

Our Lady of Grace



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Parish Office (863) 453-4757

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 3:00 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

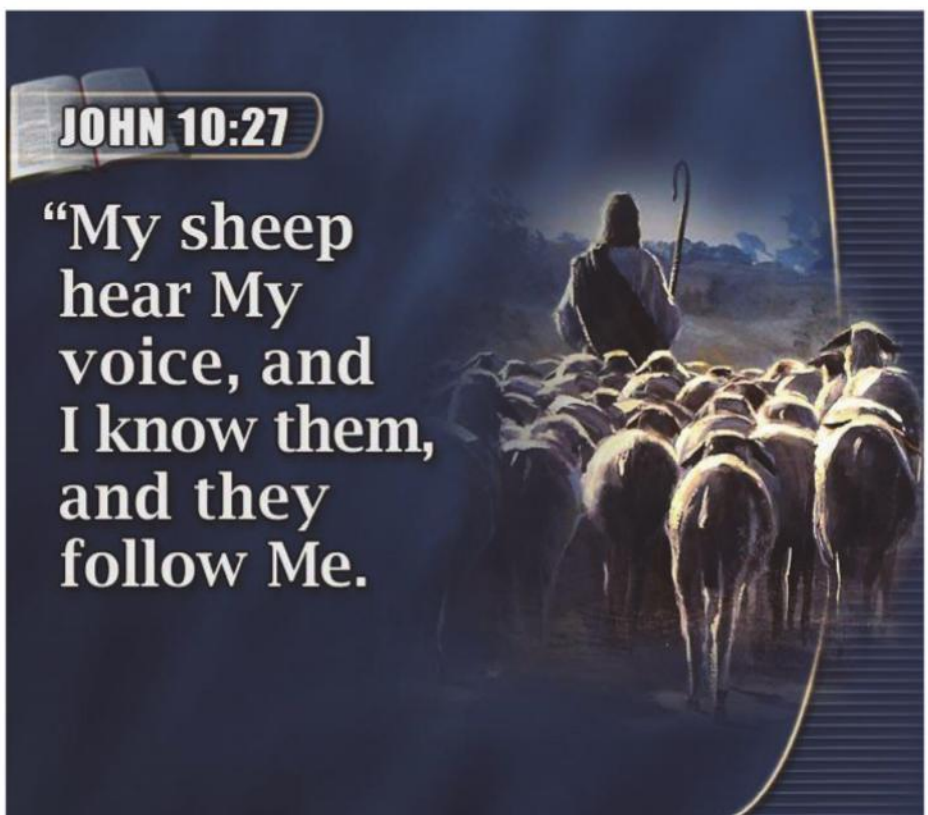
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Saturday 8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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JOHN 10:27

“My sheep
hear My
voice, and
I know them,
and they
follow Me.”

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In the midst of a cacophony of voices giving advice to high school and college graduates, to which voices or voice do they listen? Only “*One Voice*” really matters, “*The voice of the Good Shepherd.*”

Vocations Sunday:

Marriage, Priesthood, Religious or Single Life?

HOLINESS IS THE FIRST VOCATION. **HOLINESS MEANS TRYING TO BE LIKE JESUS.**

MARRIAGE
 Most people are called to marriage—to wholeheartedly love their spouse and to joyfully welcome children. The purpose of marriage is for a man and woman to help each other get to heaven, and to teach their children to do the same. Like any vocation, marriage must be discerned, not assumed.

PRIESTHOOD
 A priest's job is to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus—primarily through preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments. Priests are ordained for this ministry by a bishop, who himself was ordained by a bishop, on and on for two thousand years. We call this unbroken tradition "apostolic succession."

RELIGIOUS LIFE
 Both men and women can join religious orders such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, etc. The life and work of religious orders varies greatly—from communities that dedicate themselves to lives of prayer, to those who work actively in schools, hospitals, orphanages, etc. The "glue" that holds together religious life are the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

SINGLE LIFE
 Some people are called to serve God as single people, without marrying or taking special vows, but nonetheless serving the Church in a meaningful way. Single people "contribute greatly to the good of the human family" (CCC 2231). "Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion." (CCC 1658).

4 MAIN VOCATIONS HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU?

ASIDE FROM YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS, YOUR VOCATION IS LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT DECISION.

Jesus – the Good Shepherd – says, *“My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life”* (John 7: 17).

