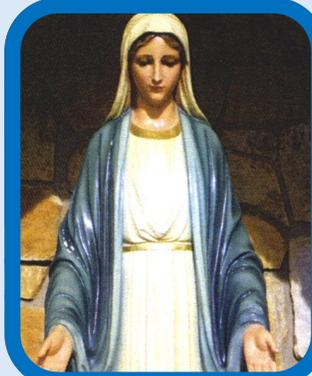


Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757 Fax (863) 453-2620

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9 AM to 2:30 PM

Pastor

Fr. Nicholas McLoughlin

Assisting Clergy

Fr. Leo Frechette
Fr. Gerald Grogan
Retired

Deacon

Dan Hoppe

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 5:30 PM

8 & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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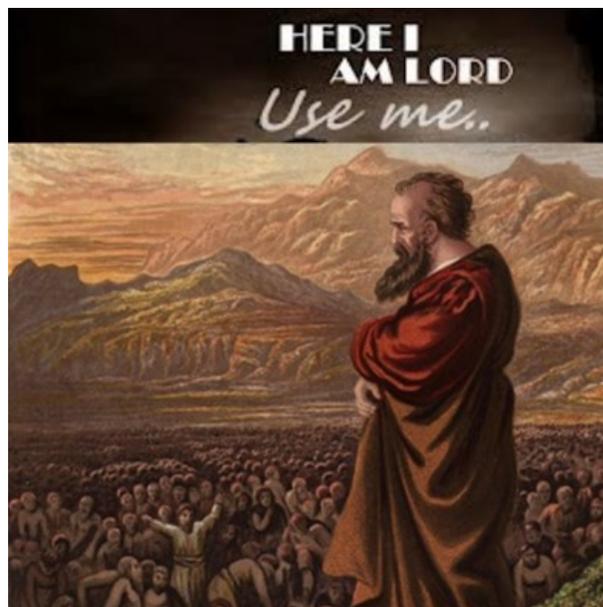
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He [Jesus] said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish... When Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." ... **Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." (Gospel – Luke 5: 1 - 11)**

Question: How do you catch fish? To catch fish, it is important to use the right bait. This is especially true for "fishers of men." What "bait" did Jesus suggest? "**Deeds**" rather than "**words**" is the best way to "catch the fish." "Doing the truth" gives credibility to "speaking the truth."

In responding to the 2019 CFA, we "speak the truth" with our lives - deeds.



2019 Annual CFA commitment Sunday – OLG Goal \$111,000

There is a story told by Father Michael Gallagher, a deceased Irish Jesuit, who taught theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, who was invited by (Saint) Mother Teresa of Calcutta, to give a retreat to her Sisters of Charity in Calcutta. He accepted the invitation.

After a very long flight he arrived in Calcutta, where he stayed at the Jesuit House. When he arrived at the house, he was suffering from fatigue caused by jet-lag. He decided to go for a walk through streets as crowded as a sardine can. As he pushed his way through the crowded streets, he tripped over something. He looked down and saw that it was a young boy, maybe eight to ten years old, just skin and bones. The boy looked

nervously at him and took off. This unnerved Father Gallagher and so he decided to return to the Jesuit house. His confreres were sitting down to a simple dinner when he returned. Because of jet-lag and the incident with the young boy, he did not feel like eating. Instead, he packed the dinner sandwiches into a bag and decided to go look for the boy he had tripped over, an exercise akin to looking for a needle in a haystack of people. As fate or fortune would have it, he found the boy. He offered him the bag with the sandwiches. The boy snapped the bag and vacuumed down the sandwiches and took off without saying a word. This just added to Father Gallagher's heightening agitation. He felt the best thing he could do was to return to the Jesuit house and spend some time in the chapel in an effort to regain his equilibrium. He did so, but, instead of calming down, he became even more agitated until he exploded in anger at God. "I have been a priest for twenty-five years," he started, "and I have always preached about you as a loving God who cares unconditionally for his people." He continued, "in walking through the streets of Calcutta, I see nothing but abject poverty, especially among the most vulnerable, young innocent children. What have you done for them?"

