

Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 the sheep hear his voice...and they will follow him [The Shepherd] because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers" (John 10: 27).

Whose voice do you listen to? 'Shepherd' or 'stranger?'

High School, College, Graduations are decision time

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Congratulation 1st Communion & Confirmation classes.



“I am the Good Shepherd...My sheep hear my voice...I know them & they follow me.”

The story is told of an actor who was known for his readings and recitations from the Classics. He always ended his performance with a dramatic recital of **Psalm 23**. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation -- ***“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”*** -- the crowd would listen attentively and then rise with thunderous applause, in appreciation of the actor's ability to bring the psalm to life.

One night, before the actor was to offer his recital of **Psalm 23**, a young man from the audience spoke up: ***“Sir, would you mind, if tonight, I recite Psalm 23?”***

The actor was surprised by this unusual request. However he invited the young man to come onto the stage to recite the psalm; curious to see how the ability of this youth weighed against his own talent.

Softly the young man began to recite the words of the psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the youth's recitation that every eye was tearful.

Amazed by what he had experienced, the actor queried, ***“I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training -- but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?”*** The young man humbly replied, ***“Well sir, you know the psalm...but I know the Shepherd.”***



Isn't this what Jesus says in today's Gospel:

“I am the Good Shepherd. I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father... My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27)

**Question: Do you know the Shepherd?
Do you listen to his voice?
Where? When? How?**

**Listening is not just hearing; it involves action;
the act of following where the Shepherd leads.**



Bishop Dewane with Pope Leo XIV, 1st U.S. Pope. Bishop Dewane will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at OLG Parish on Wednesday, April 29th 2026, at 6:30 P.M.,
Confirmandi and their Saints

“Come Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of our young people and enkindle in them the fire of your love...”

- Lisbett Chavez- St. Dymphna
- Gabriella DeAnda- St. Therese of Lisieux
- Marlene Delgado- St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Valeria Figueroa- St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Ricardo Figueroa- St. Luigi Scrosoppi
- Ashley Fuentes- St. Cecilia
- Emmanuel Garcia- St. Joseph
- Andy Gomez- St. Francis of Assisi
- Judith Hernandez- St. Theres of Lisieux
- Junior Hernandez- Padre Pio
- Jessica Hernandez- St. Mary Magdalene
- Victor Juarez- St. Joseph
- Paola Lucatero- St. Rose of Lima
- David Martinez- St. Francis of Assisi
- Michelle Martinez- St. Therese of Lisieux
- Luke Melendez- St. Luke
- Alexander Ortiz- St. Luis Scrosoppi
- Yoel Ponce- St. Nicholas of Myra
- Bryan Rangel- St. Vincent Pollotti
- Joshua Rangel- St. Athanasius of Alexandria
- Zaira Sanchez- St. Lucy
- Baylee Sevigny- St. Teresa of Avila
- Connor Sevigny- St. Francis of Assisi
- Joshua Smith- Pedro Calungsod
- Giovanny Velasquez- St. Francis of Assisi
- Caden Sevigny- St. Francis of Assisi.



“I no longer call you servants; I call you friends.”

First Communion begins a special intimate relationship with Jesus as our best friend.

First Communions Class:

- Ella Raghoo
- Tatiana O'Hora
- Parker Heston
- Yomar Gomez
- Juliana Melendez
- Emily DeAnda
- Isidro DeAnda
- Alvaro Ibarra
- Sofia Lucatero
- Montserrat Rodriguez
- Dexter Boersma
- Alexandra Gomez
- Adrian Melendez
- Yuliana Perez
- Cassandra Santiago
- Ahley Fuentes
- Andy Garcia
- Luke Melendez
- Alexander Ortiz
- Giovanny Velasquez
- Connor Sevigny
- Caden Sevigny
- Yoel Ponce



The Betsy Ross flag is a powerful symbol of the American Revolution and a reminder of America's founding principles of liberty. In the words of the Declaration of Independence,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."