Do we *“hear the voice of Jesus?”* Our *“map to heaven”* is the one Jesus has chosen for us. If we *“hear the voice of Jesus,”* *Do we follow it?*



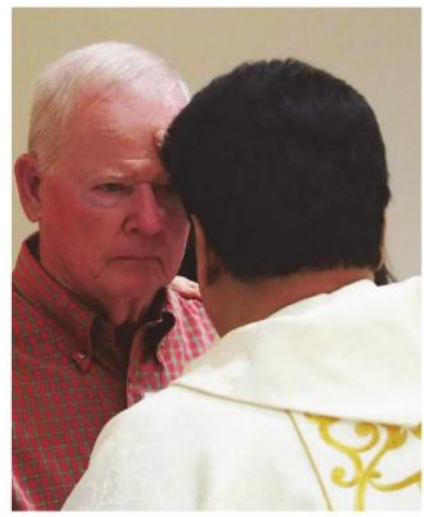
Listening to *“the voice of Jesus”* gives us our own unique *“map to heaven.”*

Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life, or, Single Life

Discernment to Priesthood & Religious Life, Call Fr. Alexander Pince, Vocations Dir, DOV, at pince@dioceseofvenice.org, and, (941) 486-4703, or Lina Johnson, Adm Assistant, at johnson@dioceseofvenice.org, and, (941) 486-4720



Father Ronnie Welcomes new Catechumens and new Candidates into the Church



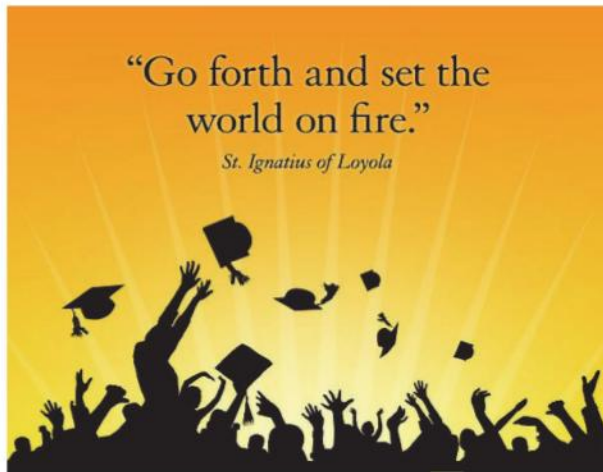
A Catechumen is an unbaptized person: there were 2 unbaptized – Amanda Martinez & Yadria Cruz - Baptized by Fr Ronnie. There were 5 candidates – baptized in other Christian Churches – received into the Catholic Church, at the Easter Vigil by Fr Ronnie.



**High School Scholarship Applications
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Application forms available on the Parish website, in the office of the School or Religion and, in the Parish Office, in time for your next semester/term requirements. **Forms must be completed promptly & returned to Parish Office.**



**Graduation Mass & Breakfast, Sunday,
June 2, 10:30 A.M.**

There will be a special Graduation Mass of Thanksgiving for High School graduates and their families and friends on Sunday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed with breakfast in the Grogan Center. Graduating

seniors: call the Parish office & let us know how many in your party for Mass & breakfast. **Call Betty at 453-4757.** Graduates should dress in their respective schools' Graduation Gowns and Caps.



1st Communion, Sunday, May 5, 10:30 AM

The Invitation

You are invited to dine with me,
From now through 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.



**Like in the Spirit Seminar follow-up –
“After Glow” - Thurs, Grogan Center, 6 P.M.**

Please join us in the “After Glow” of the Life in the Spirit Seminar that was held April 6, 2024, at OLOG Catholic Church. We will pray, praise and share on Thursday at 6 P.M. in the Grogan Center. Call Paul Devlin at 863-443-1191, pauldevlin1935@gmail.com

EL BUEN PASTOR



El evangelio del **Buen Pastor** describe la actitud del hombre y mujer que son buenos. Estas frases son: **da su vida, no huye ante el peligro o reto, le importan las ovejas, las conoce y es conocido.**

El Señor Jesús decía “Yo soy el **Buen Pastor**, y yo conozco mis ovejas, y las mías me conocen. Como el Padre me conoce, así también yo conozco al Padre, y doy mi vida por las ovejas que son de este redil. A ellos también debo traer, y oirán mi voz. Y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor”. Nuestro Señor Jesús es el **Buen Pastor** y nuestro Salvador que a resucitado, quien dió su vida voluntariamente y murió por su rebaño.

