

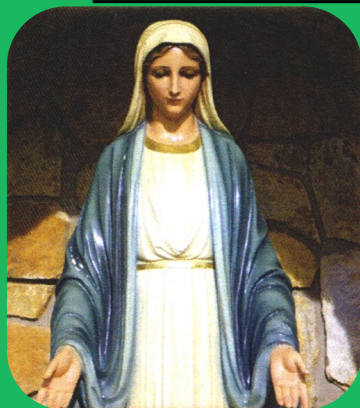
Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



27th Sunday Ordinary Time

October 4, 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

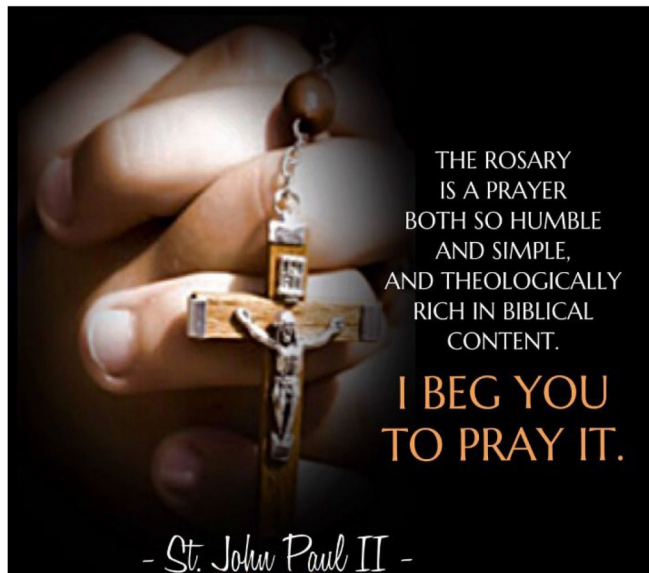
Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During October, we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus by reciting the Rosary, in which, we see Jesus through the eyes of his mother.



October: The Month of the Holy Rosary: Coming to know Jesus through the eyes of his mother.

Parents are primarily responsible for helping their children to come to know who Jesus is

This is very clear from the **Rite of Baptism**, when parents bring their children to be Baptized. The priest celebrant reminds the parents of the responsibility they assume when they have their child Baptized:

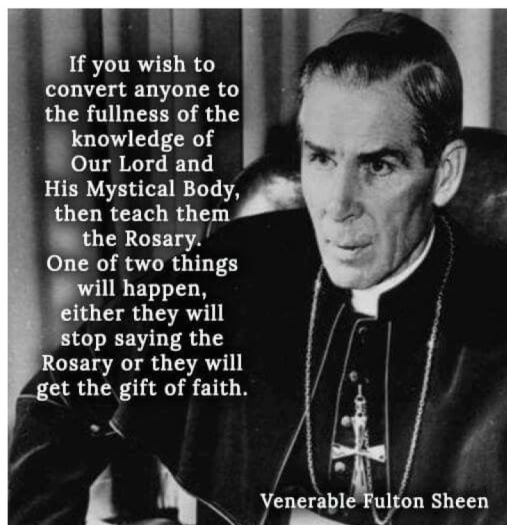
Priest: You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to

bring him/her up to keep the commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.

Priest puts the key question to the parents:

Priest: Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents response: *We do.*



How are parents to fulfill “*their responsibility of training [their child] in the practice of the faith?*”

The practice of the faith involves coming to know Jesus and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

1. ***Coming to know Jesus:*** **Prayer** is one of the most effective ways of coming to know Jesus. There is a Latin adage which states, “*Lex Orandi; Lex Credendi,*” meaning, “*The Law of Prayer is the Law of Belief.*” In other words, what we pray about gives expression to what we believe. One prayer the whole family can pray is the Rosary. **The Rosary** is a prayer in which we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, by coming to know her Son Jesus as she knows him. **It means coming to know Jesus through**

the eyes of his mother.