Bingocize Classes

Bingocize is a program that combines the game of Bingo with exercise! It's a fantastic opportunity to stay active, meet new people, and learn valuable techniques designed to reduce the risk of falls. Bingocize is fun for everyone.

Where?

OLG-Sarah McDonald Bldg.
Days & Times
Tuesdays & Thursdays,

11 AM - 12 Noon
Start Date March 17, 2026
End Date May 21, 2026

Cost/Requirements FREE
Participants must be age 60 or older
Registration Deadline March 16, 2026
Please contact: Bea at 813-676-5036



Church Service Center (CSC) Collection

We invite you to bring non-perishable food to Church next Sat & Sunday, May 2/3, for the CSC. The CSC is a collaborative effort by the Churches in Avon Park to care for the poor in our midst. We will take a 2nd collection to assist those who need help with electric, water bills & rent payments. Please be generous. Thanks, and, God bless you.



Fr Ronnie baptizes 1 of many teens at Easter Vigil

Great News: On average, American dioceses had **38% more people joining the Church in 2026 compared with 2025.** The 4 largest dioceses in the U.S. that witnessed significant increases were: Archdiocese of Los Angeles (**139% increase**), the Diocese of Phoenix (**23%**), Archdiocese of New York (**36%**) & Archdiocese of Chicago (**52%**). Only 7 of 71 U.S. Dioceses did not have an increase.

4° DOMINGO de Pascua

La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles toma lugar justo después de que los discípulos recibieran el **Don del Espíritu Santo** en *Pentecostés*. Pedro, el apóstol que había negado conocer a Jesús antes de su muerte, ahora se presenta con el Espíritu Santo que le dio el coraje para enfrentarse a la gente y ofreció el mismo don del Espíritu que él y los discípulos habían recibido.

Faltan tres Domingos de Pascua para celebrar la *Solemnidad de Pentecostés*. Pentecostés significa "*quincuagésimo*" en griego, celebrando la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles **50** días después de la Pascua, marcando el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Esta solemnidad concluye el tiempo pascual y simboliza la capacitación de los creyentes para testificar de Cristo, a menudo asociada con símbolos como el viento y el fuego.

Este *Pentecostés* pidamos a Dios Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a arrepentirnos del egoísmo y a vivir una nueva vida de amor a Dios y al prójimo. __Tom Schmidt

**PROGRAMA DE
EDUCACIÓN
RELIGIOSA**

Edificio MacDonald
Preguntas/Información
Mayra Donan
863-453-7537

Confirmación
Miércoles Abril 29 6:30PM
Ira Comunión
Domingo Mayo 3 10:30AM

JUAN XXIII

Edificio San Juan Bosco
Martes 7:00PM
Para Información
863-205-0694 / 863-853-0065



**CON CRISTO
... TODO!
¡SIN CRISTO NADA!**

**FORMAS COMO JESUS SE QUEDO
CON NOSOTROS**

Eucaristía Biblia Sacramentos Magisterio
Iglesia/Comunidad Espíritu Santo El Prójimo, Etc.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

"Santísima Trinidad"

Hortencia 863-448-6869
Adela 863-528-8267

**MISA PARA ORAR POR LOS
ENFERMOS**

OUR LADY OF GRACE | Abril 30, 2026
CATHOLIC CHURCH | 7:00pm-8:30pm

595 E Main St, Avon Park FL, 33825

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 25

8:00 a.m. Victor Manuel Arreguin by Wife.
 4:00 p.m. + Mary Ellen Elizabeth Crawford & Jorge Elden Crawford by Biernot Family.
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

SUNDAY APRIL 26

8:00 a.m. + Urban Feltes by Betty Feltes.
 10:30 a.m. Health – John Darin Lloyd by Regis Gratton & Sandy Ramwater.

MONDAY APRIL 27

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY APRIL 28

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

8:00 a.m. + Jessica & Raul Rojas by Family.