Having ventilated his anger, Father Gallagher calmed down, and became more tranquil. Then, he heard a voice, almost as if in a stream of consciousness, say in answer to him, "Michael, but I have done something about these vulnerable young children; **I created you.**"

Today, through the "voice" of Bishop Dewane, God is calling us to make him present in response to a host of needs in the 10 county Diocese of Venice on this Annual Catholic Faith Appeal commitment Sunday. **Our Lady of Grace Goal for 2019 is \$111,000.** The Bishop suggests that you consider making a pledge over a **10-month period**, which will allow you to be more generous, if you are a permanent resident. If you are a **3 – 6-month winter resident**, the bishop suggests that you make a pledge over the 3 – 6 months you are here. It is important that everyone contributes something. And do so this week.

You should have received a personal letter from Bishop Dewane inviting you to make a pledge commitment to the 2019 Annual CFA accompanied by a commitment pledge card. **If you did not receive a letter or pledge card from the bishop,** you can pick one up from tables at all Church exits on your way out of Church. Prayerfully, consider your pledge and, then, make your pledge commitment as soon as possible, either as a permanent or winter resident. Recall God's words to Father Gallagher, "But I have done something about their situation. **I created you.**" He called Isaiah, Paul and Peter in today's readings. Now, he is calling you to make him present in responding to varied needs in the 10 county Diocese of Venice.



Spanish Retreat--“RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT: In the Soul, In the Church, and In the World”

You are invited to attend a Spanish Retreat given by Father Bruce Nieli, a Paulist Preacher for Missionary of Mercy of Pope Francis and Former Director for Evangelization, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 18– 20, 2019 at Our Lady of Grace:

Saturday, March 16-Preaching at Spanish Mass.

Monday, March 18, 7:00-8:30PM
“Responding to the Spirit in the Soul”

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00-8:30 PM
“Responding to the Spirit in the Church”

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30 PM
“Responding to the Spirit in the World”

Confessions 5:30-6:45 PM each night

2019 Women's Conference – Sat, Feb. 16, 2019

Attention women of all ages! This year's event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., **Saturday, February 16, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School, 5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers.** We are blessed to offer the exciting opportunity to listen to speakers such as **radio-host Jennifer Fulwiler**, popular speaker and former model **Leah Darrow**, and Mother foundress of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and **Mary, Mother Adela Galindo.** The day will conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. **Cost in advance is \$20 (pre-registration online), students \$5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is \$30, and \$10 for students.** Come receive your blessing! **To register, please visit:** <https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2019-womens-conference>.

TAX-AIDE PROGRAM TO OFFER FREE TAX SERVICE

Tax-Aide, a free nation-wide tax preparation service, will perform its free tax service at Our Lady of Grace Church beginning in February. Appointments are not necessary as taxpayers are assisted on a first come, first served basis. This free Income Tax Service is sponsored by AARP Foundation and focuses on low to middle income level persons with emphasis on those 60 or over but membership in AARP is not required to take advantage of this service and there are no age requirements. The free tax service will be offered each **Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The Grogan Center** and will **commence on February 5, 2019** and continue through the tax filing timeline.

Please do not call the Church with questions as the staff at the church will not be able to provide answers. If you have tax related questions, you should come into Grogan Center and speak directly to one of the IRS Certified Tax-Aide counselors or call the Coordinator **Linda Pomeroy 607-434-8208.**

Entry Form

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

Pinecrest Golf Club

2250 South Little Lake Bonnet Road
Avon Park, FL 33825

Saturday, March 2, 2019—8:00 am

4 Person Shotgun Scramble

(Please arrive no later than 7:30 am)



___ Hole Sponsor (sign only)	\$100
___ Hole Sponsor Plus (sign + free foursome)	\$320
___ Major Sponsor (welcome sign, free foursome, tee sign at hole #1 or #10)	\$1000
___ Foursome	\$260
___ Per Person (golf, cart, lunch, awards, and prizes.)	\$65
___ Non-Golfer Donation	\$

