

Our Lady of

Grace

Catholic Parish



595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

October 11, 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

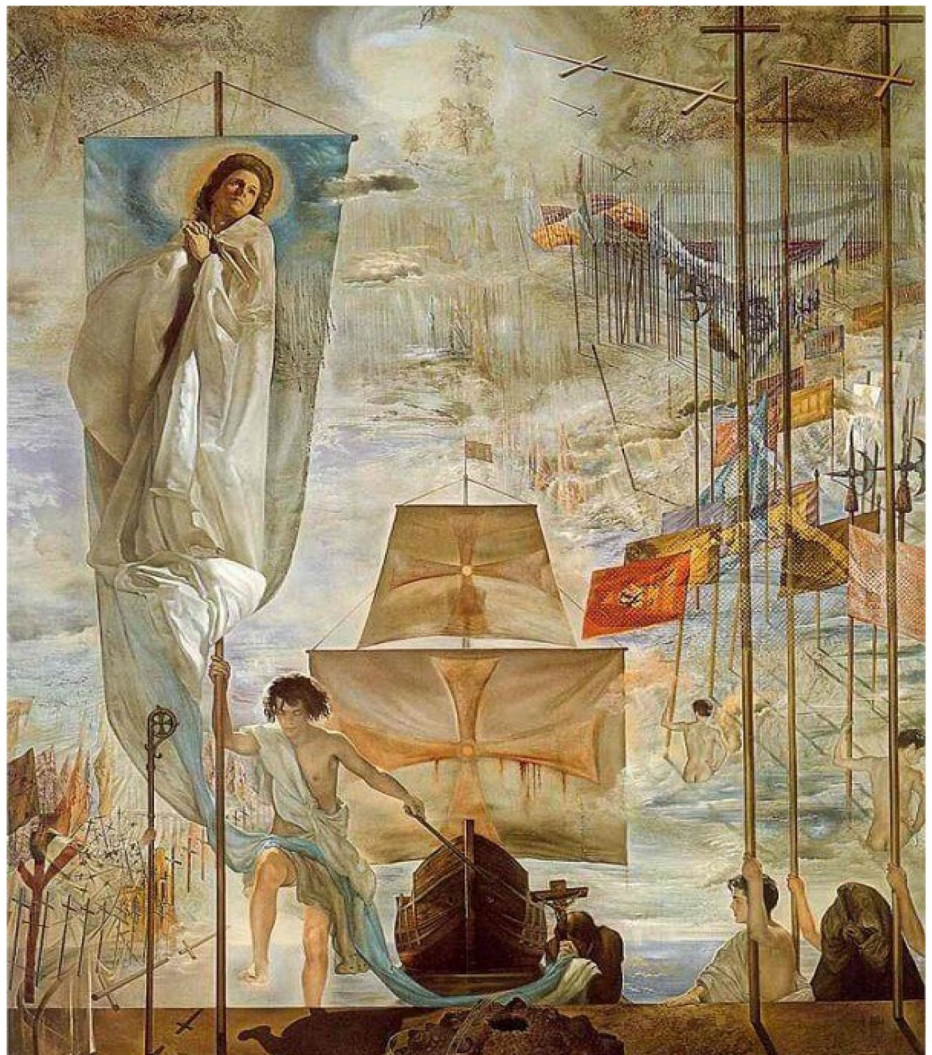
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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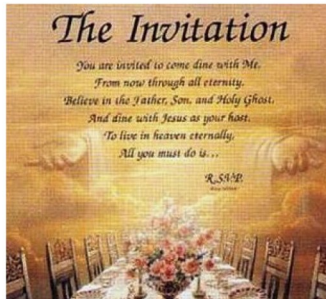
The Discovery of America: Christopher Columbus

Salvador Dali 1959

Monday, October 12th, we celebrate **Columbus Day**.
Christianity came to Continental U.S., to St. Augustine, Fl.,
August 8, 1565. Father Lopez celebrated 1st Mass.

God's Invitation to a heavenly wedding banquet? *"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

Today's Gospel (Mt 22: 1-14) describes the Kingdom of Heaven as a king who has his servants send out invitations to his Son's wedding. The invitation might look something like this:



The Invitation

**You are invited to dine with me
 From now throughout all eternity
 Believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
 And dine with Jesus as your host.
 To live in heaven eternally,
 All you must do is R.S.V.P.**

The invitation God, the King, sent through his servants to his **Son's friends** and, then, to **all people**. The Banquet we attend at the end of our lives depends on our response is to the king's invitation.

