

# Our Lady of

# Grace

Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 12, 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

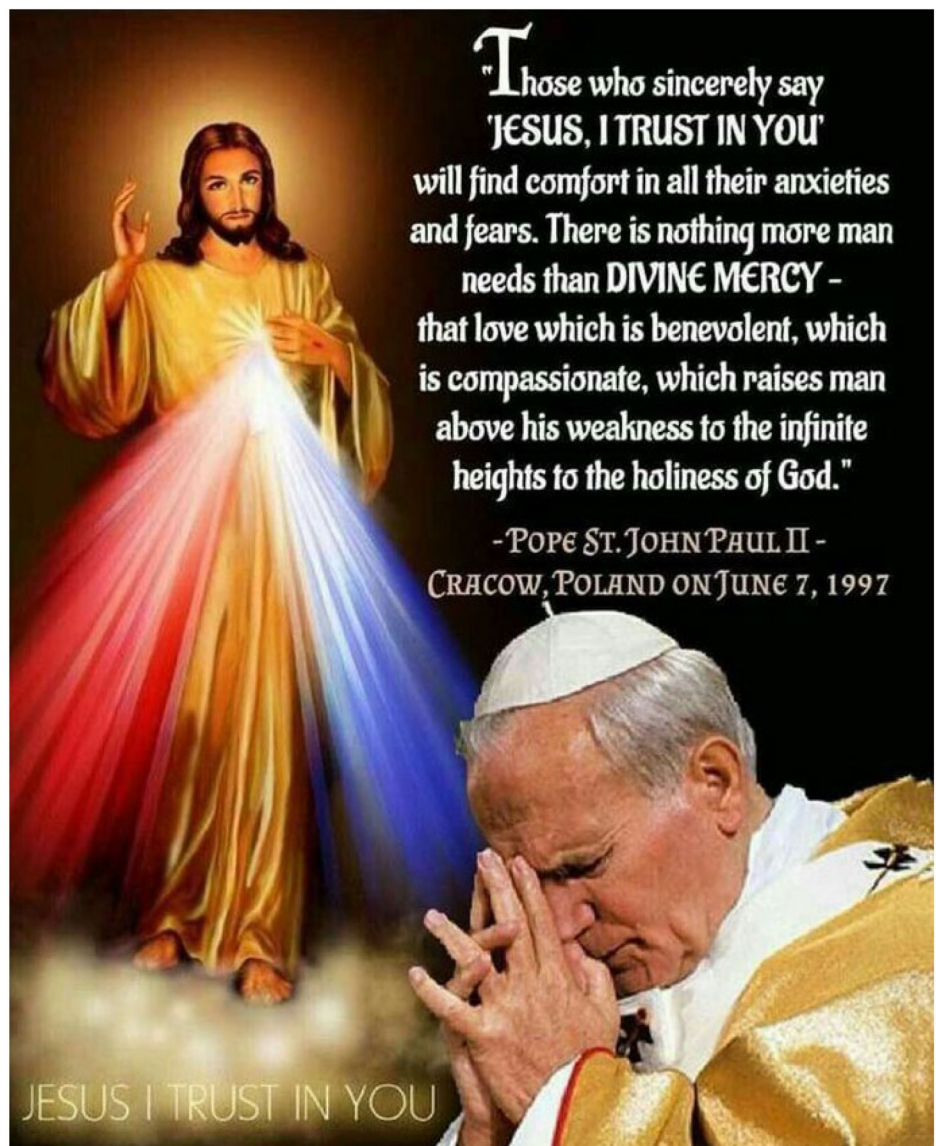
#### Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday  
8 AM

#### First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour  
8 AM

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church 3 p.m.**



**Divine Mercy Sunday:** I find it fascinating that Jesus entrusted the most important message in human history to a few ordinary, insignificant women: **Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James.** They would be the **first witnesses of the Resurrection.** When they arrive, they are startled by the empty tomb. **An angel announces: “He is not here: he has been raised.... go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you into Galilee...’” (Mt 28: 5-10).** Jesus calls us today to witness to His Resurrection in a different, more skeptical world to which **Andrew Lloyd Webber** gives expression in his rock opera, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, with words which he puts on the lips of Pontius Pilate, **“If you are so cool why you don’t walk across my swimming pool?”**

It was about this time some years ago that Pope John Paul II was canonized by Pope Francis. He was canonized on the Eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, which he initiated some years ago and, which is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026. While the spiritual movement of Divine Mercy was initiated by **Sister Faustina Kowalski**, a Polish nun, the essence of her mission had its source in this Sunday’s Gospel, in which Jesus entrusts the mission of Reconciliation and Mercy to his apostles in the Upper room in Jerusalem on Easter Sunday evening. Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to priests as the successors of the Apostles: **“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** He commissioned and he empowered them, **“He breathed**



**on them and said, ‘whose sins you forgive are forgiven them. Whose sins you retain are retained’” (Jn 20: 21-23)**



Divine Mercy Sunday was inspired by a vision in which **Jesus himself told Sister Faustina Kowalski that a painting should be made of his image with the invocation “Jesus, I trust in you.”** Pope John II himself gave the world a wonderful example of forgiveness when he went to the prison in Rome to forgive the young man Mehmet Ali Agca who attempted to assassinate him in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981. In addition to being a victim, he was a minister of forgiveness. **We encourage you to participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a beautiful prayer, in the Divine Mercy Service, in Church today, April 12, 2 p.m.**

Divine Mercy Sunday is just one aspect of the Feast of Easter – praying and sharing God’s forgiveness in a world greatly in need of that forgiveness.

