

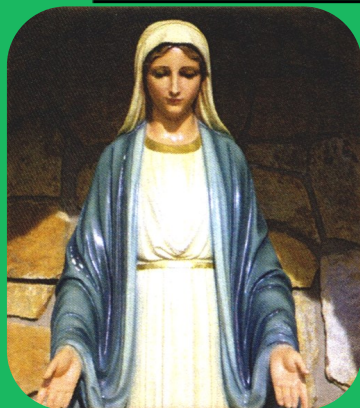
Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



26th Sunday Ordinary Time September 27, 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 Parable Of The Two Sons

**Matthew
21:28-32**

The First Son: A father tells his son to work in the vineyard. The son says "no," but later feels sorry, changes his mind, and goes to work. This represents outcasts—like tax collectors and prostitutes—who initially rebelled against God, but later repented and believed.

The Second Son: The father asks the second son to do the same work. The son says "yes, sir," but never actually goes. This represents the chief priests and Pharisees. They claimed to serve God with fine words, but refused to truly repent or listen to John the Baptist

Question for Parents: Is your Answer "Yes" or "No?"
Have you enrolled your children in the School of Religion?

Gospel Question (Mt 21: 28 – 32): Is your answer: “Yes” of “No”-

Catechetical Sunday makes parents aware of the part they play, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith to the next generation – to their children.

Parents, in the Rite of Baptism, assumed primary responsibility for handing on the faith to their children, when they responded to the priest’s question:

“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....” Then, the priest continues with a question:

“Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

To which the parents respond, *“We do.”*

The parents assume responsibility for handing on the faith to their children. They can do this in an informal way by teaching them to pray and sharing simple stories from the bible.

The parents are not solely responsible for handing on the faith to their children.

The catechists are reminded of **their mission** in Paul’s letter to the Philippians:

“... Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.”

So, what, then, is the role of the catechist?

To answer that question, I would like to share an insight which the late Indian Jesuit Spiritual writer, **Fr Anthony de Mello**, shares about the writer who came to interview the Master.



‘People say you are a genius. Are you?’ he asked.

‘You might say so,’ said the Master, none too modestly.

‘And what makes one a genius?’

‘The ability to recognize a butterfly in a caterpillar; an eagle in an egg; the saint in the sinner; the friend in the enemy,’ – to see the baby in its mother’s womb.

The Catechist facilitates this by assisting the student to see others *“through the eyes of Jesus.”*

The catechist invites the young children entrusted to his/her care to **‘see’ themselves and others as Jesus does.** You may recall the incident in the opening chapter of John’s Gospel where two of the disciples of John the Baptist are following Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and he asked them, *‘What are you looking for?’* They said to him, *‘Teacher...Where are you staying?’* He said to them, *“Come, and you will see.”* The role of the catechist is to invite the children to *“Come, and you will see,”* - *“[with] the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.”*

Response: Today’s Gospel gives us **the response of the two sons** to their father’s invitation to work in his vineyard. The first son said **“no”** but changed his mind and then went to work in his father’s vineyard. The second son said **“yes”** but did not go.

In those 2 responses we see our responses to God’s invitation to minister in his vineyard.

At Baptism, some parents said “yes,” but have not taken any steps to have their children catechized by enrolling them in the School of Religion. **Other parents initially said “no” to Baptism** but, changed their minds and, had them baptized and, are now having their children catechized. *“Actions speak louder than words.”* Catechetical Sunday’s challenge - time to **“Act.”**



Saturday/Sunday, Oct 3-4, Feast of St Francis

The Jubilee Year of Saint Francis runs from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi: 1226-2026

Key Details of the Jubilee

- **Proclamation:** Declared by Pope Leo XIV through a decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary.
- **Theme:** Embracing simplicity, fostering peace, caring for creation, and following the Gospel example of St Francis of Assisi – Patron of Peace

Plenary Indulgence

- **How to receive:** Faithful pilgrims can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope).
- **Where to go:** The pilgrimage can be made to any Franciscan church or to any specific designated place of worship dedicated by the Diocese of Venice,

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
(Grove City / Englewood area)**

Address: 5265 Placida Road,
Grove City, FL 34224

Phone: (941) 697-4899

Website: [St. Francis of Assisi Church](#)

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

The 7th Beatitude, *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."*

Prayer of St Francis

Patron Saint of Peace

Lord, make me
An instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred,
Let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

**Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;**

**To be understood, as to
understand;**

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

**It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,**

**It is in dying that
We are born to Eternal Life.**

Amen.

