

Our Lady of Grace



Catholic Parish

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19th Sunday Ordinary Time

August 10, 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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Rubens (1612-17) - The Assumption of the Virgin
Friday, August 15, **Mass 8:00 A.M.** It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

“Buckle up” – “Be prepared” ... for life’s journey

Those of you who have flown know the routine just before take-off. A flight attendant’s voice will come over the P.A. system. She wants to make us aware of safety features on board the aircraft: to fasten our seat belts; she points out aircraft exits; then, she informs us where to find a life jacket – then, we are ready for take-off. The only people who pay attention are the nervous fliers. Frequent fliers tend to pay little or no attention. **In today’s Gospel, Jesus**, like the airline steward, tells us to be prepared for the unexpected on life’s journey: ***“Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day the Son of man will come.”*** The alternative is to ***“be like Rip Van Winkle who slept much of his way through life.”***

How does this happen?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes a distinction between the **“faithful and prudent steward”** who is **“aware”** and the **“unfaithful and imprudent steward”** who is **“unaware”** of his master’s return.

John Shea, a Catholic theologian illustrates the difference between the two. He tells a story entitled, ***“What is the world like?”*** in which God and a man are walking together when the man asks God a question, ***“What is the world like?”*** God replies, ***“I cannot talk when I am thirsty. If you could get me a drink of cool water, we could discuss what the world is like.”*** Pointing to a nearby village, he asked the man to, ***“Go and get me a drink,”*** there.

The man went into the village and knocked at the door of the first house. He was taken-aback when a very attractive young woman opened the door. He quickly managed to regain his composure, enough to ask for **“a glass of cool water.”** **“Of course,”** she said, smiling, **“but it is midday.”** And, she graciously invited him to stay for lunch. He was hungry, so, he willingly accepted her generous offer. He entered the house and the door closed behind him. Fast forward: thirty years go by. The man who wanted to know what the world was like and the woman who offered him lunch have married and raised five children. In the interim, He became a respected merchant and she is an honored member of the community.

One day a sudden storm came in off the ocean and threatened their lives. The merchant cried out, ***“Help me, God.”*** A voice from the midst of the storm replied, ***“Where is my cup of cold water?”***

The point that John Shea is making is that the demands of everyday life can be such that they blind us to the place of God in our lives. ***What is the world like?*** It is a kind of **not “Dead men walking,”** but, ***“Sleep men walking.”*** You so often hear the complaint, ***“How can I be so busy and yet so empty?”*** Or, as the woman had inscribed on her tomb, ***“It’s always something.”*** Jesus’ response in today’s Gospel - ***“Stay awake!”***

The Church gives us the example of Abraham in today’s second reading. He was always prepared to do what God wanted him to do even if he didn’t always understand God’s plan for him at that moment. God asked him to leave friends and homeland in Ur of the Chaldees – in modern Northern Iraq – and to set out for a land that he didn’t even know existed. Abraham was a faithful steward. Even though his wife Sarah was beyond child bearing years, he believed God when he told him that he would ***“have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.”*** Abraham shows us what it means to be a faithful steward.

Jesus’ message in today’s Gospel is simple – ***“Buckle up”*** – ***“Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”*** Enroll your children in the School of Religion so that they can ***“stay awake”*** to the voice of Jesus and, **not “sleepwalk”** their way through life’s journey.



'Well done good and faithful servant' for a lifetime of service for much of the lifetime of OLG Parish.



A very happy, grateful & proud Heiring family



Debbie Augusta, President of OLG Ladies Guild, welcomes Guests to Betty's Retirement Party & introduces Fr Ronnie to lead an opening prayer & comments to thank Betty Heiring for a lifetime of service to Our Lady of Grace Parish.



Debbie Augusta making a presentation to Betty Heiring



Thank you Betty from a very grateful Parish.



Meet OLG Youth Director and Director of Religious Education.