There is a story told about a man who died and asked to be given a tour of heaven and hell, so he could select his final destination.



First, he was taken to hell. He was surprised to see many people, in a magnificent banquet hall, sitting at a long banquet table loaded with all kinds of delicious food. However, he noticed that the people seated looked unhappy and frustrated. They had a fork strapped to their left arm and a knife strapped to their right arm – they had no elbows. 4-foot handle strapped to their arms made it impossible for them to eat. With all kinds of food in front of them they

were not able to taste any of it. After this scene in hell, our friend was **taken for a tour of heaven.**

He noticed that the people in heaven were also seated, in a banquet hall, at a long banquet table, loaded with all kinds of delicious food. **There was a difference;** the people were cheerful, enjoying themselves. They, also, had forks and knives strapped to their right and left arms with a four-foot handle – they had no elbows. They were busy eating, because they were feeding each other. Each person, in heaven, was feeding the one across the table from him and was being fed in return. The people in hell were unable to eat because they were trying to feed only themselves.



God invites us to observe two great commandments: **"love God" and "love neighbor."** Both are **"other - centered"** commandments. You can live a **"self-centered life,"** or, an **"other-centered life."** Which banquet we attend at the end of our lives will depend on which invitation we accept.



Theme for World Mission Sunday 2026

The Catholic Church celebrates WMS for the 100th time in 2026: the theme is;

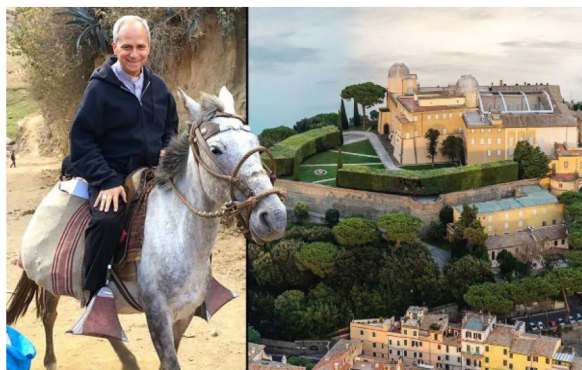
“One in Christ, united in mission.”

The theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, reflects his episcopal motto **‘In the One, we are one’**

The theme “highlights the unity of believers in the faith, founded on the unity of Christ with the Father, and the consequent shared mission of evangelization,” the Vatican said.

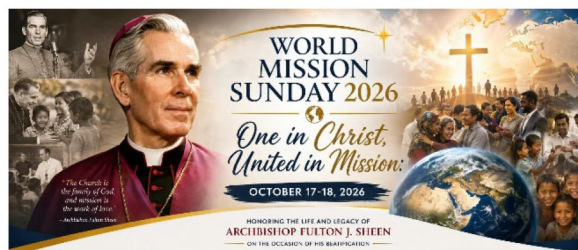
For World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the globe spend time learning about the Catholic missions, pray in support of missionaries and make donations to support the work of the church in mission lands.

Ahead of the 2025 celebration, **Pope Leo** had issued a video explaining that *“when I served as a missionary priest (1985 – 1999) and, then, as a bishop (2014-2023), in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer & generosity shown World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.”*



Pope Leo, as a priest, on horseback gets around his parish in Peru for the duration of 20 years.

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926 to ensure that Catholics around the world shared responsibility for the missionary work of the church.



Parishioners' Share Responsibility on WMS

Missionaries – priests, Religious & Laity – give everything in sharing Jesus' teaching with non-believers in developing missionary countries.



They need our assistance – our prayers and our financial support

We invite all parishioners to pray for and financially support the priests, religious & lay missionaries who give totally of themselves in sharing the good news of Jesus' teaching.

A Collection will be taken at all masses, next weekend, October 17th and 18th.

Please be generous: May God bless & reward you. Envelopes on tables at Church exits.

Join Us GAME DAY

Bring your friends, neighbors, or come alone. Join a table or start your own. Reserve a table in advance.

**An Afternoon of fun,
games, & food**

CARDS & BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES,
OR BRING YOUR OWN.

\$10 TICKETS IN ADVANCE

INCLUDES LUNCH & BEVERAGES.

