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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

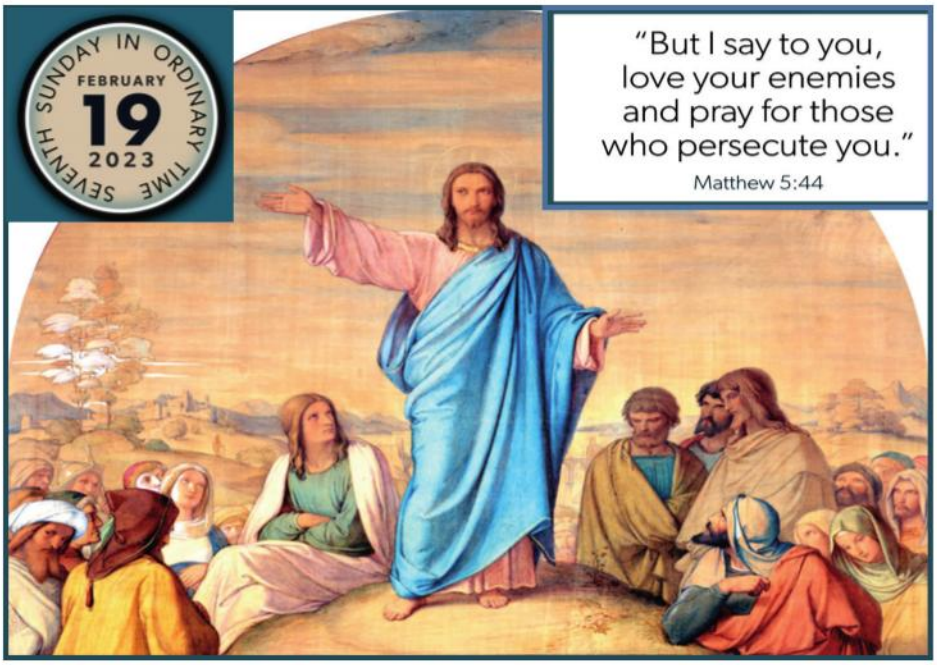
Sunday Masses
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

12:30 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

Eucharistic Adoration
First Fridays
9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays
2:30 to 3:15 PM



Baptisms: Registered parishioners should contact the office to make arrangements. If possible, this should be done at least three months before the birth of your baby. Baptisms will be celebrated in **April, August, and December.**

Marriages: Registered parishioners should contact the office at least one year in advance of making marriage arrangements.

OCIA: This process is open to anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the office.

Going into the Hospital: Please contact the office if you need a priest to come to your home to anoint you, or to be anointed at a weekday Mass.

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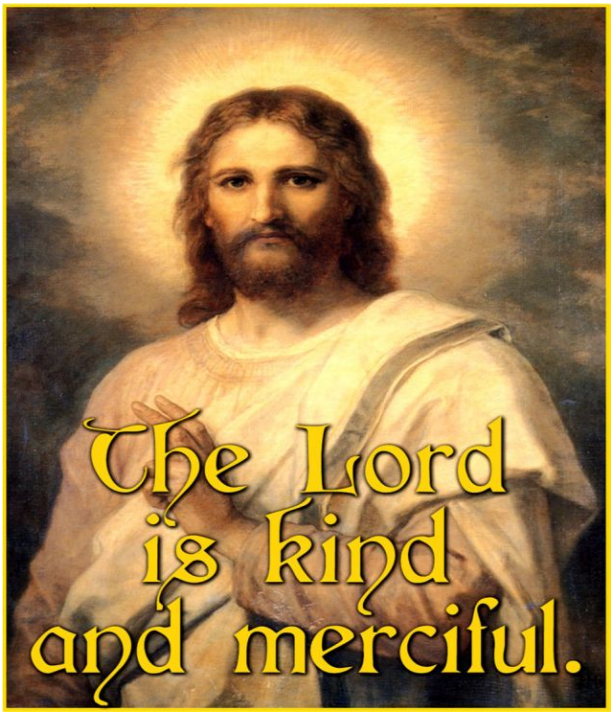

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).
Psalm - Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).
Second Reading - You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).
Gospel - Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
By Fr. Syvester Peterka, CM

Our Parish Lenten Mission will begin on **Mon., Tues., & Wed. evenings (March 6, 7, & 8), beginning at 7:00 p.m**

PRAYER

"Father, keep before us the wisdom and love you have revealed in your Son. Help us to be like him in word and deed." Amen.

