

# Our Lady of

# Grace

Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

## Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:30 AM to 3:00 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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LUKE 10:42

Mary and Martha, by Del Parson

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

Review your Ministry involvement:

Like Martha, do you want to do what **you** want to do for Jesus?

Or

Like Mary; do you listen to Jesus and, then,  
do what **he** wants you to do for him?





## Hospitality; welcome to strangers.

Many people are now familiar with the work of **Andrei Rublev** (c.1360 - c.1430), the great Russian icon painter, and in particular with his '**Old Testament Trinity**': picturing the 3 angels welcomed by Abraham (**Genesis 18** – today's 1st reading). Christians see this scene as a **prefiguring of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity**. This icon is also called '**Welcome to the Stranger**'. **There are 3 seated figures, but there are 4 sides to the table: the 4th is an invitation to join them.** Anyone praying with this icon, will feel that the invitation is somehow mutual: as you welcome the Divine Persons into your heart, **they are inviting you to sit at table with them**; they are inviting you into the heart of God.

In today's gospel, Jesus is welcomed into the house of Martha & Mary. The link between the two readings is **hospitality**. Like the 3 Genesis figures, Jesus is a pilgrim; invited into the house.

**The two sisters' style of hospitality is very different:** Mary just sits in his presence, "listening to him speak"; Martha does what she wants to do for Jesus – make him feel welcome. **Mary gives him nothing but her attention, Martha gives him everything except her attention.**

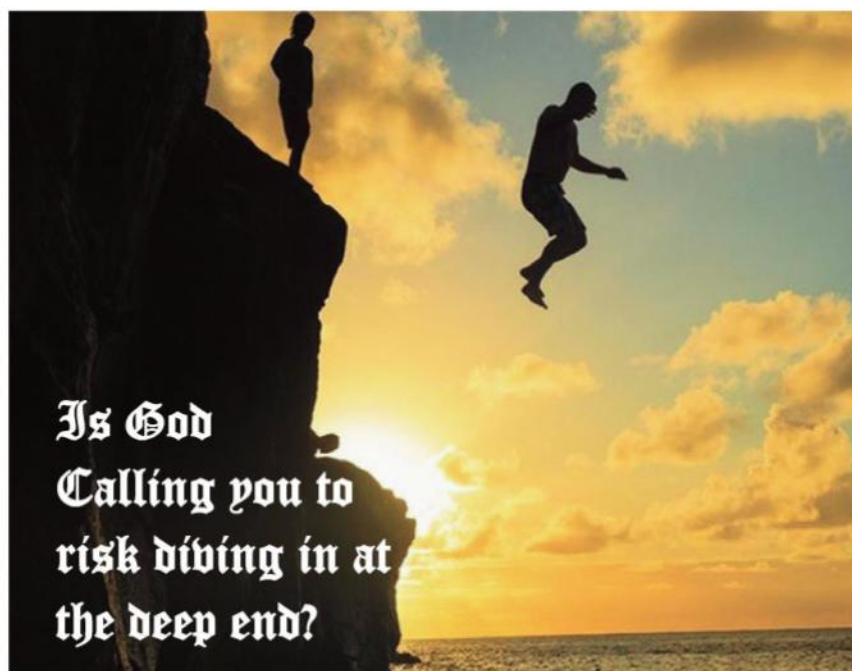
**In ministry, you will find both attitudes:** the **Martha syndrome**, "compulsive helpers," who don't consider what you want them to do but, what they want to do for you. This attitude can lead to "burn-out" in ministry. While, those in the **Mary syndrome**, will "listen to Jesus" in contemplative prayer and reflection on the word of Jesus in the scriptures and, then respond, act.

**John 11:5** states that "Jesus loved Martha," and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. He knew what remedy to apply. And no doubt he saw her strengths. The story of Martha and Mary comes directly after the story of the **Good Samaritan (last Sunday's Gospel)**. **This makes it clear that Jesus valued active service, like Martha, and not only contemplation like Mary.**

In a situation of crisis (**John 11**) both Martha and Mary looked very different from the way they look in this peaceful scene (**Luke 10: 38-42**). Their 'high' and 'low' stations were reversed. **The crisis was their brother's death.** There **Martha shines**; she went out to meet the Lord where he was to be met, and had a profound conversation with him, while **"Mary stayed sitting in her house."** The problem with contemplatives is that they can come to love their own contemplation above all else: above the needs of their neighbor, and even above the Lord. There is no hospitality there. For you never know where hospitality will take you.

*Let me tell you, that to approach the stranger  
Is to invite the unexpected, release a new force,  
Or let the genie out of the bottle.  
It is to start a train of events  
Beyond your control.... (T.S. Eliot)*

Martha and Mary represent two ways of hospitality, each of them perfect in itself but capable, like everything human, of being influenced by the ego.



### **‘Monsignor Quixote’**

**Graham Greene**

“I suppose Descartes brought me to the point where he brought himself  
-to faith. Fact or fiction--in the end you can't distinguish between them  
--you have just to choose.”

"But to become a Trappist?" [A Trappist is a monk].

"I think, you know, professor, that when one has to jump,  
it's so much safer to jump into deep water."

"And you don't regret...?"

"Professor, there are always plenty of things to regret. Regrets are part of life.

One can't escape regrets even in a twelfth-century monastery.

Can you escape from them in the University of Notre Dame?"

"No, but I decided long ago that I was not a jumper."

Saying “yes” to God, like Mary, involved taking a risk - saying “yes” to mystery -  
the mystery of God’s plan for her life. It is like diving in at the deep end of the pool.

