

# Our Lady of

# Grace

Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

July 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

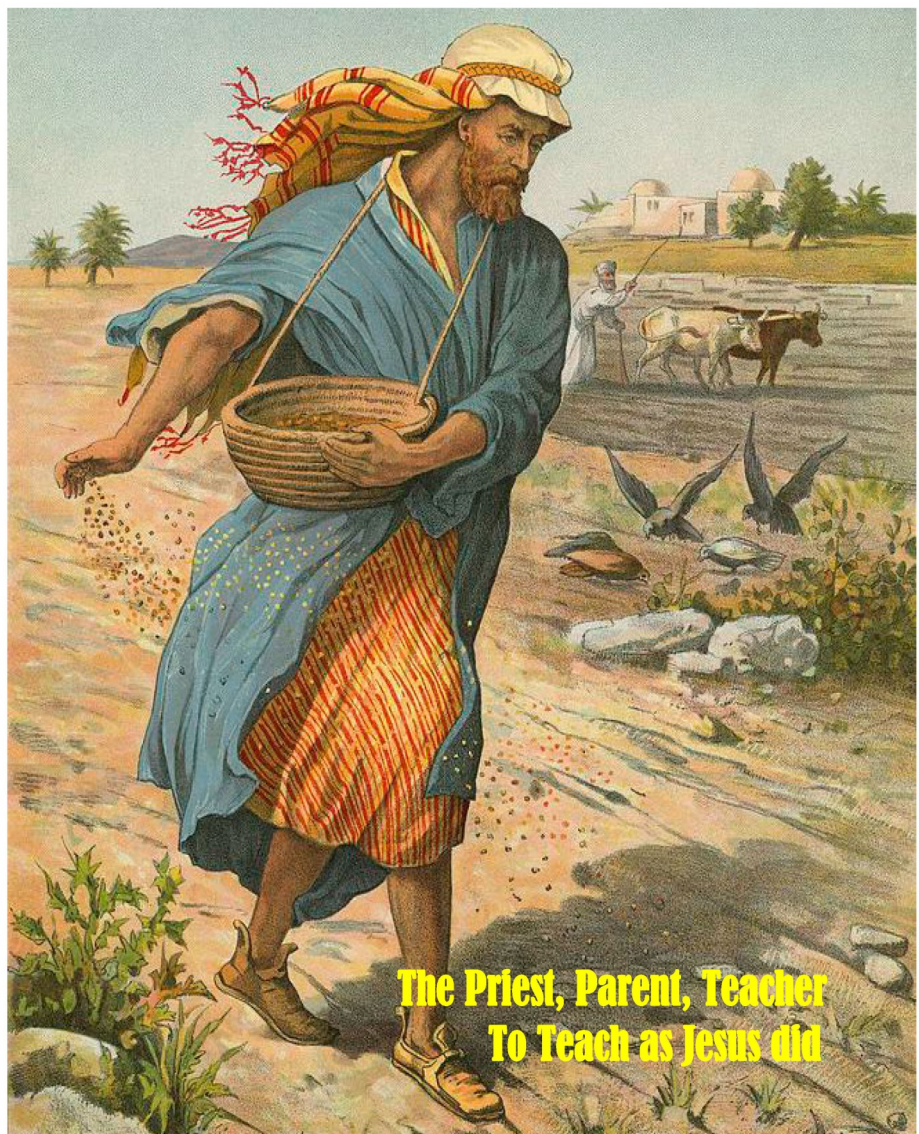
### Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday  
8 AM

### First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour  
8 AM

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**The Priest, Parent, Teacher  
To Teach as Jesus did**

**The Parable of the Sower and the Seed.** The “Sower” is the Catechist, the messenger; the “Seed” is the message, the Word of God; the “Soil” is the hearts & minds of people, reflected in the 4 kinds of soil in the parable.



## The Parable of the Sower: Makes a distinction between 1. the “Sower” – the Messenger: 2. the “Seed” – the Message and, 3. the “Soil” – the “Listener,” in his/her Culture

Jesus, the ideal teacher, uses stories – **parables** – to teach. He illustrates this in today’s Gospel (Mt 13: 1 – 9). A **parable is a story with a message**: Jesus breaks today’s parable into **3 components**: 1. a **messenger**; 2. a **message**; 3. a **listener** who receives the message.

1. The **“Sower”** is the **catechist**, the priest, the parent – **the messenger**.  
 2. The **“Seed”** is the **message**. We see the power of God's word expressed in Scripture: *“For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it”* (1<sup>st</sup> reading, Is 55:10-11).

3. Finally, there is the **“Soil”** – **the listener** - the hearts and minds of people in **the peer group** and **culture** in which they live. The **4 Gospels** - Matthew, Mark, Luke & John - reflect **4 different types of “soil”** - **4 different audiences**.

