

# Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

## 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

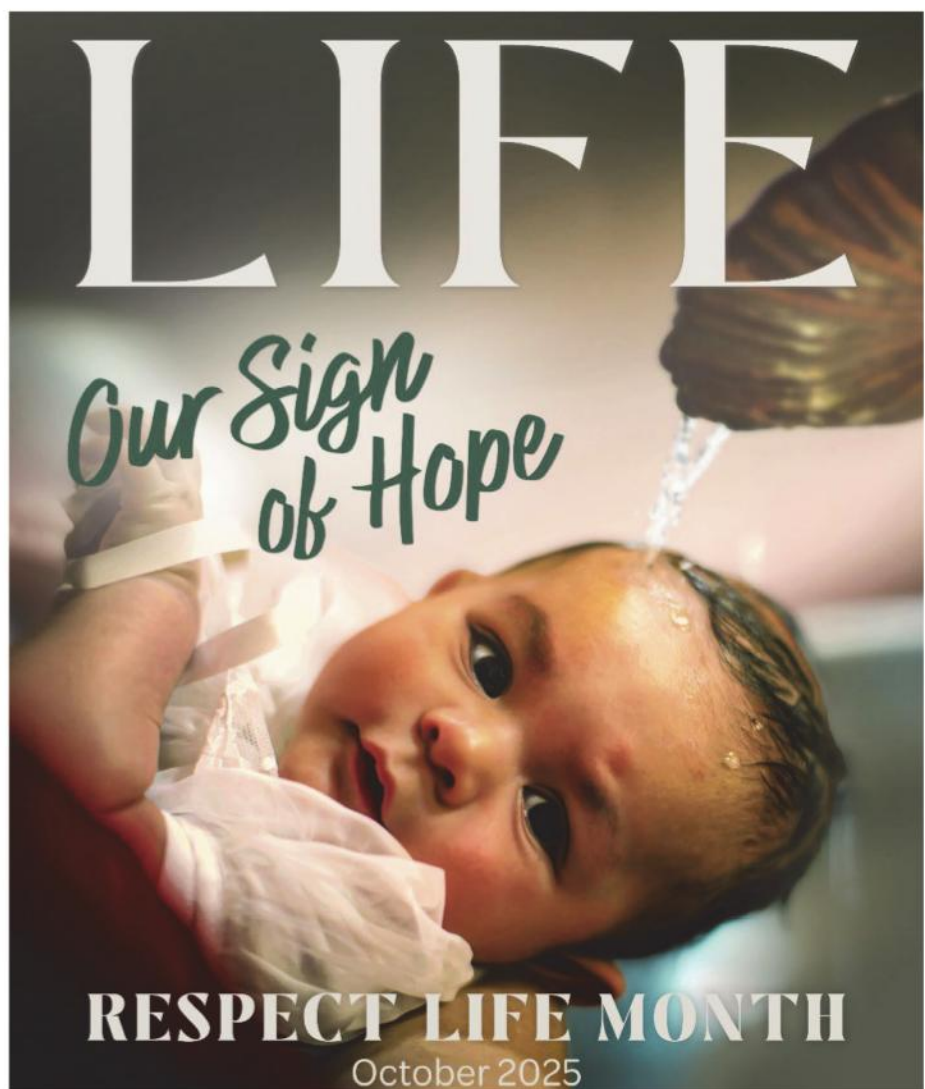
### Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday  
8 AM

### First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour  
8 AM

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**Respect Life Month for 2025 is October**, celebrated by the Catholic Church in the U.S. focuses on the dignity of human life from conception to Natural death.  
**The 2025 theme is "Life: Our Sign of Hope."**



June 24, 2025, marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned

*Roe v. Wade* and ended nearly fifty years of virtually unlimited, nationwide abortion. Hope had never been lost in God's power to right that wrong and accomplish what the world believed to be impossible. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to reflect more deeply on the enduring hope that has been won for us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The *Dobbs* decision not only gave states the freedom to protect preborn children but also paved the way for pro-life victories nationally. The federal government is now closer than ever to defunding Planned Parenthood and other organizations whose abortion profiteering harms women and babies.