The man who became a “Trappist” took a risk to “dive into deep water.”

**Which raises the question: Is there any ‘risk’ in your life decisions,  
or, do you just ‘play it safe?’**

*Could you serve as a catechist in the School of Religion this  
coming year? Will you take the ‘risk’, or, ‘play it safe!’*







## Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Evangelio nos puede dar la impresión que Jesús favoreció a María sobre Marta. Pero si ambos se hubieran sentado a escuchar, no habría habido cena para servirle a Jesús. Él vio que María estaba contenta de escucharlo, por lo que Marta podría haberse contentado con prepararle la comida.

Por eso, los actos sencillos de hospitalidad también pueden ser la forma en que las personas pueden dar la bienvenida al Señor. Cuando damos la bienvenida a alguien en nuestros hogares, o en nuestras vidas como amigo, cuando llegamos a conocer mejor a alguien, también estamos llegando a conocer a Cristo. ¿Somos a veces como Marta, con demasiadas cosas en la mente como para estar atentos al Señor? A veces no podemos evitar las distracciones que son parte de la vida. Pero si tenemos presente al Señor, podremos ver cuáles son las distracciones que debemos dejar de lado y cuáles son oportunidades para servir al Señor de una manera diferente. A medida que pasamos más tiempo con el Señor en la oración, a experimentar la paz de Dios, nos da la capacidad de elegir la mejor parte.--Tom Schmidt



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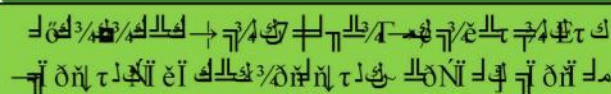
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**SATURDAY JULY 19**

4:00 p.m. + A.J. Grant by Mom & Dad.

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**SUNDAY JULY 20**

8:00 a.m. + Jerry Myers by Chuck Kilgore.

Terry & Clay Gooch – Anniversary.

10:30 a.m. + Faride Sarmiento by Family.

**MONDAY JULY 21**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

**TUESDAY JULY 22**

8:00 a.m. Memorial Mass - Souls of K.C.Thomas & Molly by Sal & Mina.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 23**

8:00 a.m. + Mary Lukose.

**THURSDAY JULY 24**

8:00 a.m. + Betty Minielli by Linda Beman.

**FRIDAY JULY 25**

8:00 a.m. + Joan Roche by Family.

**SATURDAY JULY 26**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

4:00 p.m. + A. J. Grant by Mom & Dad.

7:00 p.m. + Felix Lopez by Fania Lopez.

**FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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

**A Prayer for Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the true King of peace.  
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.  
Bring unity to troubled nations.  
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.  
Protect the dignity of every human life.  
Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.  
Free them from selfish ambition.  
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,  
Saint Michael the Archangel,  
Every angel and saint:  
Please pray for peace.  
Pray for unity amongst nations.  
Pray for unity amongst all people.  
Pray for the most vulnerable.  
Pray for those suffering.  
Pray for the fearful.  
Pray for those most in need.  
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear our prayers.  
Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

We will be collection school supplies all through the month of July. You may drop supplies off at the Parish Office or in the foyer of the Church. Supplies needed are: backpacks, glue sticks, scissors, markers, dry erase markers, pencils, yellow highlighters, 3-ring binders, erasers, dividers, Kleenex, water color paints.





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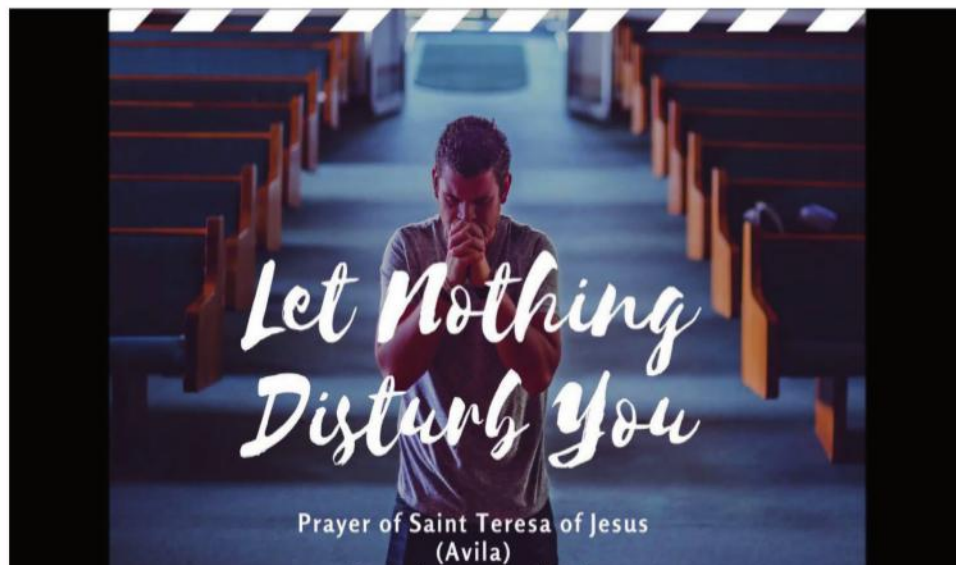
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### President

Betty Anne Lee



## Let Nothing Disturb You

Here is a wonderful prayer by **St. Teresa of Avila**. This prayer is so simple yet **meaningful**. It strengthens the weak, removes all fears and calms our inner most torments. This prayer might well have been Mary's prayer as she sat at the feet of Jesus in today's Gospel. It is a simple, contemplative prayer.

*Let nothing disturb you;  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things pass away.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
He who has God,  
finds he lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices.*





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