Name: Mayra Donan

I worked at St. Catherine Catholic school for 11 years. I coordinated a youth group in Saint Catherine and moved on to coordinating a Diocesan team of young adults from the Charismatic Renewal. I am very passionate about my Catholic faith and **my biggest hope here in our Lady of Grace, is to form and help our youth grow in their love and zeal for God.**

This is my second year serving as the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Grace, and I am deeply grateful for the support of families, volunteers and parishioners who make this ministry possible. I look forward to another year of growing together and learning with our youth.

Religious Education Registration

OLG Religious Education Program is now open for enrollment for all families who wish to register their children for **grades Pre-K through 12**, for the 2025-2026 School year.

Classes Pre-K through 6th grade will meet on Sunday Mornings, 9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

Classes, Grade 7 through 12, will meet on Wednesday Evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

We are offering an **early registration discount through the end of the month of August**: \$45 per child, or \$80 for families with 3 or more children.

The registration fee beginning September: \$60 per child, or \$120 for families with 3+ children.

To Register your children, you can stop by the Religious Education Office Bldg., **Monday through Friday**, from 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.

Opening dates for the School of Religion

Grades 7 through 12

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Grades Pre-K to 6

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 9:00 to 10:15 A.M.

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Estén atentos. Estén listos. Estén preparados. Jesús habló claramente a sus discípulos y a todos los que lo escucharon. Jesús estaba preparando a sus seguidores, y a nosotros, para estar listos para su propio regreso.

Dos mil años después, seguimos preguntando: "¿Cuándo?" El "cuándo" no importa, sino la preparación. Es un llamado desafiante.

Estén atentos. Estén listos. Estén preparados. Para cuando Él venga. ¿Estas listo? __ Pamela Kavanaugh

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Programa de Educación Religiosa

Nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa es para estudiantes k-12 y después de confirmación

- El programa de Primera comunión es de 2 años, comenzando en primer Grado.
- Las confirmaciones son dos años para estudiantes de 9 a 12 grado
- Ofrecemos un programa estudio Bíblico para estudiantes que han completado su confirmación, y quieren seguir formándose en su fe.
- El grupo de jóvenes adultos es para jóvenes de 18-25 años
- Las clases para grados k-6to son los Domingos de 9am-10:15am
- Para grados 9-12 las clases son los Miércoles de 6:00pm-8:00pm



Cuota de inscripción:
Julio-\$35 por niño/ \$60 por familias 3+
Agosto-\$45 por niño/ \$80 por familias 3+
Sept. -\$60 por niño/ \$120 por familias 3+

Inscríbete ahora

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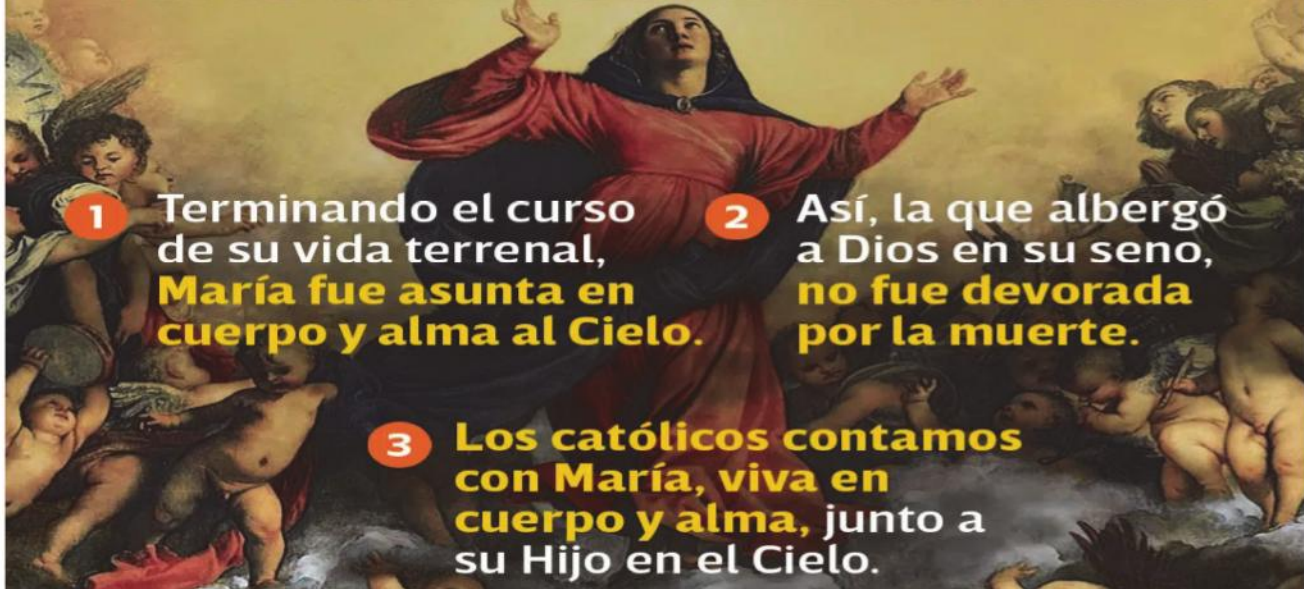
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¿QUÉ DICE EL DOGMA DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA?



