

Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 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

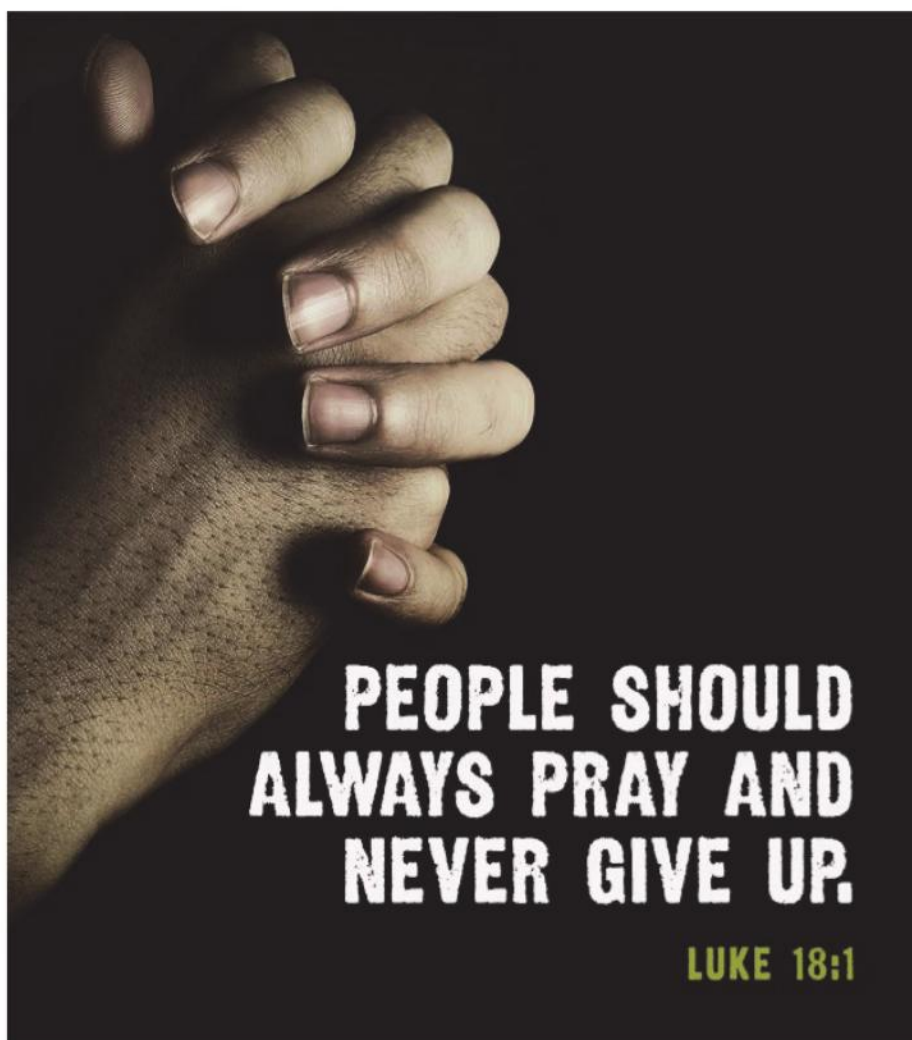
Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday
8 AM

First Friday

Mass and Holy Hour
8 AM

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"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary" (Lk 18: 1).

Feast of St. Luke, Saturday, October 18, 2025 – “Pray always and never grow weary...”

Yesterday, Saturday, October 18, we celebrated the feast of St. Luke. There is a 3-year cycle – Cycle A, B, C – during which we read all 4 Gospels on the Sundays of the Liturgical year. Year A mostly features the Gospel According to Matthew; Year B reads through the Gospel According to Mark; and Year C showcases the Gospel According to Luke. The Gospel According to John is read during the Easter season in all three years. This year, Cycle C, we read Luke’s Gospel. Each of the four Gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – has his own style, his own sources, his own audience, his own emphases, and things that only he tells us about.

