

# Our Lady of Grace

Catholic Parish

595 East Main Street • Avon Park, Florida 33825

Parish Office (863) 453-4757



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 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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**"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)**



## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Catechetical Sunday

The theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We thank catechists who make a commitment to hand on the faith to the next generation at OLG Parish.



What kind of Steward are you, "faithful" or "unfaithful?"

### Are you a "faithful" or "unfaithful Steward?"

In the **parable** which Jesus uses in today's Gospel (**Luke 16: 1 – 8**), he tells the story of **"a rich man"** who had **"a steward,"** whom he confronted **"for squandering his property."** He demanded that he **"Prepare a full accounting of your stewardship."**

God, like the **"rich man"** who entrusted his **gifts** to us his stewards, to use as he wishes us to use them.

Question: what kind of *stewards* are we?

Are we **"trustworthy?"** and **"prudent?"**

Or, are we **"untrustworthy?"** and **"imprudent?"**

Jesus will demand an **"accounting"** of the **gifts** he has entrusted to our care just as he demands an **"accounting"** from the **"untrustworthy steward"** in today's Gospel parable. The story is told about the Roman Emperor Valerian, who began a **persecution of the Church in 257**, commanded that all bishops, priests, and deacons to be put to death without delay. Pope Sixtus II was arrested and executed. Before he died, he ordered his **Archdeacon Lawrence**, who was **in charge of the treasures of the Church**, to distribute the treasures to the poor widows and orphans. He even sold the sacred vessels to increase the sum. **The Prefect of Rome** was informed of **the treasures of the Church** and, ordered Lawrence to present them to him. Lawrence went all over the city of Rome and gathered together a great number of the decrepit, the blind, the lame, the maimed, the lepers, orphans, widows of the city and lined them up in front of his Church. **He invited the Prefect to come and see the "Treasures of the Church."** The Prefect was so insulted at the sight that, in his rage, **he ordered Lawrence to be put to death in a slow and torturous manner.** **St. Lawrence was a "faithful steward" of God's "Treasures," the "Treasures of the Church."**



**St Lawrence: presents Treasures of the Church**

The Mass is the central mystery of our faith and of our intimate relationship with God. The

I've always told my people, "You can't take it with you", but Harry must not have been listening.



Irish word for Mass is **"Afrin,"** which means **"Offering."** In the Mass, **God offers himself to us in the person of Jesus.** In response, **we offer ourselves to God.** We reference this in the offertory prayer: **"May the Lord receive our gifts from your hands (the priest's); for the praise and glory of his name; for our own good; and, for the good of the whole Church."** The **"gift(s)"** is the gift of self, which we offer for 3 purposes:" 1. **"For the praise and glory of his name:"** 2. **"For our own good;"** and, 3. **"For the good of the whole Church?"** What kind of steward are you? If, **"faithful"**

what do I do **"for the good of the whole Church?"** Like, **invite a friend to attend the OCIA!!**



### **The School of Religion re-opened Sept 3rd**

The School of Religion re-opened **Wednesday, September 3rd, for grades 7 - 12, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

The School of Religion re-opened, **Sunday, September 7th for grades K - 6, 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.** It is important that children are registered before going to class.

**The Prayer of every parent for their children should be from the well-known words of the hymn:**

Open my **eyes**, Lord  
help me to see your face  
Open my eyes, Lord  
Help me to see

Open my **ears**, Lord  
Help me to hear your voice  
Open my ears, Lord  
help me to hear

Open my **heart**, Lord  
Help me to love like you  
open my heart, Lord  
Help me to love

Parents, register your children for the School of Religion so that ***“their eyes are opened to see the face of Jesus; their ears are opened to hear the voice of Jesus; and, their hearts are opened to love like Jesus.”***



### **Great Resource for Catholic Women**

- Pope St. John Paul II coined the term “the feminine genius.” Explore *your* feminine genius and grow in faith in a new online community, designed specifically for Catholic women. Try it for free! Word on Fire offers a 30-day free trial. To learn more, or to join, **visit the Word on Fire Institute online.**



***Volunteers Needed for Prison Outreach*** - Join the team of Diocesan volunteers who enter county jails and state prisons within the 10-county Diocese of Venice to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs.

**OLG Parish has a prison in our Parish, Avon Park Correctional Institution, which is approximately 6 miles east off H 64.** Priests, Deacons, and lay volunteers are encouraged to assist in this ministry. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation program before entering the facility and will shadow experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Times and days vary by facility. **Please contact Joe Mallof at 224-217-7139 or Bob Hiniker 863-558-0407** to learn in what capacity you can minister.



### Catechetical Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

*"Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15)*

The 2025 theme for Catechetical Sunday, reminds us of our Baptismal promises and encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

Arising out of your Baptismal promises, have you considered sharing your faith with the next generation, our young people today? You can still do so by contacting Mayra Donan, OLG Parish DRE; and, we wish to thank and commend those who have done so for the 2025-2026 School year.

