

Our Lady of

Grace

Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

July 5, 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

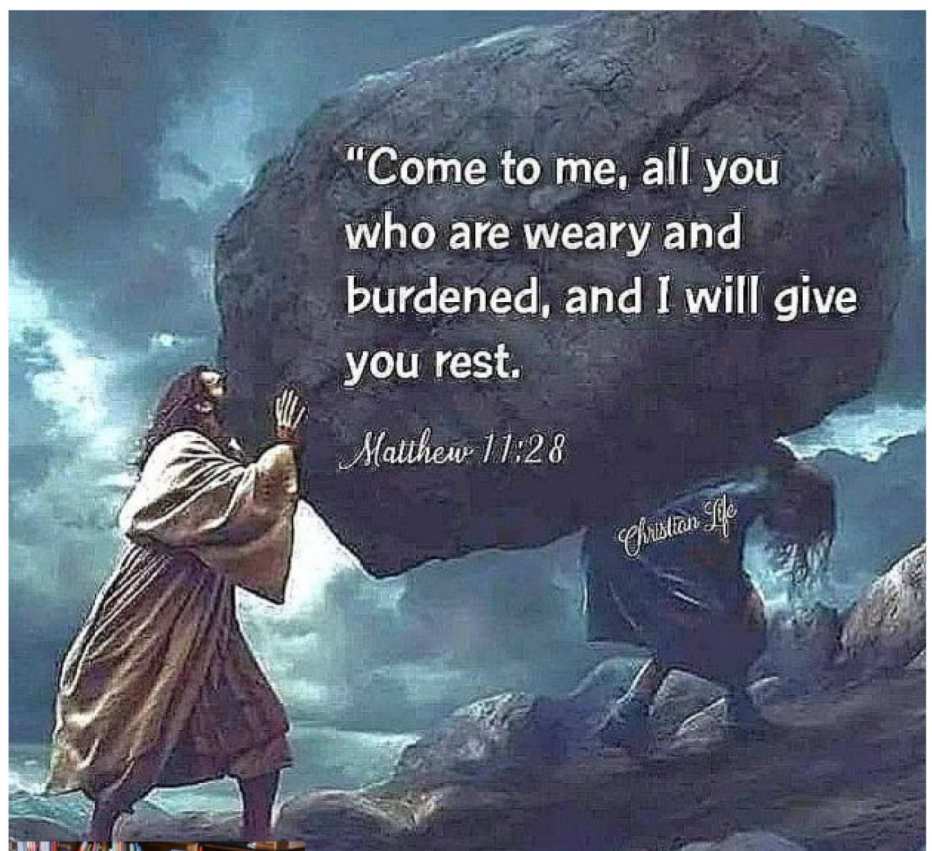
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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*Give the self-help bookstore a rest
And accept Jesus' invitation in today's
Gospel: "Come to me, all you who are
Weary ... and I will give you rest."*

Happy 4th of July
Happy 250th Birthday

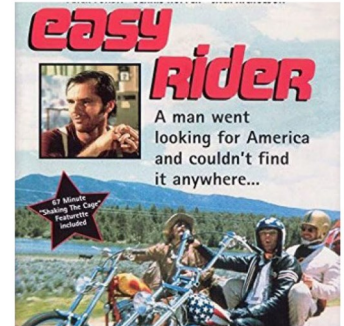


Give the self-help bookstore a *'break'*... accept Jesus' invitation (Mt 11:30)

One of the reasons the movie *"Easy Rider,"* which was released in the early "70's," became such a cult movie and resonated with so many people was, it exemplified and personified something that all of us experience to a greater or lesser extent – a spirit of restlessness.

The following prayer could have been written by *"Easy Rider."*

*O Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think that I am following your
will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*



That prayer was written by a nineteen-year-old American student, **Thomas Merton**, who was attending Cambridge University in England. He had this spirit of yearning for something, not knowing what he was searching for. He was no different than *"Easy Rider"* - a man looking for something and could not find it anywhere. So, he rode his Harley Davidson aimlessly and restlessly around the U.S. in a restless search, with no idea what he was searching for.

You pick up something of this spirit of restlessness in *"U2's."* hit song sung by Bono *"I still haven't found what I'm looking for."*

This spirit of restlessness is as old as the human race and deeply rooted within the human heart. The Psalmist gives expression to this same spirit of restlessness 3,000 years ago in **psalm 42:**



*Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God.*

*My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God?*

St. Augustine, the *Easy Rider* of the 5th century, points to the source of this restlessness that haunts the human heart: *"Our hearts are made for God and they cannot rest until they rest in him."*

You listen to Jesus say in today's Gospel (Mt 11: 25 – 30): *"Come to me, all you who are weary and are burdened, and I will give you rest... learn from me... your soul will find rest..."*



Give the self-help book store a 'rest'.... *'Easy Rider,'* give the Harley Davison a rest: **accept Jesus' invitation...** *"Come to me & I will give you rest."*



July 5 – 10, 2026



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

**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 6th thru July 10th**

**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.**



The Episcopal Ordination of

Bishop Emilio Biosca Agüero, O.F.M.Cap.