1st Friday, October 2, 2026

1st Friday Mass: 8:00 A.M.

Exposition of Bl Sac: 8:30 – 9 A.M.

Church Service Center Collection (CSC)

Saturday/Sunday, October 3 & 4

At all masses.

Avon Park Churches all together –
Protestant & Catholic - Collaborate to
support in excess of 1,000 poor
families in Avon Park every month.
Please be generous. God bless you.



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GAME DAY

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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.

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Looking Ahead: Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jesús hoy nos habla de recaudadores de impuestos y prostitutas que se arrepintieron después de escuchar predicar a Juan el Bautista. Sorprendió a los sacerdotes y ancianos cuando dijo que esas prostitutas entrarían al reino de Dios antes que ellos.

En la parábola de los dos hijos, el segundo hijo dijo lo que su padre quería oír, sin intenciones de hacerlo. El primero fue sincero sobre no querer ir a la viña, pero luego decidió hacerlo de todos modos.

¿Y a quién queremos imitar?

Los recaudadores de impuestos y los pecadores sabían que eran indignos, pero escucharon el llamado al arrepentimiento y dejaron que Dios los hiciera dignos. Puede que no siempre nos guste hacer lo que Dios nos pide, pero Dios es un Padre comprensivo que puede aceptar nuestras debilidades y perdonarlas cuando estamos listos para volver a él. __Tom Schmidt



RETIRO DE PAREJAS

*Our Lady of Grace
Catholic Church*

Octubre 3, 2026 9am - 7pm

Octubre 4, 2026 8am - 4pm

595 E Main St , Avon Park, FL 33825

Por eso el hombre deja a su padre y a su madre,
y se une a su mujer, y los dos se funden en un
solo ser.

(Génesis 2:24)

Costo por pareja: \$40

Para mas información:
(863) 448-6869
(863) 528-8267

Congreso Eucarístico del Rosario Octubre 9, 2026

8am Misa de Apertura

**8:30 Exposición del Santísimo y Rosario
cada hora**

**6pm Clausura con Rosario final y
Bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento**

Inscríbase para una hora en la hoja disponible
en la entrada de la Iglesia. Escriba su nombre
y número de teléfono. ¡O simplemente
preséntese!

Programa de 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)

Es el proceso de formación y preparación en
la Iglesia Católica para adultos que desean
recibir los sacramentos del Bautismo, la

Confirmación o la Eucaristía.

Para información Florentino Perada

(863)840-4533

GRUPO JUAN XXIII. Se reúne los
MARTES a las 6:30 PM en el salón San
Juan Bosco. Para información 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.

GRUPO DE MUJERES ¡BIENVENIDAS!

Octubre 14 en el Salón Grogan

Hora social 12 mediodía

Reunión comienza a la 1:00pm

¡Todas las damas Bilingües están invitadas!

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

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

7:00 p.m. Sally Bolivar by Paul and Justine Devlin.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 a.m. +Eduardo Medina by Nelly Medina.

10:30 a.m. Birthday – Robin Diane Devlin by Paul & Justine Devlin.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. + Anita Carriendo by Torres Family.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. + Susan Palmer McCarthy by Bill and Laura Swink.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

8:00 a.m. + Molly Thomas – Eternal Peace by Sal & Mina.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

8:00 a.m. + James & Bernadine Black by Bert & Deb Grant.

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.

GENEALOGICAL MEETING

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! Learn how to use all the on-line resources. Meet folks who know how to do it and how to help you. 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	
Jennifer Vohs	Terry O'Leary	Coty Quillman
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 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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Catholics as “prophets,”- God’s Spokespersons – speak out on behalf of the unborn baby?

In Germany they first came for the **Communists**,
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist.

Then they came for the **Jews**,
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the **trade unionists**,
& I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist.

Then they came for the **Catholics**,
and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came **for me**
and by that time no one was left to speak up.

Reverend Martin Niemoller