***All fees to be paid *no later* than one week in advance of Tournament. All proceeds benefit the Our Lady of Grace Scholarship Fund. Make all checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Church.**

Sponsor Information

Name or Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Contact Name _____

Player Name	Phone	Handicap

How To Enter

Please return this entry form and checks (make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Church), to either the church office at 595 E. Main St, Avon Park, FL 33825), Pine Crest Golf Club, or to Dennis Kellner at 811 US Hwy 27 S, Avon Park FL 33825. For more information, you may contact Dennis Kellner 863-449-2135 or Pinecrest Golf Club 863-453-7555.



Prayer, in the traditional catechism, is described as “giving the mind and heart to God.” It has also been described as “an interior journey to God.”

Just as the disciples of Jesus asked him to “teach us to pray” (Matthew 6: 9 – 15) so, in this masterpiece by the famous Italian Renaissance artist, Caravaggio, we see simple folk plead with a great Mediaeval theologian, St. Dominick, to teach them to pray. Like Jesus’ disciples they probably could not read or write. Just as Jesus taught his disciples the “Our Father,” so parents of faith teach their children three basic Scripture and theological prayers before they can read or write, namely the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory be. Just because these prayers are simple does not mean that they are not heard by God.

Listen to Jesus: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the merest children.” (Mt 11: 25).

In Caravaggio’s painting, we see Mary, holding the child Jesus, instructing St. Dominic to hand out the Rosary beads and teach the clamoring simple folk how to pray the Rosary. The original Rosary had 150 Hail Mary’s. It was based on the 150 psalms in the Psalter, which you will find in the Old Testament. The 150 Hail Mary’s were broken down into 15 decades (15 segments of 10 Hail Mary’s). Each decade was introduced by an Our Father and concluded with a Glory be. The Original Rosary was broken down into three phases of the life of Jesus: 1) **the joyful mysteries** – 5 decades or segments of the early life of Jesus; 2) **the sorrowful mysteries** – 5 decades or segments of the suffering and death of Jesus; 3) **Glorious mysteries** – 5 decades or segments of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus into heaven. St. Dominic taught these simple folks to come to know Jesus through the person who knew him best, namely Mary his mother.

The question is asked: why so much repetition in the Rosary? Moses answers that question when he speaks to the parents of the children of Israel: “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today. **Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.**” (Deut. 6: 4-7).

The Rosary is a Christ centered prayer. We honor Mary in the Rosary by honoring her son Jesus. When we pray the Rosary, we are not praying “to” Mary, but “through Mary” to her Son. When we pray, “Pray for us sinners now...,” we are asking Mary to intercede for us with her son just as she did at the Wedding Feast at Cana, when he turned water into wine at her intercession (Jn 2:1-12). In the Rosary, we come to know Jesus through the one who knew him best, Mary his mother.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9
 4:00 pm + Florence Izzo by Susan Miner
 For a special intention for Fr. Claudio Stewart by Mary Powell

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10
 8:00 am + Ann Marie Coppula by Glenda Krepps.
 10:30 am + Carrie Colangelo by John & Darlyne Devany

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11
 + Richard Willard by Grandpa & Grandma.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12
 8:00 am + Teri Heiring by Jerry Heiring

WED FEBRUARY 13
 For our Parish Family.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14
 8:00 am + Arlene Naida by Charles Naida.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15
 8:00 am + Chuck Keller by Kathy Keller.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16
 4:00 pm + Arlene Naida by Charles Naida, & A Special Intention for John Minadeo by Mom & Dad.
 Spanish Mass.

7:00 pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17
 8:00 am + Joan Vanisacker by Julain Vanisacker.
 10:30 am + Gios Rios by Mom.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Claudette Laverriere	John Minadeo	Jade Jackson
Rosa Arosemena	Gregory Syfert	Ruby Kempf
Payton Haynes	Andres Clavijo	Gerald Martin
Jean Simmons	Bruno Litwinski	J.R. Lejeune
Mike Padron		

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

LADIES DAY OF FAITH

Topic: Women of the New Testament.
When: Saturday March 16th from 8:30 to 4:00 pm
Where: Grogan Center at Our Lady of Grace
 Breakfast and lunch will be served. Day ends with 4:00 pm Mass. Call Millie Simon at 216-513-1017 or Corby Hebrink at 863-368-0641.

