

Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



16th Sunday Ordinary Time

July 19, 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

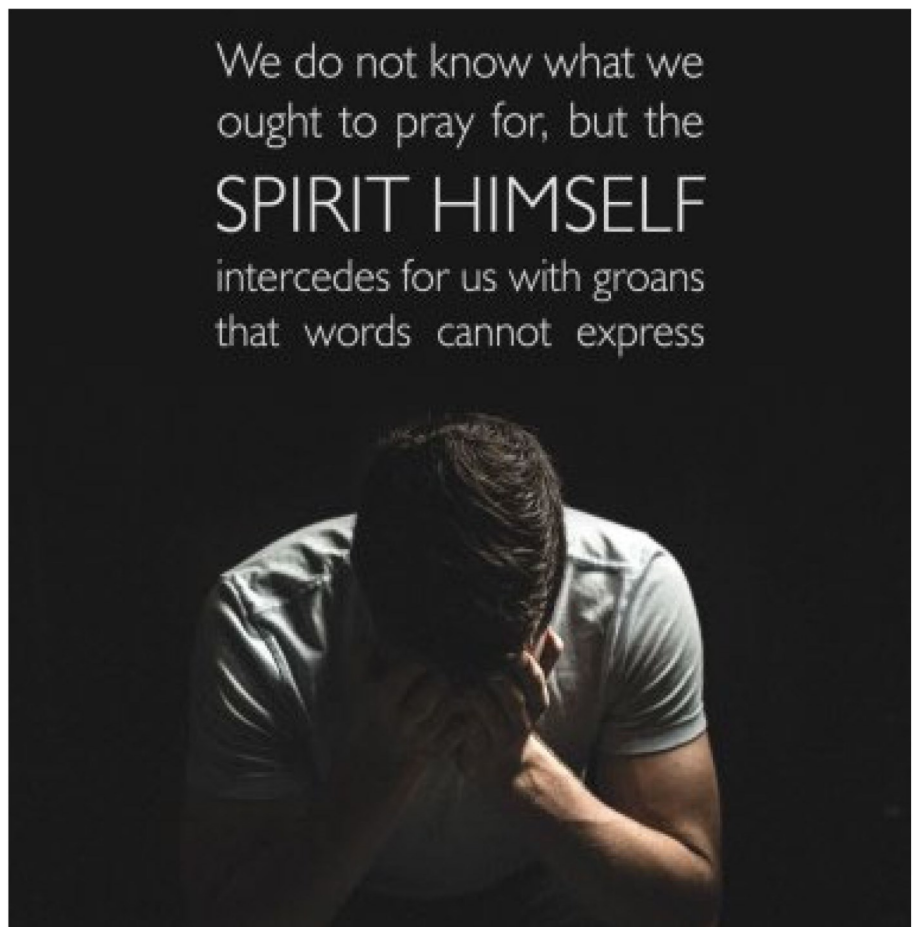
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexplicable groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what the intention of the Spirit is, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will (Today's 2nd Reading, Romans 8: 26-27).



Disciples ask Jesus, **'Lord, teach us to pray'**

"We do not know how to pray as we ought (Rom: 8:26, today's 2nd reading).

The Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught his disciples, **"Pray then in this way"** (Mt 6:9).

It was *Jesus' own prayer*. In prayer, he was seized by one single awareness: *the Father* – **"Abba"** - intimate father like **"dad."** When we pray the *'Our Father'* we are not praying *to Jesus*, but *with Jesus*; we enter into *his prayer to the Father*. The normal ending to every Christian prayer is: **"through Christ our Lord."**

In the *'Our Father'* Jesus invites us into the intimacy he enjoys with his Father – **"Abba."**

Our Father has 7 themes: 3 themes address the Father: *Your name...Your Kingdom...Your will;* and, **4 themes express "Us"** - our concerns: *Give us...forgive us...lead us...deliver us...*