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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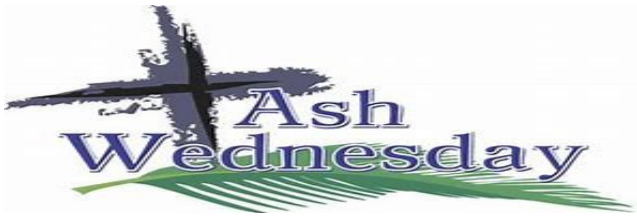

February 22

Mass Schedule

9:00am, 4:00pm, & 7:00pm

Our Lady of Grace
Mar. 7th, Tues., 5:00PM

Other Lenten Penance Services in our area:

March 21st, 7:00PM - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton*
March 22nd, 4:00PM - *St. Thomas the Apostle*
March 28th, 7:00PM - *St. Benedict*
March 29th, 7:00PM - *Our Lady of Fatima*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 20
9:00 AM ✞ WILLIAM CASHMAN
By Walter Julia Whitney

TUESDAY, February 21
9:00 AM ✞ GERMAINE BOURCIER
By daughter, Suzanne Ouellette

WEDNESDAY, February 22 (*Ash Wednesday*)
9:00 AM ✞ ADELE MILLER
By Roberta Dunlop
4:00 P.M. ✞ JOHN JOSEPH WHITNEY
By Walter & Julia Whitney
7:00 P.M. ✞ JUNIOR TARACATAC
By Taracatac family

THURSDAY, February 23
9:00 AM ✞ PAT PASALIC
By Roberta Dunlop

FRIDAY, February 24
9:00 AM ✞ JOSEPH FUNARI
By Dolores Deluca

SATURDAY, February 25
4:00 PM ✞ SOPHIE NORMAN
By daughter, Susan Burrell

SUNDAY, February 26
8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 AM ✞ SANDRA GILDEA & FAMILY
By July night
12:30 PM ✞ MATILDE CARRASQUILLO
By Hispanic Ministry

Pray for our sick…

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Shirley Pell, Ken Goss, Andrea Gumaskas, John Hinrichs, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Vince Cloonan, Ileen Jervis, Doug Rober, Anna Palmer, John Rodgers, Eric Hoyer, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Johnny Esteves, Ed Matos, Helen Langis, Angelita Uy, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Linda Surowiak, Barbara Michels, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave.

FEBRUARY 2023

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By May & Grace Costales

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DECEASED MEMBERS OF FAMILY & FRIENDS
By Sandy Sharpe & family

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In Memory of
JESUS & DOMNINA PUEBLO
By Solis family

Discipleship *through* **Stewardship**
and
Sacrificial Giving

February 12, 2023	
Offertory	$ 7,709.72
Online Giving	$ 1,152.00

The parish office is closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's day.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

All Ministry leaders and their members are encouraged to attend the **Lenten Gathering: Renew, Refresh and Recommit** on Thursday, February 23rd at 5:00PM in the PLC Hall.

Remember Our Deceased

We remember our brothers and sisters who have died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

LOUIS OBERLE
THERESA JASINSKI

ALTAR FLOWERS
February 17-23, 2023

In Memory of
SHIRLEY SPOTO

By husband, Joe

Our Lady of Grace Parish *Financial Report Summary*

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

OPERATING INCOME	
Offertory Revenues	$ 125,973
Other Operating Revenue	8,615
Pastoral Leadership	1,850
Worship and Music	3,348
Faith Formation	100
Charity and Outreach	3,605
Diocesan Support	0
School Support	4,462
Other Ministries and Organizations	50
Supplemental Operations	5,257
Income Totals	**$ 153,260**
OPERATING EXPENSE	
Pastoral Leadership (includes salaries)	$ 28,663
Worship and Music (includes salary)	20,805
Faith Formation (includes salary)	3,749
Charity and Outreach	5,120
Diocesan Support	1,983
School Support	2,975
Other Ministries and Organizations	0
Administration (includes salaries)	35,872
Facilities/PPE (includes salary)	50,799
Supplemental Operations	1,081
Expense Totals	$ 151,047
OPERATING INCOME OVER EXPENSES	**$ 2,213**
OTHER INCOME:	
Parish Interest Income	7,032
Endowment Earnings	4,502
OTHER INCOME	**$ 11,534**
EXCESS OF ALL INCOME OVER EXPENSES	**$ 13,747**

Parish Financial Council

Rev. Erwin Belgica
Pastor

Ed Ryan
Chairperson

Our Lady of Grace Church, Beverly Hills, Florida 34465

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

60*th* Anniversary Committee Members

The smiling faces you see above are some of the committee members for the church's 60th anniversary celebration scheduled for fall 2024. Monthly we will have an article in the bulletin with photos from days past. Some will have details on the people and event pictured and some will be a mystery. This is where we need your help. If you know anyone in the picture or anything about the event, please let someone from the committee know or email us:

60anniversary@ourladyofgracefl.org.

Should you have photos or memories you would like to share, you can also email them to us at this same address or pass the information to any member of the planning committee. We are looking forward to a great event.

