

# Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



13th Sunday Ordinary Time

June 28, 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

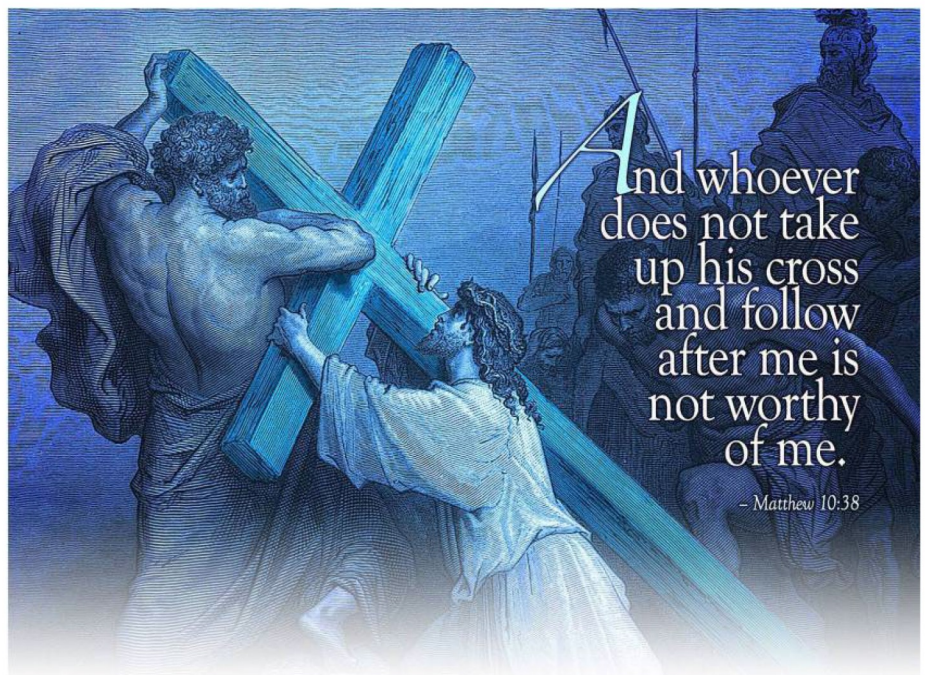
### Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday  
8 AM

### First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour  
8 AM

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And whoever  
does not take  
up his cross  
and follow  
after me is  
not worthy  
of me.

- Matthew 10:38

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Whoever gives only a cup of water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward” (Mt 10: 42).*

**Question: Have you reached out to help**

**“... the little ones...,” in OLG Parish 2026 CFA, yet?**

**Make your pledge or payment now.**



### Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Tomorrow, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the two giants of our Christian faith.

What is beautiful about this feast, is that we celebrate them together, yet **they were two very different characters**. In their distinct differences and uniqueness, we celebrate their joint mammoth efforts in shaping the early church and transmitting the faith to us. **They were different, yet they were one!**

**Yes, they were very different:** - Peter was from Galilee, in modern-day Israel. Paul was from Tarsus, in modern-day Turkey.

- Peter was a disciple of Jesus and **knew Jesus personally**. Paul had been a zealous Jew who persecuted Christians, before experiencing a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, but

**didn't physically spend time with Jesus.**

- Peter was a fisherman by trade, while Paul was a tentmaker.

- Peter was unable to read, while Paul was highly educated and an extensive writer (having given us thirteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament).

What is most fascinating, when looking at early Church history, is that **both men also had very different views on how to become Christian & how to build the Church**. The main difference was, **St Peter** believed that for people to become followers of Christ they must be 1<sup>st</sup> be circumcised, a **requirement to become Jewish, and then they could become Christian**. **St Paul held the opposite view** and, proclaimed that if we truly believe that Jesus came for everyone, then **people could become Christian without being circumcised; they just needed to be baptized**.

