

Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 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

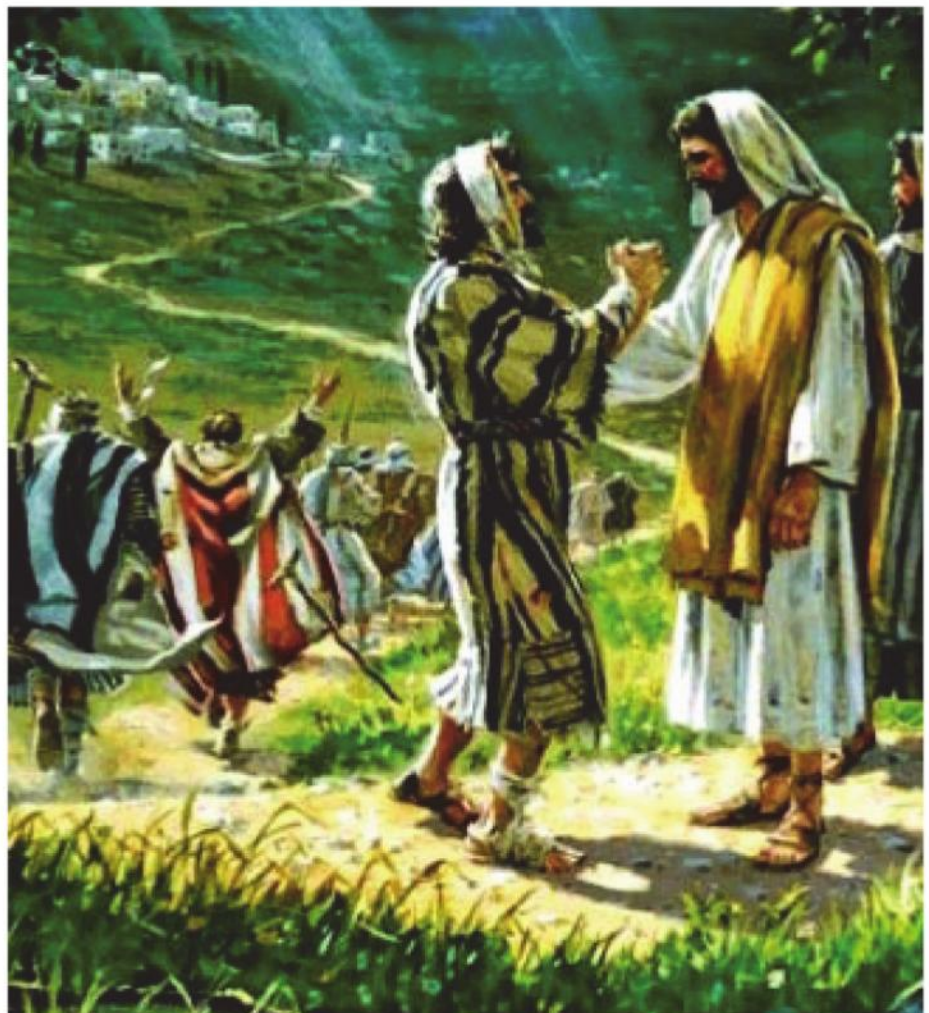
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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"Jesus said in reply, 'Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? Then he said to him... your faith has saved you.'" (Lk 17:19)



Respect Life Month: the unborn baby *"speaks"*

Spike Milligan revolutionized British comedy. His fertile imagination led the way for the **Goon Show, Beyond the Fringe, Monty Python, The Pink Panther**. He wrote a poem entitled **"Unto Us,"** describing an **abortion from a baby's viewpoint**.

Unto us

Somewhere at some time
They committed themselves to me
And so I was!
Tiny in shape
Lusting to live!
I hung in my pulsing cave.

Soon they knew of me
My mother - my father
I had no say in my being
I lived on trust
And love
Tho' I couldn't think
Each part of me was saying
A silent 'Wait for me!
I will bring you love!

I was taken
Blind, naked, defenseless,
By the hand of one
Whose good name
Was graven on a brass plate
in Wimpole Street,
And dropped on the sterile floor
Of a foot-operated plastic waste bucket.

There was no Queen's Counsel,
To take my brief.
The cot I might have warmed
Stood in Harrod's shop window.
When my passing was told

My father smiled,
No grief filled my empty space.
My death was celebrated
With two tickets to see Danny La Rue
Who was pretending to be a woman
Like my mother was...

"Unto Us" is a poem which discusses the issue of abortion. The title is taken from the famous quote **"Unto us a child was born"**. The poem is written in the 1st person, from the perspective of the unborn baby.

The first stanza of the poem talks about how the parents **"committed"** themselves to the baby during conception. The use of the exclamation mark in the line **"And so I was!"** expresses how amazing the act of creating life is. **"I hung in my pulsing cave"** refers to the womb, a place that the baby expects to be protected as it would be in a "cave". "Pulsing" shows that the baby is definitely still alive.

In the 2nd stanza, the line **"I had no say in my being"** shows that the baby has no say; the word **"trust"** shows that the baby puts its life in the hands of its parents. It wants to live.

The 3rd stanza describes the abortion: the baby feels like a piece of waste, **"Blind, naked, defenseless"**, who is forced into this. The poem describes the doctor - who is respected - **"whose good name was graven on a brass plate,"** who **"dropped [the foetus] on the sterile floor of a foot operated plastic waste bucket."** Human life is worthless.