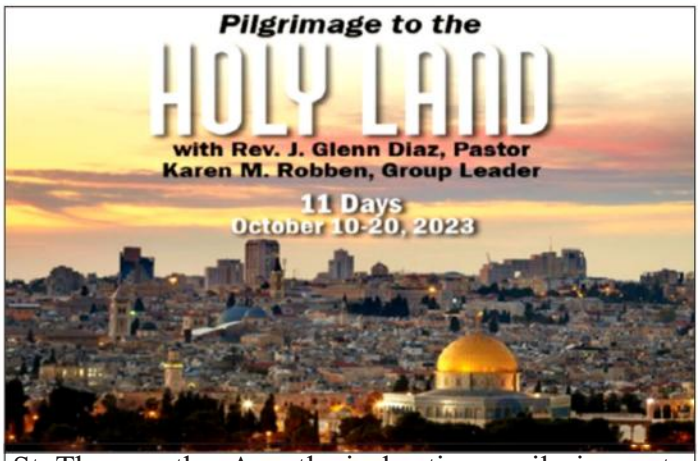
Canned Veggies,
Canned Tuna, Peanut butter

DROP OFF DAY
***Feb . 21st A.M.* ONLY**

SPRING

Saturday, March 4th is our big "Spring Market". We are open to receive your no longer needed items, keep Easter in mind. Bunnies, baskets, flowers, whatever feels like Spring to you. Of course, we are grateful for anything you donate. Call the office before you leave home on Wed. & Thurs. between 1:30 and 3:30pm and we will have the garage open for you. For reserving your own space for $15.00 call Rose Mary @ 352-527-6459.

Lenten Books are now available for you to purchase. Please visit our parish gift shop. Thank you.



St. Thomas the Apostle is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 10-20, 2023. The cost of $3,495 includes roundtrip airfare, hotels, and most Meals, travel insurance is additional. We will walk in the footsteps of Jesus and visit the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more.

For more information, you can visit their website at www.MyStThomas.org, or contact Karen Robben at 352-628-7000 or KarenR@MyStThomas.org.

Ladies Auxiliary
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Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168

Our next meeting & Annual Pizza Party is on Feb. 22nd,1:00PM at the KofC Hall, Rte 486, Lecanto Hwy. We are collecting nonperishable food items to feed the homeless in our community, so any donation you bring will be appreciated. Membership is open to all Catholic women in Citrus County. Family & friends are welcome. Please let us know if you are coming so we will have plenty of pizza for all! We hope to see you!

Please call Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180 or Char Fontaine at (352) 697-4995 if you have any questions.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On Sunday February 26th at the 10:30 Mass, we will be sending our Catechuman, Sarah Fontanez, to St. Petersburg to celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Parks and all the other Catechumen from our diocese. We will celebrate a special Rite of Sending during the 10:30 Mass only. Please join us in this special prayer and continue to pray for Sarah throughout this Lenten period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Adult Bible Study

Ash Wednesday will be our final gathering to look at the Gospel of Matthew. Join us at 11:30 in the Parish Life Center for learning and fellowship

ASHES

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death: Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance. Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración por la Familia y los Amigos
Dios amoroso, escucha esta oración,
que ofrezco en nombre de mi familia y amigos.
Mantenlos a salvo bajo tu cuidado.
Cuando tengan problemas, acompáñalos.
Cuando se desesperen, dales esperanza.
Cuando estén alegres, ayúdales a compartir su felicidad.
Ayúdanos a todos a comprender que somos tus hijos e hijas
y que nos amas más de lo que podemos imaginar. Amén.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).
Salmo - Nuestro Dios muestra misericordia y gracia (Salmo 103 [102]).
Segunda lectura - Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).
Evangelio - No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

Las Cenizas

Hay tres grandes tradiciones bíblicas relativas a las cenizas: el arrepentimiento, el luto y la muerte, y están relacionadas entre sí. A lo largo de la Biblia encontramos repetidamente el uso de las cenizas (a menudo junto con el cilicio) como práctica penitencial. Una práctica similar se observa cuando alguien está de luto o angustiado. Y las cenizas son una metáfora de la vida humana, que se considera breve y destinada a terminar con la muerte:

Las cenizas son el resultado del fuego, la quema completa de algo que estaba vivo. Son efímeras; el más mínimo soplo de aire puede hacerlas desaparecer en la nada. Es fácil ver cómo las cenizas llegaron a simbolizar la fugacidad de la vida humana o la humildad del arrepentimiento. Las cenizas también pueden representar otras cosas. Por ejemplo, las cenizas se utilizan a menudo para fertilizar nuestros jardines y campos. Por lo tanto, la ceniza es necesaria para dar vida y nutrirla.

Ahora podemos empezar a ver cuán apropiado es el símbolo de la ceniza para el tiempo de Cuaresma. Porque la Cuaresma no es sólo un tiempo de arrepentimiento, de dolor por nuestros pecados. Es un tiempo bautismal de preparación para la nueva vida de nuestros catecúmenos y de recuerdo de la nueva vida de nuestro propio bautismo. Comenzamos la Cuaresma con la ceniza y la terminamos con la Pascua. ¿Qué significará la ceniza para ti en esta Cuaresma? *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

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EL MISTERIO DE LA EUCARISTÍA

TODOS LOS VIERNES EN MARZO A LAS 7 PM

FECHA	EVENTO	LUGAR
3 de marzo	ViaCrusis	Iglesia
10 de marzo	Reflexión #1: "Dios está con nosotros"	Salón Parroquial
17 de marzo	Reflexión #2: "La historia de la Eucaristía"	Salón Parroquial
24 de marzo	Reflexión #3: "Pan para el Camino"	Salón Parroquial
31 de marzo	ViaCrusis	Iglesia

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