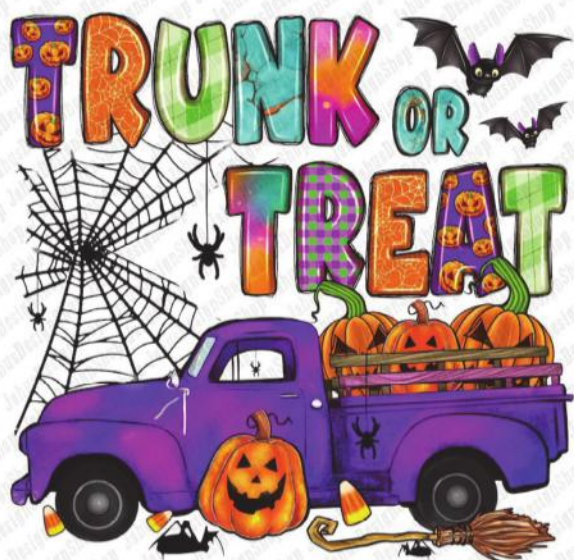
Luke’s Gospel, for example, is the only Gospel that you will find the parable of the **Good Samaritan**. The message contained in the Good Samaritan is at the heart of Luke’s Gospel. We can understand how for Luke, the doctor, Jesus’ concern for every kind of woundedness & suffering and, the need for healing, was especially important. The “*wounded man*” in the story of the Good Samaritan represents for Luke the “*wounded human race*.” Jesus is the “*Good Samaritan*” who comes to “*Heal*” our human woundedness caused by sin. Luke’s Gospel is the only Gospel (Luke 15) that gives us the three parables about the way that God’s love patiently seeks out – “**The Hound of Heaven**” - us men and women to reconcile and heal us: the parable of the Lost Sheep; the parable of the Lost Coin; and above all – perhaps Jesus’ best-known parable – the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Jesus paints a marvelous profile of God in this parable.

What would we know about the early life of Jesus – “*the Infancy Narratives*” – without the Gospel of Luke? In the first two chapters, he records the birth of John the Baptist and of Jesus himself, which lays the foundation for his message. The Gospel for Christmas is found in Luke, the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, and his visit to the temple at the age of twelve.



El Greco - Luke's Gospel

We should note the central role played in Luke’s Gospel by the prayers of Jesus and those close to him. In today’s Gospel, for example, Jesus tells his disciples “*To pray always without becoming weary*.” Luke gives us three great prayers in the “*infancy narratives*”: the *Benedictus* of Zechariah is a morning prayer in the Prayer of the Church (Luke 1: 68 – 79), Mary’s *Magnificat* is an evening prayer in the Prayer of the Church (Luke 1: 46 – 55), and Simeon’s *Nunc Dimittis* is a night prayer in the Prayer of the Church (Luke 2: 29 – 32). The reading of and the reflection on these prayers would be a wonderful way to enrich your daily relationship with the Lord. It was for Mary.



*Our Lady of Grace
Proudly Presents*

'Trunk or Treat'

*Wed, October 22 – Sign Up
Sign up call: 863-214-3025*

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

*We need your Trunks!
Decorate your Trunk & give
out candy!*

*Join us on a fun-filled
community event.*

*Theme: Jesus is the light of
the world.*

(Please no scary decorations)

Wear your friendly costume



K of C Baby Bottle Campaign

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.



Sunday, November 9th, 2025,

Grogan Center - 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Tickets \$15:00 Each.



Make a Difference

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 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - **on Monday, at 7 P.M. in the Religious Ed Bldg. Or, better: come with them to the 1st session. You can make a difference in their lives.**

World Mission Sunday October 19th



"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" What is World Mission Sunday?

Imagine a world where billions of people have never heard the name of Jesus. Imagine villages where people walk miles to attend Mass because there's no church nearby. Imagine communities where faith is alive but fragile, challenged by poverty or isolation. Imagine churches packed every Sunday, even when those taking part know they are targets of terrorists because of their faith.

Why World Mission Sunday makes a difference.

With our daily prayer and our generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family and heart.

Your gift helps support:

- ❖ 82,498 Seminarians
- ❖ 8,749 Orphanages
- ❖ 11,992 Health Shelters
- ❖ 843,785 Catechists
- ❖ 258,540 Religious Sisters

Please pray for & Support World Missions.

Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jesús da un ejemplo ingenioso de por qué debemos perseverar en la **oración**, incluso si creemos que no se escucha nuestra oración.

San Pablo lleva el tema de la perseverancia aún más lejos. No solo se refiere a la oración; anima también a Timoteo a perseverar en la **proclamación** de la palabra de Dios. Este mandato puede resultarnos más difícil que la oración. Le dice a Timoteo (¡y a nosotros!) “**convence, reprende y exhorta** con toda paciencia y sabiduría” ¿Cómo podemos lograrlo?