2. ***The Rosary is a Christ centered prayer.*** The Four themes of the Rosary reflect the four phases in the life of Jesus. They include:

- A) The birth and early childhood of Jesus – the ***Joyful mysteries*** of the Rosary
- B) Jesus three years of Public Ministry – the ***Luminous mysteries*** of the Rosary.
- C) Betrayal, denial, Passion & death of Jesus – the ***Sorrowful mysteries*** of the Rosary.
- D) The Resurrection & Ascension of Jesus – the ***Glorious mysteries*** of the Rosary.

In praying the Rosary, **we come to know Jesus through the eyes of his mother.** She knew him from womb to tomb – for 33 years.

The Evangelists who wrote the Four Gospels only **knew Jesus during the three (3) years of his public ministry.**

They used Mary as a source for the first 2 chapters of Matthew and Luke's Gospels, referred to by Scripture scholars as the *Infancy Narratives*. None of the Apostles or Evangelists were present at the birth or during the early years of Jesus' childhood. So, where did they obtain their information on Jesus? The only source was Mary. That is why **(St) Pope Paul VI** referred to the Rosary as a "**compendium of the entire Gospel,**"

So, back to the original statement, ***The Law of Prayer is the Law of Belief.*** In praying the Rosary, we come to know Jesus as his mother Mary knew him.

At the center of all religious instruction is the person of Jesus. Who is Jesus?

Praying the Rosary will help us to answer that question, coming to know him, not in an abstract, academic way, but in a very personal, intimate way, **the way Jesus' mother knew him.**

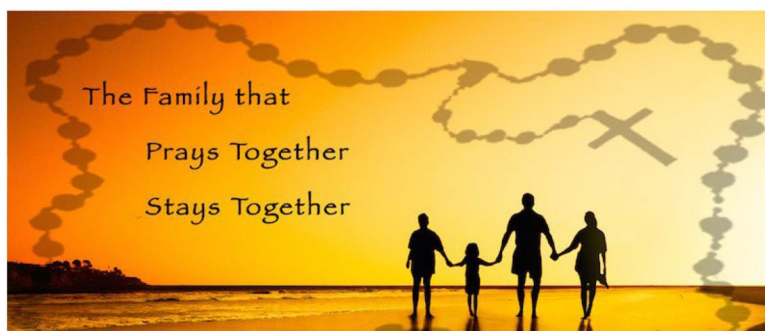
As Pope Paul VI stated in his Apostolic Letter, ***The Rosary of the Virgin Mary (2002) - To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.***



With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

AZ QUOTES



So, one way in which the family can share who Jesus is with the rest of the family is by praying the Rosary together as a family.

It will not only help them **to come to know who Jesus is** and to deepen their friendship with him.

It will also help members of the family to come to know each other better – members of many families ‘do their own thing’ with iPhones and the like - and deepen the bonds of love in the family by praying together.

Recall Fr. Peyton's adage, the famous Rosary priest, ***“The family that prays together stays together.”*** What better way to come to know who Jesus is as a family than by praying as a family, especially the prayer the Rosary, which is **to come to know the face of Jesus through the eyes of his mother.**

In conclusion, the primary responsibility of handing on the Faith is the **responsibility of parents.** They do so normally in **an informal way,** by praying together. **Religious Education is a more formal way in doing so.** Both approaches are essential in coming to know who Jesus is.



Dear Father Ronnie:

Preparations have begun for the annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress (ERC), being held this year from October 3 – 9, 2026. The theme for this year's Congress is: *My Spirit Rejoices in God My Savior (Lk 1:47)*. I encourage the participation of all our parishes in this year's Congress.

Emilio Biosca, O.F.M., Bishop DOV in Fl.

Our Lady of Grace Parish Will observe the ERC:

Friday, October 9

8:00 A.M. Mass

8:30 A.M. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosary by Parish Organizations.

6:00 P.M.

Rosary and Benediction.

I encourage a good attendance of parishioners at all ERC Exercises.

Fr Ronnie Sison, Pastor.

27º DOMINGO TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Isaías tiene la viña bajo buen y fiel cuidado, pero aun así produce uvas silvestres. En el Evangelio, la viña tuvo una buena cosecha, pero los viñadores se niegan a dar nada de las uvas al propietario.

