the flesh”** when he **“sent his only begotten Son into the world.”** The challenge



**Beatles, Eleanor Rigby, “Look at all those lonely people...”**

for Christians is to make God’s love become **“flesh,”** become **“real,”** in our relationships with one another in our homes, neighborhoods, schools and at places of work and, in doing so, glue unglued broken relationships, in the most intimate of social settings, like the family, marriages & friends.

**Place a picture of the Sacred Heart in your home;** allow it to **“speak”** to you and challenge you to pray together daily as a family. The words of **Fr. Peyton, famous Rosary Crusades’ priest,** come to mind; **“The family that prays together, stays together”** – an antidote to needless **“loneliness”** pervading so many families. &, by the way, **give your iPhones and iPads a “break.”**

# Happy Father's Day

“One night a father overhead  
his son pray: Dear God,  
Make me the kind of man my  
Daddy is.

Later that night, the night  
the Father prayed, Dear God,  
Make me the kind of man  
my son wants me to be.”

## **What makes a dad?**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it.....Dad.

*Happy Father's Day*



**St. Paul Parish, Arcadia, Jun 7 – 12,**

**St. Michael Parish, Wauchula,  
June 14-19,**

**July 5-10**

**St. James Parish, Lake Placid**

**St. Catherine Parish, Sebring**

**Our Lady of Grace Parish, Avon Park**

College-age young adults serve as **Totus Tuus Missionaries for the 2026 Parish evangelization and catechesis Summer Program.** This role involves traveling in teams to parishes throughout the Diocese, leading catechetical sessions for children and youth. Responsibilities include teaching the Catholic Faith using the Totus



**Tuus curriculum, facilitating activities, including skits and songs, working collaboratively, teaching about the Mass, leading in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and facilitating discussion groups.**

**For information, contact Mayra Donan, Director of Religious Education at (863) 453-7537, or, drop by Religious Education Office.**

En el pasaje evangélico de hoy, Jesús intenta prepararnos para la persecución.

Podemos sufrir cualquier persecución, ridículo o discriminación por la fe, pero no podemos ser destruidos mientras mantengamos esa fe.

La mejor forma de mantener la fe es regalándola a otros. Cuando compartimos nuestras historias sobre lo que Dios significa para nosotros, revivimos esas experiencias y recordamos de lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros. Y cuando permitimos que otros compartan su fe con nosotros, nos sentimos alentados y apoyados. La verdadera fe nunca permanece oculta, tiene que ser compartida.

A veces podemos dudar al hablar sobre la fe. Si nos dejamos tentar por el silencio, estamos permitiendo que el diablo se salga con la suya. Lo único que debemos temer es nuestra debilidad, no el poder de Satanás.

Agradécele su perdón, pero no te olvides de difundir la noticia que hayas sido perdonado. Podrías animar a otra persona a tener el valor de volver al Señor, y así lograr otra victoria de la fe que vence al miedo. \_\_Tom Schmidt



**SÉ FIRME, SÉ VIRIL, SÉ HOMBRE Y LUEGO SÉ SANTO**

Educación Religiosa Grados K-12

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está abierta lunes a viernes de 9am-5pm para inscripciones para el año 2025-2026. Para información llamar Mayra Doñan 863-453-7537.

Grupo de Oración “Santísima Trinidad”

Se reúne los jueves en el Salón MacDonalD a las 7:00PM. Rosario a las 6:30. ¡Todos! Bienvenidos. Para información llamar Hortencia 863-448-6869 o Adela 863-528-8267.

“Ven Espíritu Santo”

Grupo Juan XXIII

Se reúne los martes en el Salón San Juan Bosco a las 7:00PM. Para información llamar Omar 863-205-0694 o Elvin 863-528-8267.

“Con Cristo, todo. Sin Cristo, nada.”

FELIZ DÍA DEL *Padre*

Hoy reconocemos el liderazgo que comienza en casa. ¡Felicidades!

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY JUNE 20**

4:00 p.m. + Raffaele Aversa by Tom & Connie.

7:00 p.m. + Tito Batista by Tata Batista.

**SUNDAY JUNE 21**

8:00 a.m. + Rene Chabot – 101st Birthday by Family.

10:30 a.m. + James & Bernadine Black by Bert & Deb Grant.

**MONDAY JUNE 22**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

**TUESDAY JUNE 23**

8:00 a.m. + Hugh Prine by Lillian Prine.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 24**

8:00 a.m. Aaron Anderson by Family.

**THURSDAY JUNE 25**

8:00 a.m. + Joan Bender by Dorothy Pansius.

**FRIDAY JUNE 26**

8:00 a.m. + Feliz Lopez by Fania Lopez.

**SATURDAY JUNE 27**

4:00 p.m. + Raffaele Aversa by Tom & Connie.

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN**

To give spiritual support to those who are undergoing health or personal problems that call for immediate prayer, we have established an “**Emergency Prayer Chain**” made up of prayer volunteers who respond to personal requests. Confidentiality is assured. To request prayers, contact **Kevin Murphy** by text (863) 443-1852 or email (kmurphy8479@gmail.com).

**FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Carol Krause	Donna Skelly
Roger Brelinski	Jean Rapp	Rosemary Melinson
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	Kim Nuccio	Jeannie Stopa
Jim Stopa	Marie Burley	Rick Burley
Ron Maslyk	Kathy Reiser	Clay Gooch
Janice Vreeland	Joan Trace	Jan Raccine
Paul Repa	Joan Reetz	Brenda Buergi
Jackie & Steven	Waylon James Adams	
Michael Thomas Adams		Earl Hershberger
Jennifer Vohs		

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 elements of nature obey your command. We humbly beseech you to keep us safe from all dangers and calm the storms that may threaten us. May we be secure in your loving protection and serve you always with grateful hearts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

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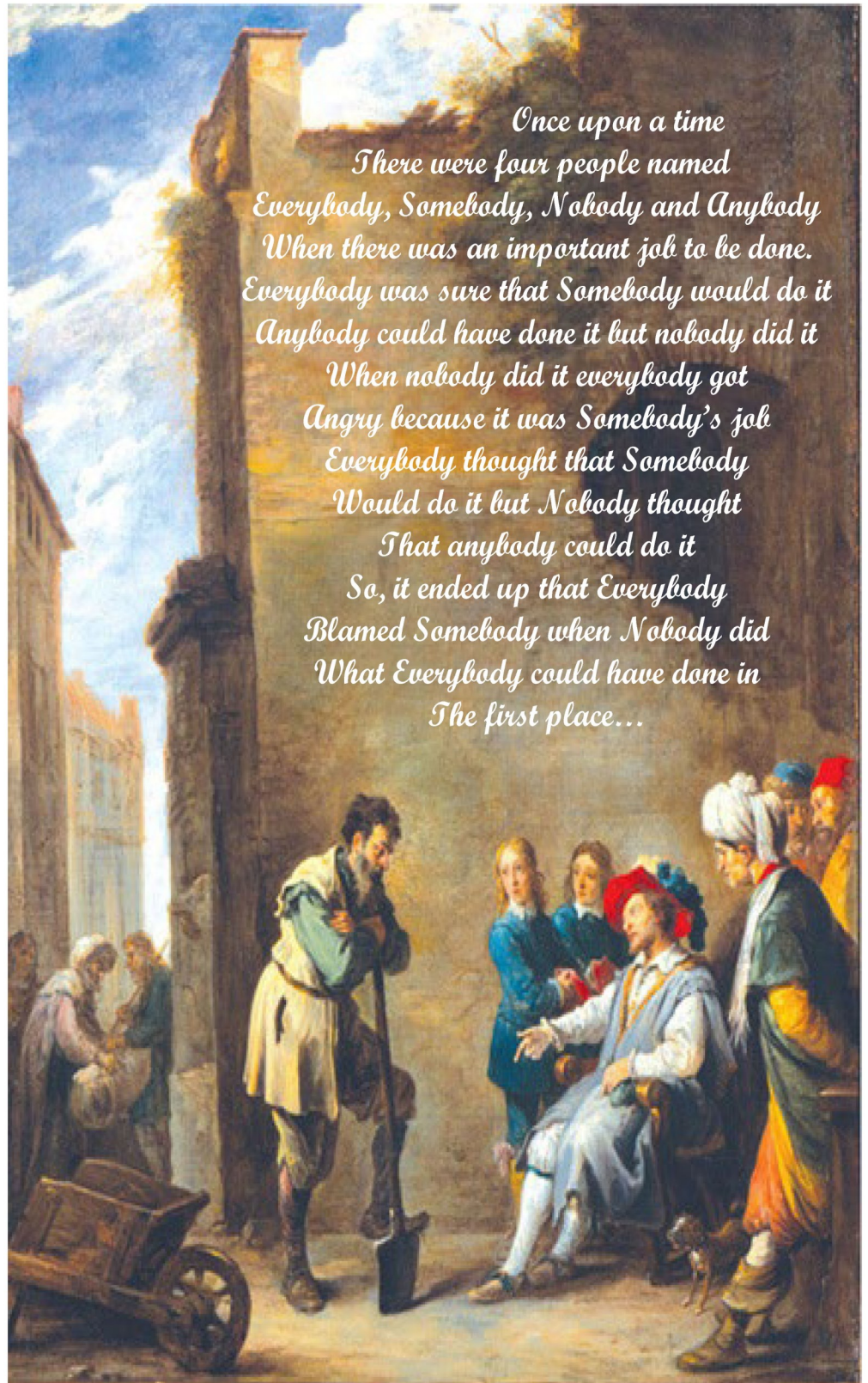
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## Parish Council

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### President

Betty Anne Lee  
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*Once upon a time  
There were four people named  
Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody  
When there was an important job to be done.  
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it  
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it  
Anybody could have done it but nobody did it  
When nobody did it everybody got  
Angry because it was Somebody's job  
Everybody thought that Somebody  
Would do it but Nobody thought  
That anybody could do it  
So, it ended up that Everybody  
Blamed Somebody when Nobody did  
What Everybody could have done in  
The first place...*

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" (Mt 10:33).*

**Question:**

**Could you offer your services as a catechist in the School of Religion?**