WHERE?

The Mass of Ordination and Installation for Bishop-elect Emilio Biosca Agüero is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Please note a critical update regarding the venue: due to ongoing renovations at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, the liturgy has been relocated and will instead take place at St. John XXIII Catholic Church in Fort Myers, Florida.

Ceremony Overview

- Time: 2:00 PM EDT
- Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026
- New Location: St. John XXIII Catholic Church (13060 Palomino Ln, Fort Myers, FL 33912).

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

DIOS MANSO Y HUMILDE

Para Jesús, ser manso no significa dejarse empujar por la gente. Si fuera manso en ese sentido, no podría haber echado a los cambistas del templo. La mansedumbre de Jesús significó hacer la voluntad de Dios completamente.

Podemos decir que perdonamos a alguien, pero cuando esa persona rechaza el perdón, nos enojamos aún más. Podemos cansarnos de ser pacientes con alguien y volvernos verbalmente hirientes. Podemos aceptar ayudar en un proyecto parroquial, pero renunciamos cuando alguien no está de acuerdo con nosotros.

Entonces, ¿cómo es humilde el Hijo de Dios? La verdadera humildad significa reconocer quiénes somos y lo que podemos hacer. Somos humildes cuando no ocultamos el hecho de que somos hijos de Dios y hermanos y hermanas de Jesús. En lugar de una falsa modestia que dice: “No soy lo suficientemente bueno para seguir todos los mandamientos de Dios”, se necesita la verdadera humildad para aceptar que podemos hacer la voluntad de Dios porque el Espíritu está con nosotros para ayudarnos. --Tom Schmidt



Grupo de Oración “Santísima Trinidad”

¡Todos Bienvenidos!

Se reúne los jueves en la Iglesia a las 7:00PM. Para información llamar Hortencia 863-448-

6869 o Adela 863-528-8267.

Grupo Juan XXIII

¡Con Cristo, todo! ¡Sin Cristo, nada! Se reúne los martes en el salón Juan Bosco a las 7:00PM. Para información llamar Omar 863-205-0694 o Elvin 863-528-8267.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El mensaje de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá es sencillo: “Déjate renovar por Dios”. En el año 1586, Doña María había recibido como herencia por parte de su hermano una pintura de la Virgen del Rosario en tan mal estado que no se podía distinguir la Virgen, el niño Dios en sus brazos o los santos Antonio de Padova y Andrés apóstol. No obstante, doña María la colocó en su capilla donde pasaba las mañanas en oración.

Un día, una indígena y su niño pasaban por la puerta de la capilla cuando notaron un gran brillo que venía del rostro de María iluminando el resto del cuadro con colores vivos y brillantes. Inmediatamente llamaron a doña María, quien pudo ser testigo de la milagrosa renovación. Como algo muy interesante, la imagen de cerca se ve borrosa y dañada, pero de lejos adquiere distinción y nitidez.

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM



En aquel tiempo, hablando Jesús, dijo:
“Te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra,
porque ocultaste estas cosas a sabios e inteligentes,
y las revelaste a los niños”. Mt 11:25

Educación Religiosa Grados K-12

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está abierta lunes a viernes de 9am-5pm para inscripciones para el año 2026-2027. Además, ofrece Formación para Jóvenes que han hecho su Confirmación. Para información llamar Mayra Doñan 863-453-7537.

MASS INTENTIONS**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.

SUNDAY JULY 5

8:00 a.m. + Jerry Myers by Elrie
Myers.

10:30 a.m. + Olivia Abatayo by Fei.

MONDAY JULY 6

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY JULY 7

8:00 a.m. + Luisa Wong by Merala
Ruiz.

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

8:00 a.m. + Luisa Wong by Merala
Ruiz.

THURSDAY JULY 9

8:00 a.m. 24th Birthday - Anthony
Barcinas by Family.

FRIDAY JULY 10

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

SATURDAY JULY 11

4:00 p.m. + Michael Rand by Family.
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

CANCELLATION

The masses for 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2026, are canceled so that Fr. Ronnie can attend the Ordination of the new Bishop elect Emilio Biosca Aguero. The masses for Sunday, July 12, 2026 will remain the same.

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	Terry O'Leary	

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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“You have to love a nation
that celebrates its
independence every July
4th, not with a parade
of guns, tanks, and soldiers
who file by the White House
in a show of strength and
muscle, but with family
picnics where kids throw
Frisbees, the potato salad
gets iffy, and the flies die
from happiness.”

– ERMA BOMBECK