**Jesus does some soil sampling before he sows the seed – Why?** To find out what is going on in people’s lives, in the culture in which they live. **Jesus does some soil sampling with two disciples on the Road to Emmaus**. First, Jesus **listens** to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13-35**), who *“were looking downcast,”* as they leave Jerusalem - and the Church - because of what happened to Jesus on Good Friday. They did not expect that Jesus would be put to death as a common criminal. They vent their source of disillusionment with Jesus - *“we were hoping that he was the one who would set Israel free.”* They were hoping for and, expecting a political Messiah, who would free - release - Israel from the yoke of the Roman Empire.

Jesus, **“the Sower,”** addresses their issue by **“Opening the Scriptures to them”** – **the “Seed.”** As he does so, their **“hearts begin to burn”** as Jesus **“opens the Scriptures to them,”** purifying their cultural expectation. They invite Jesus to stay with them and to dine with them and, having **“listened”** to the **“Scriptures”** on the road, came to **“recognize him in the breaking of the bread.”**

**In summary, a Catechist**, like Jesus, is the **Sower; the Messenger**. A Catechist is not someone who is there to teach what he/she wants to teach. He/she is there **to teach what Jesus teaches** – the **“Seed”** - **his message** – **“The Word of God.”** That takes preparation, becoming familiar with the **text book message** and **teacher’s manual**, coming to class with a **well-prepared lesson plan**.

The Catechist needs to be familiar with the **“Soil”** – the hearts and minds of children entrusted to their care, their home-life, neighborhood, and diverse cultures from which they come. The ministry of Catechist is one of the most important ministries in the Church today.

**We need you;** prayerfully consider becoming a catechist. Contact Director of Religious Education, **Mayra Donan, (863) 453-7537, or, Fr Ronnie, (863) 453-4757.**

As a Parish, **the alternative is simple:**

**We can hand on faith** – Jesus – or, **we can hand on unbelief/atheism** to the next generation.



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Supply Drive



### Supplies Needed:

Pencils, Markers, Colored pencils, Erasers, Backpacks, highlighters, Glue sticks, Composition paper, notebooks, dry erase markers, crayons, folders, binders, scissors etc.

### Drop off Locations:

In the Main office or at the drop off box located in the Church's main entrance

**Collecting until August 2nd**

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

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Help children in the community prepare for the upcoming school year.



For more information please contact : Mayra Donan  
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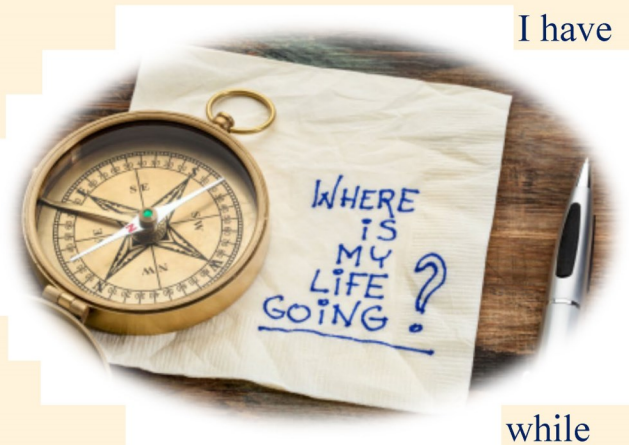
## Saint John Henry Newman on Mission

As young people in their hundreds of thousands parade down the halls of High School and College campuses to the strains of *Pomp and Circumstance* wondering what the future has in store for them, we might do well to reflect on the words of Saint John Henry Newman, who as a young man penned these lines as he was about to enter Oxford University over one hundred years ago. He was later to write the classic *The idea of a University*.

### What does God have in mind for me?

God has created me  
to do Him some definite service  
He has committed some work to me  
which He has not committed to another  
my mission  
I may never know it in this life  
but I shall be told it in the next  
I am a link in a chain  
a bond of connection between persons  
He has not created me for naught  
I shall do good - I shall do His work  
I shall be an angel of peace  
a preacher of truth in my own place  
not intending it  
if I do but keep His commandments

I have



while

Therefore I will trust Him



whatever I am, I can never be thrown away

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him

in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him

He does nothing in vain

He knows what he is about

He may take away my friends

He may throw me among strangers

He may make me feel desolate

make my spirits sink

hide my future from me - still

He knows what He is about.

## Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### ¿Qué es una Parábola?

Jesús responde a la pregunta de los apóstoles sobre ¿por qué habla en *parábolas*? Está intentando difundir la buena nueva del Reino de Dios en parábolas, historias fáciles de entender que generalmente tienen una moraleja o que terminan con una pregunta para los oyentes.

Jesús lanzó parábolas como un agricultor que siembra semillas. Algunas cayeron en los oídos de los que serían discípulos. Pero la mayoría cayó en los oídos de personas que no estaban listas para entender. ¿Cómo recibimos su palabra nosotros? ¿Lo oímos sin comprender, dejándolo entrar por un oído y salir por el otro? ¿Lo escuchamos con alegría, pero luego lo olvidamos cuando surgen problemas o dificultades? ¿Escuchamos la palabra, pero luego la ignoramos frente a alguna tentación?