If you wish to assist in some capacity in the School of Religion program, contact Mayra Donan, OLG Director of Religious Education at 453-7537, or, drop by the religious Education Office any day during the week, Monday thru Friday, 9 A.M. thru 4 P.M.

Recall the words of St Peter: *"Always be ready to give an explanation ... for a reason for you hope." (1 Peter 3:15).*



### The Knights of Columbus Meetings & Special Events

The Knights of Columbus meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.** in the Youth Center.

The K of C have a Social Meeting with a Pot-Luck-Supper on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.** in the Grogan Center, with the first Social Meeting on Tuesday, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.** All are welcome.



### OLG Ladies Guild Meeting Dates for 2025/2026

OLG Ladies monthly meetings have been changed to the **First Wednesday of the month**. OLG first monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, **October 1, 2025, in the Grogan Center**.

**Social hour at noon** is prior to our 1 pm meeting. **The Social hour** is an opportunity for new or returning members to get to know one another before the **general business meeting at 1:00 P.M.** Enjoy an afternoon of community and fellowship. The 1st event will be the **International Food Festival, Sunday, November 9, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.**



La parábola del Evangelio de hoy tiene un final sorprendente. El administrador deshonesto es elogiado por su amo por ser hábil, o astuto, al intentar protegerse. Jesús no aprueba la deshonestidad. Solo quiere que seamos igual de hábil, o astutos, al servir al Señor.

“¿Qué hago yo por los pobres?”. Si solo se te ocurre dar una limosna en la colecta mensual para los pobres, estás siendo poco astuto. La mayoría de las parroquias tienen organizaciones para ayudar a los necesitados y están necesitando voluntarios. ¿Rezas regularmente por los pobres? ¿Por quienes están desempleados? ¿Llevarle una compra? La segunda lectura también nos desafía a hacer más. Pablo recomienda rezar “por los jefes de Estado y las demás autoridades”. ¿Cuánto tiempo dedicamos a rezar por los líderes y ejecutivos del gobierno? Incluso los líderes con quienes no estamos de acuerdo necesitan más de tú oración pidiendo la guía del Espíritu Santo. Pablo nos recuerda que Dios quiere la salvación de todos, tanto pecadores como santos, terroristas y malversadores, ateos y agnósticos. Jesús dijo: “Amen a sus enemigos. *OREN* por quienes los lastiman”. Jesús espera más de quienes lo aman. --Tom Schmidt



### 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

Para inscribir a sus hijos, pueden visitar el Edificio de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de lunes a viernes entre 9:00am y 4:00 pm.

Preguntas/Información

Mayra Donan (863) 453-7537



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- DISCÍPULOS DE DIOS (San Pablo (Jóvenes))
- SANTA CATALINA (Santa Catalina)
- BETANIA (Santa Margarita)
- SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD (Nuestra Señora de la gracia)

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Sábado de 8:00 am a 5:00 pm

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### 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/Texto  
Hortencia 863-448-6869/Adela 863-528-8267

### GRUPO JUAN XXIII

Se reúne los Jueves a las 6:30 PM en el salón San Juan Bosco.  
Para información Llamar/Texto  
Omar 863-205-0694 o Elvin 863-853-0065

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20**

4:00 p.m. + J. Dale Pounds by Judy Pounds & Family.  
7:00 p.m. + Matilde & + Trinidad Burgos by Norma Lugo & Family.

### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21**

8:00 a.m. + Death Anniversary – Ester Tamayo by Arcenas Family.  
10:30 a.m. + Andy Ruckert by Francis Ruckert.

### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 a.m. No Mass.

### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23**

8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul – Ophelia Santos by Ramon & Rebecca Torres.

### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass – Luin Vellapally—37<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Sal & Mina.

### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25**

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

### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

8:00 a.m. + Lillian Gaa by Dennis Kellner.

### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

4:00 p.m. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mike & Mary Rand.  
7:00 p.m. + Maria Ocasio & + Brigido Lugo by Norma & Rafael Lugo.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Guild Meeting**—October 1, 2025, at 12:00 noon for social hour. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Grogan Center.

**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
Donna Skelly	Roger Brelinski	Jean Rapp
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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	

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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## by supporting our Seminarians

The faithful are being asked to support, encourage and educate future priests through **the Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Seminarian Fund**. Join the VDCCW in celebrating Priesthood Sunday, **September 28, 2025**. To do this in a special and lasting way, send an **"IN HONOR OF"** card to your Parish Priest. Then Diocese is currently educating 16 men at various seminaries, and a donation of any amount would be a great help (the donation amount will not be revealed to the recipient).

To take part, please send the name of the priest you would like to honor, or, anyone studying for the priesthood in the DOV, along with your donation, **made out to VDCCW Seminarian Fund Guardian, 5808 Gulf Drive, #204, Holmes Beach, FL., 34217.**

*For additional information, Contact:*

**Fr. Alexander Pince**

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