1. **"Holy be thy name"** – Jesus is the embodiment of the power, the glory and the holiness of God. The unclean spirit in Mark's Gospel recognizes Jesus as "You are the *Holy One of God*" (Mk 1:24). In John's Gospel, Peter was moved to confess: "We have come to believe and know that you are *the Holy One of God*" (Jn 6: 69).
2. **"Thy kingdom come"** – the followers of Jesus aligned themselves with the very heart of his preaching, activity, and suffering: the full and final presence of *the rule of God*.
3. **"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"** – Mt closes the Sermon on the Mount, recalling the warning of Jesus: "*Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven*" (Mt 7:21).
4. **"Give us today our daily bread"** – Jesus teaches his audience to ask God in a simple and trusting way for their needs: "*Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if the child asks for fish, will give him a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask?*" (My 7: 9-11).
5. **"Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors"** – Our forgiveness of one another shows how far we have accepted God's forgiveness and have let it change our lives. Through the parable of the Merciless Servant (Mt 6) Jesus drove this point home.
6. **"Lead us not into temptation"** – Jesus wants us to pray: "protect us and help us to endure our testing faithfully" (Mk 14:38), just as he was tested in the desert at the beginning of his ministry and in his passion at the end.
7. **"Deliver us from the evil one"** – The story of the *Gerasene demoniac* provides the classic example of Jesus delivering someone from the power of the evil one (Mk 5: 1-20).



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Supply Drive

**Collecting until
August 2nd**

Your Donations Matters!
Help children in the community
prepare for the upcoming school
year.



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

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



For more information please contact : Mayra Donan
(863) 214-3025 or (863) 453-7537

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Big Hearts, Bright Minds, and a Whole Lot of Faith!

St. Catherine Catholic School offers a faith-based, academically rigorous education where students grow as responsible leaders rooted in Catholic values. Supported by our parishes, we promote diversity, service, and individual growth in a safe, caring environment. We are proud to be accredited by the Florida Catholic Council.

Welcome to our website! At St. Catherine Catholic School, we emphasize our Catholic identity and help every student achieve their highest academic potential. The school was established in 2008-09 by St. Catherine Parish. We have two campuses located in the heart of Sebring, Florida, serving over 170 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. As one of 18 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Venice, St. Catherine's offers a challenging curriculum with an emphasis on STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). There are also several afterschool clubs and organizations where students can discover and develop their gifts and talents, such as Book Club, Art Club, Chess Club, STREAM Club, Cantor Club, National Junior Honor Society, and more.



Principal's Message

With an emphasis on strong faith, academic excellence, and a caring family atmosphere, St. Catherine's establishes the momentum for students to succeed in high school, college, and beyond

St. Catherine's is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference (FCC) and the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

St. Catherine's offers a VPK program, after-school care, after-school tutoring, and transportation to our sister parishes: St. Michael's in Wauchula; Our Lady of Grace in Avon Park, and St. James in Lake Placid (bus stops at Santiago Mission and Campo San Jose). Scholarships and Financial Aid are available.

I encourage you to call the school at 863-385-7300 if you would like more information or to schedule a tour of our campuses. We would be honored to meet you and personally introduce you to the blessings of St Catherine Catholic School.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Mr. Steven Cullipher, M. Ed., *Principal*

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

**Recolección
de útiles
escolares**

Recolección hasta el
3 de agosto

¡Sus donaciones importan!
Ayude a los niños de la comunidad a
prepararse para el próximo año escolar.

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.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN
"SANTISIMA TRINIDAD"

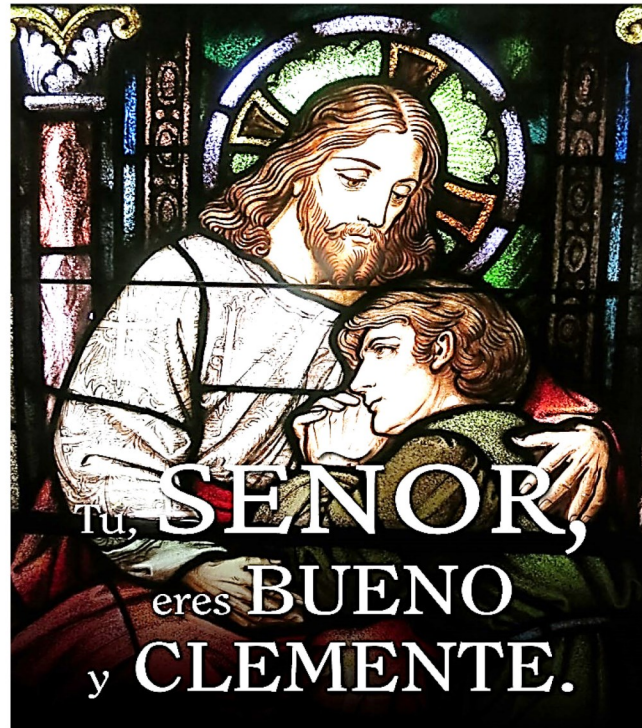
Se reúne los jueves a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Rosario a las 6:30.

Para más información llamar

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

GRUPO JUAN XXIII

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.