\$12 AT THE DOOR.

OCTOBER 28, 2026

9:30 AM -12:30 PM

Lunch at 12:30 PM

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Grogan Center, 595 East Main St., Avon Park
For more information stop at the church
office or contact Shirley Holmes 863-414-
8035.

Sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Council of Catholic Women



Una de las razones por las que los líderes de Israel no aceptaron a Jesús fue su asociación con los pecadores. No entendieron que Dios llama a los pecadores a arrepentirse y ser perdonados. Como se consideraban santos, no estaban interesados en el perdón. En cambio, la gente común, que se reconocía pecadora, se sintió atraída por la oferta del perdón.

Hoy todavía hay personas que piensan que no tienen necesidad de Jesús. El vestido de boda era un símbolo de la túnica bautismal, el signo de la vida nueva en Cristo.

Llegamos a la iglesia discutiendo con nuestra pareja en el camino, traemos nuestros prejuicios, mentiras, ira y egoísmo. El arrepentimiento no es solo un cambio de ropa, es un cambio de corazón, un cambio en la forma de vivir. Es nuestra forma de decir: "Entiendo que no merezco esto, pero gracias por permitirme compartir la fiesta". — Tom Schmidt

GRUPO DE MUJERES

¡Todas las damas Bilingües están invitadas!
Miércoles, Octubre 14 en el Salón Grogan.
Hora social 12:00pm y Reunión a la 1:00pm.

GRUPO JUAN XXIII

Se reúne los **MARTES** a las 6:30 PM en el salón San Juan Bosco. Para más información llamar 863-205-0694 / 863-852-0065.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "SANTISIMA TRINIDAD" Se reúne los **JUEVES** a las 7:00pm en el Salón MacDonald. Rosario en Comunidad a las 6:30pm. Para información llamar 863-448-6869 / 863-528-8267.



Preescolar a 6º Grados

Domingos 9:00 - 10:15am

7º a 12º Grados, Confirmación y Biblia

Miércoles 6:00 - 8:00pm

Preguntas/Información

Mayra Donan (863)453-7537

Adultos / OCIA

Domingos 9:00-10:00am

Adultos / OCIA

(Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos)

Preparación para adultos que desean recibir

los sacramentos del Bautismo, la

Confirmación, la Eucaristía y formación para

los que quieren aprender más de la doctrina católica.

Para información Florentino Perada

(863)840-4533

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10**

8:00 a.m. + Fr. Gerald Grogan.
 4:00 p.m. + Michael Rand by Family.
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

8:00 a.m. + Viviano & Francisca
 Villegas by Family.
 10:30 a.m. + Domingo Mavierb y Fe
 Schiano.

MONDAY OCTOBER 12

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Mark.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for the
 blessings from God – Maria
 Nguyen.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

8:00 a.m. + William & Virginia Cook
 by Evelyn Seely.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

8:00 a.m. Aaron & Ellen Anderson by
 Family.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory.
 4:00 p.m. + Eberle Horst by Jen
 Borowski.
 7:00 p.m. + Alturo Garcia by Family.

WOMEN'S GUILD

First meeting of our season will be on
 Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in the
 Grogan Center. Social Hour will be at 12
 Noon and the regular meeting will start at
 1:00 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Religious Education class is having a
 Halloween Trunk or Treat in the parking
 lot on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All children are
 welcomed.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Carol Krause	Donna Skelly
Leon Watson	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	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	
Terry O'Leary	Jacqueline Orlando	Jane DeSantis

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 ele-
 ments of nature obey your
 command. We humbly be-
 seech you to keep us safe
 from all dangers and calm
 the storms that may threat-
 en us. May we be secure
 in your loving protection
 and serve you always with
 grateful hearts. We ask
 this through our Lord, Je-
 sus Christ, your Son, who
 lives and reigns with you
 forever. Amen.

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THE greatest
GIFT A FATHER
CAN give HIS
CHILDREN
IS TO
love
THEIR
MOTHER.

“Love God and love neighbor” are the 2 great commandments which, in summary, sums up what it means to be a Christian. Which raises the question, who is the first and immediate ‘neighbor’ of the father in his home?

The first and most immediate ‘neighbor’ of the father in his home is the children’s mother. That is why the “greatest gift a father can give to his children is to love their mother.” This is how love of ‘neighbor’ becomes real for the children in the home.