¿Ignoro todo lo que Dios hace para ayudarme a ser buen discípulo? ¿Estoy demasiado ocupado para orar o leer la Biblia? ¿Rechazo las invitaciones de ir a un retiro? Si alguno de estos es cierto, podría ser como la viña en la primera lectura, sin producir fruto a pesar de todas las oportunidades que Dios me ha dado.

Podemos ser la otra cara de la moneda. Bautizamos a nuestros hijos cuando eran bebés, los enviamos a la escuela parroquial o a las clases de religión. Íbamos a la iglesia todos los domingos y los llevábamos con nosotros. Les dimos el mejor ejemplo que pudimos, enseñándoles a amar a los demás y ser generosos con lo que tienen. Sin embargo, crecieron y se alejaron de la fe.

Sin embargo, el reino de Dios todavía se proclama. Dios nos tiene paciencia. La paz de Dios estará también con nosotros. __Tom Schmidt



¡San José, defensor de la vida, ruega por nosotros!



*Congreso Eucarístico del Rosario
Viernes, Octubre 9*

8:00AM – 6:00PM

“Mi espíritu se regocija en Dios, mi Salvador”

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 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.

Religious Education Educación Religiosa

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 3

8:00 a.m. + Fr. Leo Frechette.
 4:00 p.m. + William & Virginia Cook
 by Evelyn Seely.
 7:00 p.m. + Carlos Rosado by Rosado
 Family.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

8:00 a.m. + Ryan Myers by Elrie
 Myers.
 10:30 a.m. + Joan Bender by Dorothy
 Pansius.

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

8:00 a.m. + A.J. Grant by Mom & Dad.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. + Mary Joan Bender by
 Rebeca Kneller.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

8:00 a.m. Mary Richardson.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

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

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.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Come join us on Thursday, October 8,
 2026 at the Religious Education Building,
 at 1:30 p.m. to learn more about how to
 find all the fun family members, stories,
 and maybe some secrets! For more
 information call Mary Rand at Highlands
 County Genealogy Society—689-213-
 9192 or Judy Nugent 863-446-1841.

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	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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Mary hands Rosary to St. Dominick

The Rosary is a Christ-centered prayer. There are **4 seasons in the Life of Jesus**; **his birth, his ministry, his passion & death** and, **his Resurrection & Ascension**. We reflect on **5 moments** – ‘mysteries’ - in each of the 4 seasons of Jesus’ life.

Joyful Mysteries: in the **first season** of the Life of Jesus, we reflect on the announcement of **his birth and his early childhood**. These mysteries are prayed on **Mondays and Saturdays**.

Luminous Mysteries: In the **second season** of the Life of Jesus, we reflect on **his mission and ministry**. We reflect on Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist, which initiates his public ministry. This is followed by his first miracle, the wedding feast at Cana, his proclamation of the Kingdom of God, his Transfiguration and the institution of the Eucharist. These mysteries are prayed on **Thursdays**.

Sorrowful Mysteries: in the **third season** of the Life of Jesus, we reflect on his **condemnation, passion and death**. These mysteries are prayed on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

Glorious Mysteries: in the **fourth season** of the Life of Jesus, we reflect on his **Resurrection from the dead and his Ascension into heaven**. We pray these mysteries on **Wednesdays & Sundays**.

In praying the Rosary, we honor Mary the mother of Jesus by honoring her Son in a **Christ-Centered Prayer**. If, in the words of St. Paul, we are to **“have that attitude in you which was also in Christ Jesus”** (Phil 2: 5); the **Rosary** helps us reflect on the Life of Jesus on a daily basis.

October – Respect Life Month: During October, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary every day. One of the lessons we learn in praying the Rosary during October – **Respect Life Month** – is, to respect human life at every stage of its development – **womb to tomb** - as Mary and Joseph did - **“when an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt...Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him’** (Mt 2: 13–15). **Pray the Rosary for a greater Respect for Life.**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Also, Respect Life Month

We honor Our Lady by the recitation of the Rosary in October; the **Feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7**.

Devotion to the Rosary goes back to the **13th century**. **St. Dominick** is credited with the practice of the Rosary as we know it today. He wanted to help Christians **focus on the life of Jesus** as seen through the eyes his mother, who knew him best.