La primera lectura dice que el poder de Dios es la base de la justicia divina. Podríamos interpretarlo en el sentido legal de la justicia. Dios utiliza gran poder para castigar a los pecadores. Pero la lectura también habla de la indulgencia y la clemencia de Dios. Los pecadores pueden ser perdonados. Dios tiene el tiempo de esperar a que nos arrepintamos. Esto es lo que nos quiere decir la parábola del trigo y la cizaña.

Escuchamos a personas que dicen que no merecen ser perdonadas. Es cierto. Porque nadie jamás podría merecer el perdón. Esa es la maravilla del amor de Dios, que envió su Hijo a morir por los pecadores, incluso antes de que pecáramos.

Eso significa que también compartimos el perdón con los demás. La Iglesia nos anima a celebrar con frecuencia el sacramento de la reconciliación. Muchas personas esperan hasta tener muchos pecados, o al menos un pecado enorme, para confesarse. Pero cuando vamos con más frecuencia, nos acordamos más del amor y perdón de Dios. Esos recordatorios pueden ayudarnos a estar más dispuestos a mostrar la misericordia a otros. Pidámosle a Dios el valor de buscar el perdón y la fuerza para perdonar. __ Tom Schmidt

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY JULY 18**

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

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

SUNDAY JULY 19

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

10:30 a.m. + Mary Lukose by daughter.

MONDAY JULY 20

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY JULY 21

8:00 a.m. Birthday – JoMarie
Grinkiewicz by Jerry
Grinkiewicz.

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

8:00 a.m. + K C Thomas for eternal
peace by Sal & Mina.

THURSDAY JULY 23

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

FRIDAY JULY 24

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

SATURDAY JULY 25

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

7:00 p.m. + Nestor Peralta by Tata
Batista.

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).

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 Babbitt
Rose Brault	Waylen James	Sherry
Jerry Grinkiewicz	Kim Nuccio	Jeannie Stopa
Jim Stopa	Marie Burley	Rick Burley
Ron Maslyk	Kathy Reisert	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	Coty Quillman

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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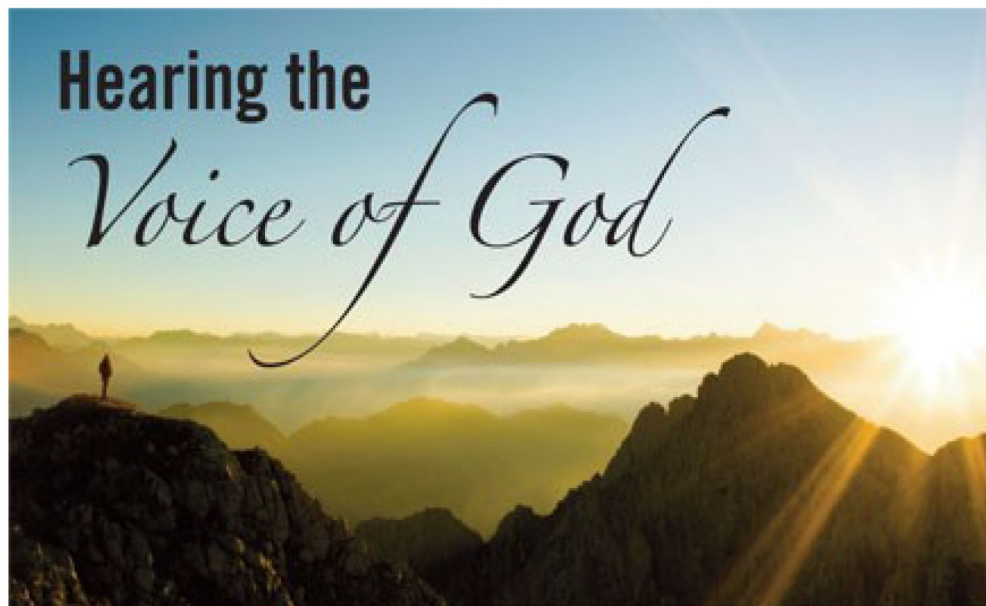
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“At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by.’” A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord – but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was a fire – but the Lord was not in the fire. After the fire **there was a tiny whispering sound**. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave (**1 Kings 19: 9, 11 – 13**).

The ‘voice of God’ was - “Not in the wind,” - “Not in the earthquake,” - “Not in the fire.” – It was in a ‘tiny whisper.’”

In a very noisy world, how do young people hear the “voice of God” today?

God whispers to us in our pleasures,
speaks to us in our conscience, but
shouts in our pains:



It is His megaphone
to rouse a deaf world

-C. S. Lewis