ADVENT HEALTH HOSPITAL

Advent Health has informed Our Lady of Grace Church that patients lists will not be given to Clergy or Eucharistic Ministers. An emergency will be taken on call. Our Lady of Grace clergy and EM will visit the patients if names are given to the Parish Office @453-4757 by the Chaplain or a family member. (*This is the only way we know you are a patient there.*)

Valentine Dinner/Dance

The Dinner/Dance is **SOLD OUT.**

Emergency Prayer Chain

For emergency prayer chain requests, you can email kmurphy@timacusa.com or text Kevin at 863-443-1852.

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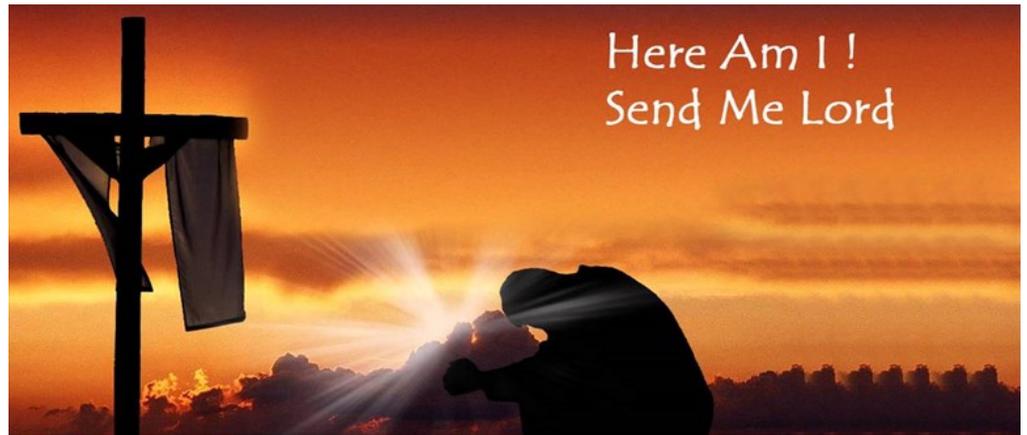
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2019 Annual Catholic Faith Appeal: OLG Goal \$111,000

Bishop Dewane, in giving “voice” to the “voiceless” in the Diocese of Venice, is echoing Pope Francis’ “voice” for the “voiceless,” when he states, “None of us can think that we are exempt from concerns for the Poor and for Social Justice.” Isaiah was chosen as a prophet to “speak out” on behalf of God and, to give “voice” to the oppressed “voiceless” - **“Here am I, Lord, send me.”**



Bishop Dewane’s Appeal for support for the Diocese of Venice outreach programs, services and ministries amplifies and applies Pope Francis’ appeal on behalf of those who live at the fringes in our 10 county Diocese, with 5 counties on the Gulf of Mexico, from Manatee in the north to Collier in the south; and 5 counties in the interior, including: Desoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hendry and Glades.

Catholic Charities alone took care of 40,200 people with 38 programs in the Diocese with a variety of needs in 2018. Many of the 18 Migrant Missions and parishes are heavily subsidized by funds from the CFA.



Bishop Dewane appeals to **permanent** and **seasonal** residents alike. He encourages **permanent residents** to make a **10-month pledge** and, **seasonal residents** to make a pledge for the number of months that you winter here, normally ranging **between 3 – 6 months**. This allows seasonal residents to support their ‘Northern’ Diocese for the period of time that they are there.

Bishop Dewane encourages every parish family to support the 2019 Annual Catholic Faith Appeal. You should have received pledge cards with your letter from Bishop Dewane. You can use them to make your pledge. If you did not receive a pledge card, you can pick one up on tables at all church exits. We ask you to complete them and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.