*A blessed Easter to all. Fr. Ronnie*



*OLG Parish  
Family Picnic  
Sunday, April  
19, 2026*

*Noon to 3 pm  
Eat from Noon to  
1:30 pm*

**No charge, but donations happily accepted  
Please bring a side dish to share.**

**If your last name starts with A – L: side dish; M – Z: dessert**

*Hot Dogs, Hamburger, Popcorn  
Chips, Ice Cream & Drinks Provided*

*Outdoor games, Face painting, Corn hole, Pinata's, Sack races*

*Bring your Chair, Tent, Umbrella and Enjoy the fun.*

*Fire truck, Sheriff's car, and DJ with Music*

**Questions: Call *Judy* (863) 446 – 1841, or *Deb*: (307) 220 - 0308**



*An Easter Egg is like a tomb in which a chick is waiting to be born/hatched, a symbol of Jesus' Resurrection from His Tomb on Easter Sunday. A Great time was had by all the kids at the OLG Easter Egg Hunt.*



*Joyful & Inspiring Easter Vigil with Fr Ronnie and many parishioners*



*A Great turn-out of kids for the Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning: more photos next Sunday of the Easter Vigil & Egg Hunt .*





Hechos de los Apóstoles es la fuente de las primeras lecturas durante la temporada de Pascua. Este libro describe cómo el cristianismo creció de un puñado de discípulos a una gran religión. La lectura de hoy tiene como objetivo mostrar a los creyentes comunes cómo ser **extraordinarios**.

**Por poder.** Se refiere a “los milagros y prodigios” realizados por los discípulos mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo. Si tuvieras la misma fe que los apóstoles, quizás podrías curar a los enfermos. O podrías estudiar para ser médico y curar con habilidades médicas. Siempre y cuando reconozcas que Dios te dio la inteligencia y el talento para ser médico, estarías haciendo la obra de Dios.

**Por propiedad.** Se refiere a compartir lo que tienes con los necesitados. Si no estás llamado a vender todos tus bienes y convertirte en monje o monja, aún puedes dar el diezmo a tu iglesia o a los pobres. También puedes donar tu tiempo, quizás dando a niños desfavorecidos, ayudando a construir o reparar casas en zonas pobres, o llevando comida a personas confinadas en sus hogares. Los seguidores de Cristo son una comunidad de creyentes que se preocupan unos por otros y también por los no creyentes que necesitan ayuda de cualquier tipo.

**Por oración.** Se refiere a la fracción del pan que era el nombre para la Eucaristía. También iban al templo a orar, porque en ese momento la mayoría de los discípulos eran cristianos judíos. Todas estas prácticas contribuyeron a unirlos a Cristo y entre sí. \_\_Tom Schmidt



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**PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

Edificio MacDonald

Grados PreK – 5

Domingos 9:00 - 10:15am

Grados 6 – 12

Miércoles 6:00 - 8:00pm

Preguntas/Información

Mayra Donan 863-453-7537

**ADULTOS**

Edificio Juan Bosco

Domingos 9:00 - 10:15amك

Preguntas/Información

Florentino Perada 863-840-4533

**JUAN XXIII**

Edificio San Juan Bosco

Martes 7:00PM

Para Información

863-205-0694

863-853-0065

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN**

*“Santísima Trinidad”*

Edificio MacDonald

Jueves 7:00pm

Rosario 6:30

Para Información

863-448-6869

863-528-8267

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY APRIL 11**

8:00 a.m. + Hugh Prine by Lillian Prine.  
 4:00 p.m. + William & Virginia Cook by Evelyn Seely.  
 7:00 p.m. + Alexi Martinez by Catalina Martinez.

**SUNDAY APRIL 12**

8:00 a.m. + Jerry Myers by Elrie Myers.  
 10:30 a.m. + Eleuteria Germino by Fe Schiano.

**MONDAY APRIL 13**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

**TUESDAY APRIL 14**

8:00 a.m. Unborn Baby by Our Lady of Grace.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15**

8:00 a.m. Anne Worthington by Family.

**THURSDAY APRIL 16**

8:00 a.m. Birthday – Michele Ann Heston by Paul & Justine Devlin.

**FRIDAY APRIL 17**

8:00 a.m. + David Martinez.

**SATURDAY APRIL 18**

8:00 a.m. + John Coleman.  
 4:00 p.m. + Pete & Ann Prentice by Evelyn Seely.  
 7:00 p.m. + Edidith & Hector Soplin Souls in Purgatory by Family.

**CHURCH PICNIC**

The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 12 Noon until 3:00 p.m. If you last name begins with A thru L—please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with M thru Z, bring a dessert. Bring your chair, and umbrella.

**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 Prospero	Joan Bender	Deb Perry
Martha Spung	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	

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Bishop Frank Dewane will celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 6:30 p.m..on April 29, 2026.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

On May 3, 2026, at the 10:30 a.m., Mass, Fr. Ronnie will celebrate the Mass for the children who will receive their First Communion.

**2nd Collection**

The Second Collection on April 12, 2026, will be for the Church Service Center.

The Second Collection on April 19, 2026, will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

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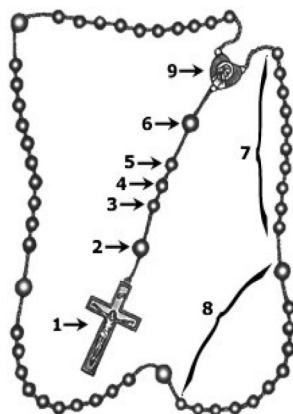
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## Parish Council

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### President

Betty Anne Lee  
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## How to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet

### 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### 2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

**(Repeat three times)** O Blood and Water, which

gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

### 3. Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

### 4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

### 5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### 6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### 7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

### 9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### 10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.