“**Convencer**” me recuerda que nuestra fe debe ser razonable. No es que podamos demostrar científicamente todo lo que creemos, pero nuestra fe debe ser realista. Una madre o padre que abraza a su hijo cuando está herido, lo perdona cuando se arrepiente y lo anima cuando se siente perdido, está enseñando ese mandato de una manera que se recordará mucho más tiempo que simplemente diciéndole que ame a la gente. Mostrándoles ejemplos de amor, perdón y ánimo.

Pablo habla de **reprendernos** unos a otros. Quizás eso era lo que pensaba cuando dice que proclamar la palabra a veces puede ser incómodo. A la mayoría de las personas les resulta difícil reprender a alguien a quien tienen a su cargo, y mucho menos a alguien de igual estatus. Una reprimenda puede hacerse con paciencia y amabilidad, como muestra de preocupación más que de autoridad.

Por último, Pablo menciona la **enseñanza**. Los padres pueden contribuir enseñando las historias de la Biblia, ayudando a los niños a ver a Dios en la creación, enseñándoles a orar y siendo buenos ejemplos del amor de Dios por ellos. Si envían a sus hijos a clases de religión o a la escuela parroquial, hagan lo posible por apoyar a los maestros para que lo que aprenden en la escuela se practique en la casa. Lo que los niños ven (o no ven) en el hogar tiene un efecto mucho mayor que unas horas a la semana en un salón de clases. __Tom Schmidt



Segunda Colecta será para Las Misiones. Sea generoso. Gracias.

Programa de Educación Religiosa

Grados Pre-K-6

Domingos, de 9:00 a 10:15am

Grados K-12

Miércoles, de 6:00 a 8:00pm

Preguntas/Información

Mayra Donan (863) 453-7537

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

Instruye para recibir los sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía) y ayuda. Se reúnen los Domingos en el Edificio Juan Bosco de 9-10:15am. Para información llamar / texto a Florentino 863-840-4533.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN “SANTISIMA

TRINIDAD” Se reúne los **Jueves** a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Rosario a las 6:30pm. Para información llamar Hortencia 863-448-6869 o Adela 863-528-8267.

GRUPO JUAN XXIII. Se reúne los **Jueves**

a las 6:30 PM en el salón San Juan Bosco. Para más información llamar Omar 205-0694 o Elvin 863-443-4351.

OCTUBRE 22



*San
Juan Pablo II
Papa*

♥ ¡Gracias San Juan Pablo II! ♥

El 16 de octubre de 2002, Papa San Juan Pablo II, publicó la carta apostólica *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, donde incorporó los Misterios Luminosos al Rosario.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

4:00 p.m. + James Mason by Dick Mason.
7:00 p.m. + Natividad Pagan by Teresa Torres.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

8:00 a.m. + Vicky Kellner by Dennis Kellner.
10:30 a.m. + Gregorio Tamayo, Sr. – Death Anniversary by Arcenas Family.

MONDAY OCTOBER 20

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 21

8:00 a.m. + Wally Johnson by Susan Johnson.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22

8:00 a.m. + Anthony Minielli by Linda Beman.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23

8:00 a.m. J. R. Richardson by R. & C. Worthington.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

8:00 a.m. + John Sedlock by Ellen Jordan.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

4:00 p.m. + Edward Reilly by Deb & Bert.
7:00 p.m. + Kevin O'Leary by Hermelinda Perez.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church parking lot. Decorate your trunks and give out candy.

International Food Festival—

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

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
Rosa Arosemena	Andres Clavijo	Jade Jackson
Martha Clavijo	Harold Raccine	Carol Krause
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Dale O'Leary	Pat Anhock	Gary Ingalls
Dennis Hood	Susan Beaudoin	Amy Slane
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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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You are a Priest Forever

Reflection

To live in the midst of the world
without wishing its pleasures;
To be a member of each family,
yet belonging to none;
To share all suffering;
To penetrate all secrets;
To heal all wounds;
To go from men to God
and offer Him their prayers;
To return from God to men
to bring pardon and hope;
To have a heart of fire for Charity,
and a heart of bronze for Chastity;
To teach and to pardon,
console and bless always.
My God, what a life;
and it is yours,
O priest of Jesus Christ.

-Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, O.P. (1802-1861)



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