The 4th stanza shows the parents celebrating the child's abortion. The father **"smiles;"** the abortion is good news. The **"empty space"** refers to the mother's womb which is now empty; the baby has just disappeared as if it never existed. The parents celebrated by getting **"two tickets to go and see Danny La Rue. Danny La Rue"** is a drag artist and so is not a real woman, just as the aborted baby's mother is not a real woman because she did not go through with the birth. This poem raises important questions on abortion.

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

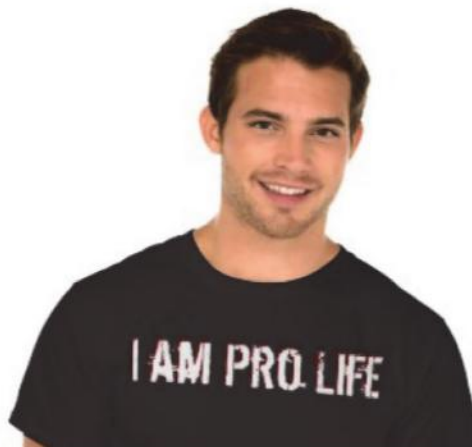
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K of C Baby Bottle Campaign begins October 6

The K of C ask parishioners to put loose change and bills in the baby-bottles throughout the month of October, the month of Respect Life throughout the United States. ***“Your change can bring about change”*** – “Save lives” – innocent, unborn babies lives. Place the Baby-Bottle in a prominent place on the dining room table. On the last Sunday of October, the K of C ask you to return the baby bottles, hopefully, full with change. The proceeds will be given to **“Choices,” a local Pregnancy Care Center**, which assists women with stress related pregnancies.



Change in Respect Life movement
Change from the ‘blue rinse’ to the
‘blue jeans’ generation.



Make a Difference

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.

Invite a family member, friend, or, a workmate, to attend the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), on Monday, October 6th, at 7 P.M. in the Sarah MacDonald Relig Ed Bldg.



Collection for World Mission Sunday, October 19th – Pray for & Support Missionaries on World Mission Sunday.

28° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Además de la curación, ¿qué tienen en común Natán en la primera lectura y el leproso que dio gracias a Jesús en el Evangelio? Ambos comenzaron a **creer**. Ambos pidieron **ayuda**. Ambos **expresaron** su fe.

A veces nos dejamos llevar por la autosuficiencia, pensando que tenemos que resolver todos los problemas solos. La **ayuda** a menudo viene de alguien que nos muestra el camino a seguir, sin resolverlos por nosotros. Quizás si hablamos del problema con otra persona, la solución se nos haga evidente. Si crees que pedir ayuda es señal de debilidad, quizás estés perdiendo la oportunidad de que Dios actúe a través de uno de tus amigos y te brinde apoyo. Y, por supuesto, puedes pedirle ayuda a Dios en oración.

Puedes pasarte la vida pensando que eres cristiano, pero si nunca **expresas** esa fe, no será más que una teoría. San Pablo, en la segunda lectura, sufría en la prisión, pero escribió desde la prisión con la esperanza de que otros cristianos se sintieran alentados en su fe. Quizás conozcas a alguien que te inspiró a **creer** con su fidelidad y dedicación. Tener un amigo que nos ayude a crecer en la fe puede ser un gran milagro. Me pregunto: ¿qué milagros vemos que nos ayudan a crecer en la fe? __Tom Schmidt



**PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN
DIOCESANA EN ESPAÑOL**
Próxima Clase
Viernes Octubre 10 7:00pm
Iglesia San Miguel, Wuachula
Para Información
Perla Barajas 863-990-8010

ICONO DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS

Estará expuesto en la Iglesia auspiciado por
los Caballeros de Colon

14 al 20 de Octubre, 2025

"En el corazón de Cristo, vemos el corazón del Padre. Y le pedimos a Nuestro Señor que nos ayude a hacer nuestro su corazón, para que podamos ver y amar en los demás lo que él ve y ama en nosotros".



Programa de Educación Religiosa

Grados PreK-6 Domingos 9-10:15am

Grados K-12 Miércoles 6-8:00pm

Preguntas/Información (863) 453-7537

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

- O** Instruye adultos para ser miembros plenos de la Iglesia en la fe católica, fomenta la conversión y ayuda a recibir los sacramentos
- C** de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía). Se reúnen los Domingos en el
- I**
- A** Edificio Juan Bosco de 9-10:15am. Para información Florentino 863-840-4533.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "SANTISIMA TRINIDAD" Se reúne los **Jueves** a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Rosario en Comunidad a las 6:30pm. Para 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. Para información llamar 205-0694 o 863-443-4351.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

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

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

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

10:30 a.m. + Victor Manuel Arreguin by Wife.

MONDAY OCTOBER 13

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

8:00 a.m. + Clara McNally by Dennis Kellner.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

8:00 a.m. + Stephanie Kellner by Dennis Kellner.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

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

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

8:00 a.m. Deb Grant by Randy Rhodes.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

4:00 p.m. + James Mason by Dick Mason.

7:00 p.m. + Natividad Pagan by Teresa Torres.

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
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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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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



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