At the same time, we know that several states have enacted extreme pro-abortion policies, overriding existing pro-life safeguards, with some states leaving children vulnerable to abortion even up to birth. Despite the good

that *Dobbs* decision accomplished, the battle for life is far from over. I urge all Catholics to [engage their elected officials](#) on all issues that threaten the gift of human life, in particular the threat of abortion.

As we confront the challenges of our time, let us find hope anew in this *Jubilee Year* and be strengthened in our resolve to serve the cause of life. May our Catholic parishes continue to welcome, embrace, and accompany women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies through initiatives like [Walking with Moms in Need](#). And may we never tire of sharing



Christ's message of mercy with all who are suffering in the aftermath of an abortion through ministries like [Project Rachel](#).

Even amidst the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the *"storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."*<sup>1</sup> As we move forward in hope, may we be united in our efforts to protect God's gift of life, in every stage and circumstance.

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*Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas*  
*Bishop of Toledo, Chairman USSCB*



**St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, patron Saint of the environment and of animals.**



*“All things bright and beautiful,  
the Lord God made them all...”*

Fr Ronnie blest the animals – “the Lord God made them all” - in the Church Parking yesterday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.



**“Insight,” meaning “Seeing inside.”**

**Here is an insight** which the late Indian Jesuit Spiritual writer, **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,  
the baby in its mother’s womb.’*



## Make a Difference

*Invite a family member,  
friend, or, a workmate,  
to attend the Order of  
Christian Initiation for  
Adults (OCIA), on  
Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at  
7 P.M. in the Religious  
Education Bldg.*

As an old man walked the beach at dawn, he noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Finally, catching up with him, the old man asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the next tide.

*“But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish,” said the old man. “How can your efforts make any difference?”*

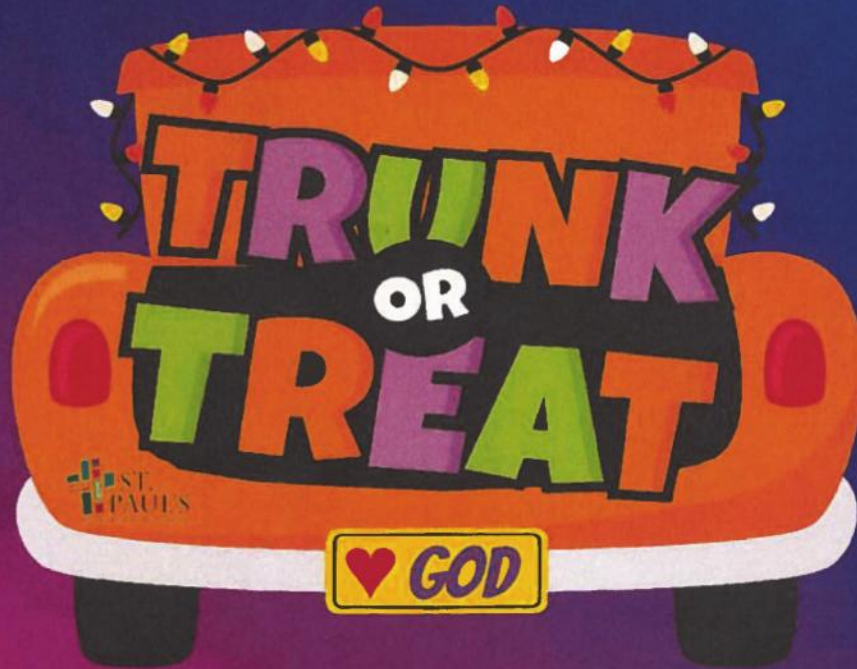
The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and threw it gently into the water. **“It made a difference to that one,”** he replied.