1 Terminando el curso de su vida terrenal, María fue asunta en cuerpo y alma al Cielo.

2 Así, la que albergó a Dios en su seno, no fue devorada por la muerte.

3 Los católicos contamos con María, viva en cuerpo y alma, junto a su Hijo en el Cielo.

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 llamar 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 863-205-0694 o 863-443-4351.

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY AUGUST 9**

4:00 p.m. + Glen Hartsfield by Wife.
 7:00 p.m. + Juanito Ocasio Melendez
 by Diana Ocasio & Family.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10

8:00 a.m. + Vicky Kellner by Dennis
 Kellner.
 10:30 a.m. + Cielo Gura by Fe Schiano.

MONDAY AUGUST 11

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

TUESDAY AUGUST 12

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13

8:00 a.m. Mark Joseph Devlin by Paul
 & Justine Devlin.

THURSDAY AUGUST 14

8:00 a.m. + Janet Nardone by Paul &
 Justine Devlin.

FRIDAY AUGUST 15

8:00 a.m. + Bruno Letwinski by Paul &
 Justine Devlin.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16

4:00 p.m. + James & Bernadine Black
 by Deb & Bert Grant.
 7:00 p.m. + Maria Asuncion Para by
 Fania Lopez.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

Now that Fr. Ronnie has instituted the receiving of the Precious Blood, please note that there is no dipping of the Host into the cup containing the Precious Blood! The reason for this is to prevent any spills or dripping that may occur, also to avoid any contamination. Please just sip from the cup.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please call or text Deb Grant 307-220-0308 Lead EM and Trainer and training will be provided.

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Joan Morgan	Candida Reyes	Kathy Furtado
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Martha Clavijo	Harold Raccine	Carol Krause
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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
Melvin Colon	June Colon	

And for those who care for the sick, for the deceased member's and benefactors of the parish, and for our loved ones.

2nd Collection

There will be a Second Collection after all masses for the Florida Catholic Sunday.

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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Rubens: Assumption of the Virgin,

Assumption of the Virgin Mary

We believe Mary, the mother of Jesus, was immaculately conceived, that is, by a singular privilege of God, she was conceived free from original sin. In the prayer *The Hail Mary*, the Angel Gabriel refers to her as “*full of grace*.” In the second part of the *Hail Mary*, we refer to her as “*Holy Mary, Mother of God*.” It is part of Catholic tradition that Mary was free from sin from the first moment of her conception.

In the Book of Genesis, death was a consequence of sin. Since Mary was preserved from sin by the free gift of God, she would not be bound to experience the consequences of

sin and death in the same way that we do. We believe that because of the obedience and fidelity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, she was assumed both body and soul into heavenly glory.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “*We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.*” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Mary, in Luke’s Gospel (**Luke 1: 39 – 56**) does not assume credit for her sinless condition. In the beautiful prayer *The Magnificat*, she attributes her privileged glory to God. Here are the opening lines of her prayer:

“My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

My spirit rejoices in God my savior

For he has looked with favor upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me,

And Holy is his name.”

Friday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

is a Holy Day of obligation – Mass at 8:00 A.M.



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