THURSDAY APRIL 30

8:00 a.m. + Robert Kilpatrick by Evelyn Seely.

FRIDAY MAY 1

8:00 a.m. Health – Tom & Susan Malingowski by a friend.

SATURDAY MAY 2

8:00 a.m. + Fr. Leo Frechette.
 4:00 p.m. + Tom Kilpatrick by Evelyn Seely.
 7:00 p.m. Odilon Zuniga by Adela Rodriguez.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

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	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

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

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.

GENEALOGICAL MEETING

The Genealogical Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Last meeting till Fall.



Thank you to each and everyone who assisted at the Parish Picnic!

Everyone had a great time. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed the great company and all the games. Thank you to all the workers who served so well.

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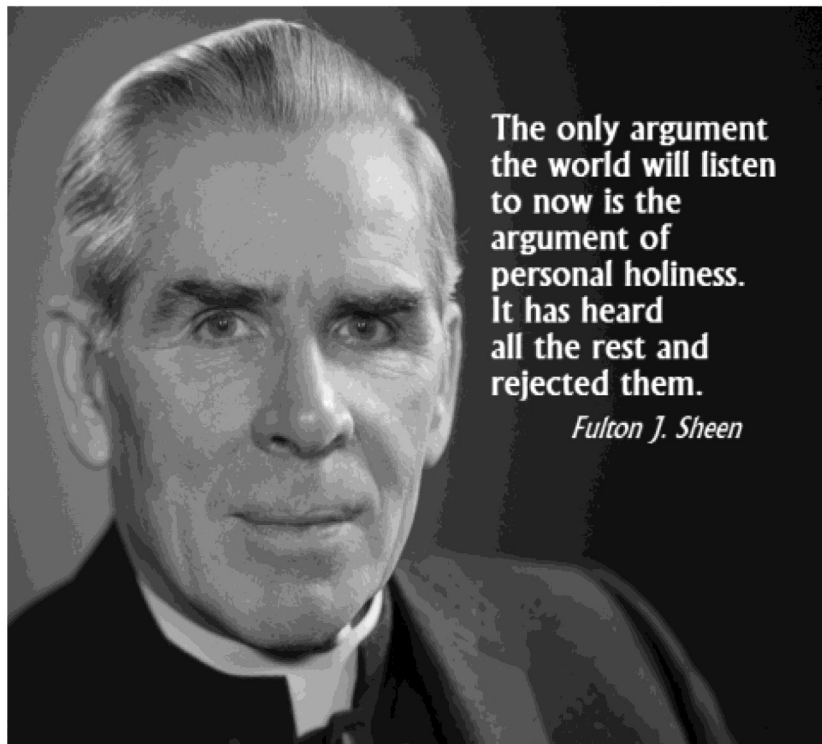
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The only argument
the world will listen
to now is the
argument of
personal holiness.
It has heard
all the rest and
rejected them.

Fulton J. Sheen

Blessed Fulton J. Sheen - Do we all have a Vocation?

Yes, we have all been created by God with a purpose and an end.

God has willed a unique and unrepeatable plan for each of us, designed from all eternity: *"Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came forth from the mother's womb, I consecrated you"* (Jeremiah 1:5).B

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of **the vocation to holiness**, to union with God who makes us partakers of His happiness and who loves us totally and unconditionally.

The common vocation of all Christ's disciples is a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world.

Within this common vocation, God invites each one to follow a specific path in life together with Him. Some are called to the ministerial priesthood, others to the religious life, and others, the laity, are called to meet him in ordinary life, either by living celibacy or by a vocation to marriage. (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1533, 1716-1729)

"We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? **Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married?** Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. **Do you work for a living?** Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. **Are you a parent or grandparent?** Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. **Are you in a position of authority?** Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain" (*Gaudete et Exultate*, The Apostolic Call to Holiness, Pope Francis, #14,).