This discussion became a hot topic. **Peter who was largely based in Jerusalem and St Paul who was on his missionary travels** argued vehemently. So, in order to settle the dispute, **in 49 AD the Council of Jerusalem** was called. The first council in our Church (the last one being Vatican II). **This Council is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles 15 and in the Epistle to the Galatians 2.**

**Even though Peter and Paul were very different and held differing views, they were ONE in Faith. United in their efforts, united in their love for Christ.**

And it is something that unfortunately we often forget in our church today, where there can be so much internal infighting. **This is why Pope Leo XIV, in his Mass of installation as Pope, called for unity among different factions in the Church today.** Differences of opinions are okay, yes, but we must remain as **one in faith** because **Jesus is not divided; he is one. Unity and Communion are at the center of today's feast!** Both Peter and Paul were unyielding in their proclamation of the Gospel, regardless of the opposition they faced. They fearlessly shared the message of salvation, even when it was met with resistance or persecution: **Let us ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for the Church today** that, despite differences of opinions among its members, it may remain **one in faith** in the face of many challenges which the Church faces today.



July 5 – 10, 2026



**St James Parish, Lake Placid  
Totus Tuus Summer Camp  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Thru July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Our Lady of Grace Parish  
Students are invited to participate in  
the Totus Tuus Summer Program in St  
James Parish, Lake Placid, which runs  
from Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> thru July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**A Bus, free of charge, will provide transportation of OLG Parish  
Students to St. James Parish Totus Tuus Summer Program.  
The bus will depart from the Parish parking lot at 8 A.M.**

**Cost: \$40 for a single student: \$60 for a Family**

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

**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.**



**2026 Avon Park and Frostproof H.S. Graduates at the Graduates Mass with Fr Ronnie, May 31, 2026**



**Steve Ashley hands K of C Awards to the graduates**



**Fr Ronnie greets graduates at the sign of peace**



**Graduates from Avon Park H.S. wore red cap & gowns:  
Graduates from Frostproof H.S. wore Black cap & gowns.**

*San Pedro Y San Pablo, Apóstoles*



Jesús le entrega a Simón las llaves del reino de los cielos y le da un nuevo nombre, Pedro. Más que un honor simbólico, Jesús le está dando tanto una bendición como una responsabilidad.

Hoy las personas son bendecidas con este tipo de fe. Un ateo que haya oído hablar de Jesús, pero lo considera otro hombre santo puede recibir la fe y reconocer a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios. Una persona que se aparta de los demás y sólo se preocupa por sí mismo puede encontrar la fe para ver a Jesús en los que le rodean. Una persona enferma puede ver que Jesús está con ella en su sufrimiento y empezar a tener esperanza. La fe que ve a Jesús en los demás es la roca sobre la cual Jesús edifica su Iglesia. --Tom Schmidt

**Educación Religiosa Grados K-12**



Mayra Doñan le da la **¡Bienvenidos!** a todos en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa que está abierta lunes a viernes de 9am-5pm. Para inscripciones para el año 2026-2027 y más información llamar

Mayra Doñan 863-453-7537.

**Grupo de Oración “Santísima Trinidad”**

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

**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.”



**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY JUNE 27**

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**SUNDAY JUNE 28**

8:00 a.m. + Steve Jarmosco by Susan & Bill Jenkins.

10:30 a.m. + Stanley Sr., and Mary Repa by Scott Maxon & Cindy.

**MONDAY JUNE 29**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

**TUESDAY JUNE 30**

8:00 a.m. + Al & Jennie Grant by Bert & Deb Grant.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 1**

8:00 a.m. Blessing – William & Craig Prine by Lillian Prine.

**THURSDAY JULY 2**

8:00 a.m. + William & Virginia Cook by Evelyn Seely.

**FRIDAY JULY 3**

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

**SATURDAY JULY 4**

4:00 p.m. + Michael Rand by Family.  
+ Julius Kesler by Bob Tome.

7:00 p.m. Juan Barajas & Eutaquio Barrio Alvarado.

**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**

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 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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## Parish Council

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## The Apostle Paul

**Paul's 3 missionary journeys** around the known world of the 1st century are recorded in the **Acts of the Apostles (13-28)**. **The conversion of St. Paul on the road to Damascus** is recorded in **Acts of the Apostles (9)**. His missionary journeys and **his imprisonment in Rome** is recorded in **Acts of Apostles (13 – 28)**. **Paul has given us 14 of 27 New Testament books:**

**Including; Epistles to the Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philomen, Philippians, Titus, Timothy 1 & 2, and Hebrews.**