Si queremos que la palabra se fortalezca en nosotros, podemos tomar medidas para ayudarnos a entenderla. Podemos llegar temprano a la iglesia y pasar unos minutos con las lecturas antes de la Misa. Después de la Misa podemos hablar sobre las lecturas o la homilía con nuestra familia durante el desayuno. Podemos escoger un punto práctico para poner en práctica esa semana.

Guardar la palabra en tiempos difíciles no es fácil. La cruz nos enseña a esperar problemas, pero tenemos que soportarlos para realmente aprender que podemos atravesar el sufrimiento hacia una nueva vida.

Para ser lo suficientemente fuertes para resistir las tentaciones, tenemos que decidir cada día que queremos seguir la palabra de Jesús. Podemos pedirle a Dios Espíritu Santo por la Fortaleza y que nos ayude a recordar su palabra cuando vengan las tentaciones. Y podemos decidir alejarnos de los lugares, personas o situaciones que tanto nos tientan.

Preguntemos a Dios ¿cómo puedo escuchar Tu palabra y seguirla? \_\_Tom Schmidt

Si preguntaras ¿qué dos disposiciones son absolutamente necesarias para acercarse a la mesa del Señor? diría que la primera es la FE, una creencia profunda en nuestro Señor que está verdaderamente presente, cuerpo y alma, humanidad y divinidad, que se hace presente en las palabras de consagración y que entra en nuestras vidas a través de la recepción de la Eucaristía.



La segunda es la recepción de la Comunión con consciencia y reverencia. Ya sea recibida bajo una o dos especies, el Cuerpo en la mano o en la boca, la Sangre Preciosa en el cáliz. Lo que no está permitido es que los fieles laicos sumergen el Cuerpo en la Sangre Preciosa o sea se **autocolmuguen**. La inmersión solo puede hacer un ministro de la Eucaristía. El Misal Romano dice: "La sangre del Señor se puede recibir bebiendo del cáliz directamente o por **intención**". **¿Por qué esta disciplina?** La liturgia es un Don que se recibe no algo que se toma por sí mismo. Nadie se bautiza a sí mismo, nadie se absuelve de sus pecados a sí mismo, nadie se unge con óleo de los enfermos a sí mismo, etc. ¡Se recibe como una gracia y se profesa el "Amén" que ratifica la fe en la Presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía!

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### EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Grados K-12

#### Post Confirmación Y Adultos

**La Oficina está abierta martes a viernes de 9am a 5pm para inscripciones. Se ofrece descuento por inscripciones hechas durante el mes de Julio. Para información llamar Mayra Doñan 863-453-7537.**

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**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "SANTISIMA TRINIDAD"** Se reúne los jueves a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Rosario a las 6:30. Para información llamar 863-448-6869 o 863-528-8267.

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**GRUPO JUAN XXIII** Se reúne los martes en el salón Juan Bosco a las 7:00PM. Para información llamar 863-205-0694 o 863-528-8267.

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY JULY 11**

4:00 p.m. + Michael Rand by Family.

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**SUNDAY JULY 12**

8:00 a.m. + Magdalen Sohl by Jerry &amp; JoMarie Grinkiewicz.

10:30 a.m. Birthday – Elizabeth Justine Devlin by Paul &amp; Justine Devlin.

**MONDAY JULY 13**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

**TUESDAY JULY 14**

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Joan Trace.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 15**

8:00 a.m. + Gary Ingalls by friend.

**THURSDAY JULY 16**

8:00 a.m. + Leo Bain by Joseph &amp; Beverly Borowski.

**FRIDAY JULY 17**

8:00 a.m. + Al &amp; Jennie Grant by Bert &amp; Deb.

**SATURDAY JULY 18**

4:00 p.m. + William &amp; Virginia Cook by Evelyn Seely.

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN**

To give spiritual support to those who are undergoing health or personal problems that call for immediate prayer, we have established an “**Emergency Prayer Chain**” made up of prayer volunteers who respond to personal requests. Confidentiality is assured. To request prayers, contact **Kevin Murphy** by text (863) 443-1852 or email ([kmurphy8479@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy8479@gmail.com)).

**FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
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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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## Parish Council

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## *Give your children a Moral Compass*

Should I tell the truth? Should I copy from my friend's homework, or let him copy from mine? Should I watch this racy DVD? Should I treat a classmate with kindness?

Young children probably won't use the words moral dilemma to describe these scenarios, but they do understand that some decisions are harder than others, and that some choices are better than others. As kids get older, they understand the pressure to conform to an immoral culture—a culture with challenges not faced by previous generations.

Children, like their adult parents, are living in a very confusing time. **Moral relativism in our culture is pervasive. Children live with a maze of confusion.**

**Simon and Garfunkel** in their song "*The Sounds of silence*" give expression to this confusion in the line from that song, "*Hello darkness my old friend.*"

**Jesus** describes himself as the "**moral compass**" in references like, "**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,**" and "**I am the Light.**" Enroll your children in the school of Religion. Give them a moral compass.

**Contact Myara Donan, Director of Religious Education, at SOR Office, or, call 453-7537.**