Make a difference in the life of a family member who may have left the Church, a friend who is searching for meaning in life, or a workmate who may feel ‘lost:’ invite them to attend the OCIA – the Oder of Christian Initiation for Adults - **on Monday, at 7 P.M. in the Religious Ed Bldg. Or, better: come with them to the 1<sup>st</sup> session. You can make a difference in their lives.**



# *Our Lady of Grace*

*Proudly presents*



**Food, music, face painting  
and lots of candy!**

*Wear your friendly costume and join us on  
a safe and fun-filled event!*

## *October 22*

*6:00pm - 8:00pm*

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NO SOMOS  
**MÁS QUE TUS**  
HUMILDES SIRVIENTES

Las tres lecturas mencionan las dificultades que encontrarán las personas de fe, y cada lectura tiene su propia manera de afrontarlas. Jesús da un consejo práctico: Considera las dificultades de ser discípulo como parte de tu trabajo. Si alguien que conozco sufre, estoy ahí para apoyarlo. ¿Estoy demasiado cansado para ir a la iglesia después del trabajo en un día festivo? No importa, voy de todos modos. Simplemente estoy haciendo lo que hay que hacer.

Entonces, ¿cómo obtenemos la fuerza y el autocontrol para seguir adelante a pesar de los golpes? Pablo nos recuerda en la segunda lectura que debemos avivar los dones del **Espíritu** hasta que estén encendidos. Si dedicas tiempo a orar cada día, si buscas a Dios en los demás, si ves las dificultades como tu parte de la cruz, descubrirás que esos dones de fe, poder, amor y autocontrol comienzan a fortalecerse en tu interior. --Tom Schmidt



“Toda **VIDA** tiene un valor inestimable, incluso los **más débiles y vulnerables**, los **enfermos**, los **ancianos**, los **no nacidos** y los **pobres**, son obras maestras de la creación de Dios.”

Papa Francisco

**Respeto a la Vida**

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\*Grados K-12 Miércoles de 6:00 a 8:00pm\*

Preguntas/Información 863-453-7537

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

“**SANTISIMA TRINIDAD**”

Se reúne los Jueves a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Rosario a las 6:30pm. Preguntas/Información 863-448-6869 o 863-528-8267

### GRUPO JUAN XXIII

Se reúne los Jueves a las 6:30 PM

En el salón San Juan Bosco

Preguntas/Información 863-205-0694 o 863-853-0065

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8 am - 6:30 pm. Misa a las  
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del Rosario a cada hora.  
Benedición a las 6:30 p.m



Octubre  
Mes del Santo Rosario

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 4**

4:00 p.m. + Glenn Hartsfield by Wife.

7:00 p.m. + Faride Sarmiento by Family.

### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 5**

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

10:30 a.m. + Jerry Myers by Chuck Kilgore.

### **MONDAY OCTOBER 6**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 7**

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Grace by Deacon Max & Gladys Severe.

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8**

8:00 a.m. Mary Richardson by Dad & Mom.

### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 9**

8:00 a.m. + Charlie Moore by Dennis Kellner.

### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 10**

8:00 a.m. + Treva Magnuson by Ronald Magnuson.

### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 11**

4:00 p.m. + Debbie Perry by Fred Perry.

7:00 p.m. + Eliazar Martinez & Margarita Garcia by Lourdes Garcia.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **International Food Festival—**

November 9, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Grogan Center. Tickets \$15.00 each.

## LECTORS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a lector, please call the parish office at 863-453-4757. Training sessions will be provided.

## FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Harold Raccine	Carol Krause
Donna Skelly	Roger Brelinski	Jean Rapp
Rosemary Melinson	Cameron Prosperi	Joan Bender
Deb Perry	Martha Spung	Louise Schorsch
Donald Schorsch	Ed Carrigan	Joey Prescott
Michael Rand	Bea Pedara	Marty Worley
Dale O'Leary	Pat Anhock	Gary Ingalls
Dennis Hood	Susan Beaudoin	Amy Slane
Jeff Babbit	Rose Brault	Waylen James
Raffael Aversa	Jerry Grinkiewicz	Kim Nuccio
Sherry	Jeannie Stopa	Jim Stopa
Marie Burley	Rick Burley	Ron Maslyk
Kathy Reisert	Clay Gooch	Janice Vreeland

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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## Parish Council

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.





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