El amor de Jesús a la gente no tiene límites. Ama a los demás más que a si mismo. Ama a todos con amor de **Buen Pastor**. Da consuelo y confianza a sus seguidores. Supo sacrificarse por el bien de la humanidad.

SALMO 23

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta; en verdes praderas me hace recostar; me conduce a fuentes tranquilas y repara mis fuerzas. Me guía por el sendero justo por honor a su nombre.

Aunque camine por valles oscuros, nada temo, porque tu vara y tu cayado me sostienen.. Preparas una mesa ante mi, frente a mis adversarios; me unges la cabeza con perfume, y mi copa rebosa.

Tu bondad y misericordia me acompañan todos los días de mi vida, y habitaré en la casa del Señor por días sin termino.

(Este salmo sirve para pedirle a Dios ayuda o darle gracias)

RECORDATORIO

El Grupo de Oración sigue reuniéndose todos los jueves en la Iglesia a las 7pm

El Grupo de Jóvenes estarán vendiendo pasteles y galletitas el domingo 21 de abril frente a la Iglesia después de la misa de las 10:00am

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para adultos continuarán todos los miércoles hasta el 15 de mayo. Las mismas son de 6:30pm hasta las 8:00pm en el Salón Parroquial Grogan. Para más información, favor llamar al Director de Educación Religiosa, Andrés Prías, al 863-453-7537.

Para intenciones de misa y donar flores para el altar, favor comunicarse con Teresa Torres al 863-449-0039.

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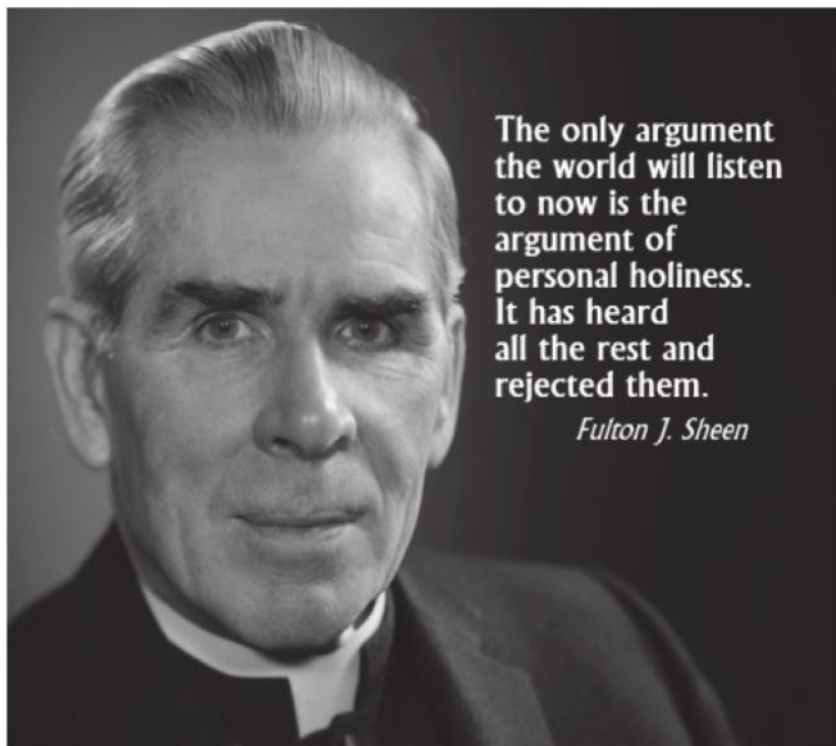
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The only argument
the world will listen
to now is the
argument of
personal holiness.
It has heard
all the rest and
rejected them.

Fulton J. Sheen

Do we all have a Vocation?

Yes, we have all been created by God with a purpose and an end.

God has willed a unique and unrepeatable plan for each of us, designed from all eternity: *"Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came forth from the mother's womb, I consecrated you"* (Jeremiah 1:5).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of the vocation to holiness, to union with God who makes us partakers of His happiness and who loves us totally and unconditionally.

The common vocation of all Christ's disciples is a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world.

Within this common vocation, God invites each one to follow a specific path in life together with Him. Some are called to the ministerial priesthood, others to the religious life, and others, the laity, are called to meet him in ordinary life, either by living celibacy or by a vocation to marriage. (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1533, 1716-1729)

"We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? **Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. **Do you work for a living?** Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. **Are you a parent or grandparent?** Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. **Are you in a position of authority?** Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain" (*Gaudete et Exultate*, The Apostolic Call to Holiness, Pope Francis, #14,).**



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