



Our Lady of Grace Parish

"Gathering in Faith ~ Striving in Hope ~ Serving in Love"

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
12:30 PM Spanish Mass

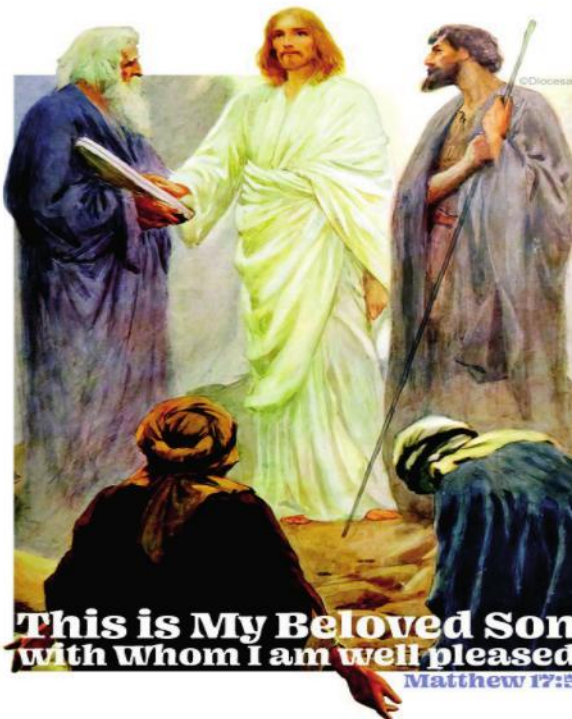
Weekday Masses
9:00 AM Monday to Friday

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

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

Feast of the
Transfiguration
of the Lord

AUGUST
6
2023



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 three times a year.

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.

Sacrament of the Sick: 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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**Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 6, 2023**

Sunday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Memorials of St. Sixtus, II, Pope and Martyr and Companions, and St. Cajetan, Priest Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday	Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

PRAYER

“God, Our Father, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory”. Amen.



God's Divine Attributes

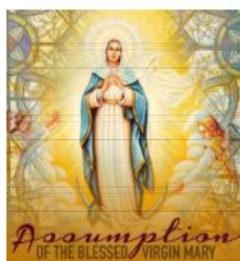
Today's Feast of the Transfiguration is rather mind boggling. Jesus took his disciples on a hike up a mountain and turned it into a journey they would never forget. They fell to their knees in awe, for “he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” And their lives were never the same because they had been shown without a shadow of doubt that Jesus was the true God.

The Church helps us unravel this divine appointment by explaining God's attributes. God is Infinite: He is not confined by time or space. God is Unity: He is the one, true God and there is no other. God is Simple: He is not composed of any physical or metaphysical parts; He simply is. God is Divine: He is the creator and sustainer of all being. God is Eternal: He always was, always is, and always will be. God is Omnipresent: He is not confined by any temporal limitations; He is everywhere. God is Immutable: He is incapable of any type of change; Since he is perfection itself, He cannot change. God possesses Divine Knowledge, Intellect and Will: He knows all things, understands all things and orchestrates all things according to his divine plan.

After being reminded of Who and What God is, how can we do anything but respond in awe and wonder? Let us listen to God's message today, allow ourselves to be moved by it, and respond in faith to our great and loving God.

***This is my beloved Son
with whom I am well pleased***

Matthew 17:5



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
(*Holy Day of Obligation*)
MASS SCHEDULE
Aug. 14th, Mon.-4:00pm-Vigil
Aug. 15th, Tues.-9:00am



Join us in praying the rosary
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:00 AM before the Mass starts

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, August 7**

9:00 AM ✠ ANTONI KUPINSKI
By daughter, Helen Dekarz

TUESDAY, August 8

9:00 AM ✠ HANNAH MCQUILLAN
By daughter, Marian Fritz

WEDNESDAY, August 9

9:00 AM ✠ GERARD CONKLIN
By wife, Philomena

THURSDAY, August 10

9:00 AM ✠ ALEXANDER DEGROAT
By wife

FRIDAY, August 11

9:00 AM ♥ THANKSGIVING-CORA SANTOS
By family

SATURDAY, August 12

4:00 PM ♥ RUSSELL & GREG JAEGER
By family

SUNDAY, August 13

8:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 AM ✠ ANNA & FRANK KORMENDI
By family
12:30 PM ✠ LEOPOLDINA POLANCO REYES
& JERRY REID
By Jose & Annette

Pray for our sick...

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Shirley Pell, Ken Goss, Sasha Orbino, Andrea Gumaskas, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, Anna Palmer, John Rodgers, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Angelita Uy, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Ed Matos, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Bill Ward, Robert Bland, Al LeBlanc, Karen & George Yantis.

**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.

JOAN BREWIS**AUGUST 2023****SANCTUARY LAMP**

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RICHARD ANTOS

By wife, Vener

ALTAR CANDLES

In Memory of
PATRICIA GRIFFIN FRED A

By husband, Michael

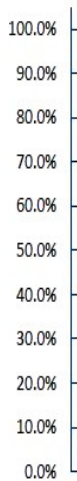


Discipleship *through* Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." - Matthew 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy, and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

July 30, 2023	
Offertory	\$6,407.60
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MINISTRY**
Appeal

As of 7/31/2023
Goal: \$70,914
Pledged Amt: \$58,615
Pct. Achieved: 82.7%
No. of Families: 834
No. of Pledges: 251

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Feed THE
HOMELESS*

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

The Homeless Ministry is in need of financial help. We are making a humble appeal to your generous HEARTS, and are hoping that you will share your

blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sisters, either by a monetary or gift card donation. (Walmart or Winnie Dixie).

All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you!

Clarel and Fifie Charles

FOR MORE INFORMATIONS PLEASE CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE 352-746-2144.



Report of the June 29 Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

- * Five families (9 members) joined the parish during May. 23 families joined the parish this year compared to 20 at this time last year.
- * Plans for the National Eucharistic Revival/Year of the Parish await further guidance from the Diocese. A schedule of Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament will be developed. Commitments thus far are from the Hispanic community, Knights of Columbus, Community of Catholic Women, and Faith Formation and Youth Group. Commitments from additional groups are being sought. Educational videos about the Eucharist will be shown before weekend Masses.
- * Attendance at weekend Masses in the PLC is robust. More than 600 attended during 20 weekends out of the last 25 prior to June 25.
- * Revenue fell short by \$9,600 in May 2023. However, YTD, revenue exceeds expenses by \$14,000.
- * Future publication of *News from the Pews*, which is mailed to all parishioners, is under consideration, with one option being distribution online-only. Parish representatives will submit at least one article monthly to the upcoming new diocesan publication, *Gulf Coast Catholic*.
- * The grief support group continues to meet. The Autism support group has yet to start. "The Chosen" video series will discontinue unless attendance improves. Lectio Eucharist had good attendance.
- * Children's Faith Formation begins August 13, preceded by two weekends for registration.
- * Family Faith and Fun Day at Good Counsel Camp is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9.
- * The parish Catholic Ministry Appeal continues to lag.
- * Work on the church renovation awaits completion of paperwork and county permits.
- * Feedback suggests that there is insufficient communication within the parish. Flocknote messaging remains an excellent tool for ministry leaders, but it is too little used. Results of pastoral council meetings should be published regularly in the Sunday bulletin.
- * Pastoral council members were reminded to review the parish website and Facebook pages regularly and to provide updates.



Our Lady of Grace Parish K of C Council 6168



Blood Drive Notice

August 19th, -Sat., 8AM-1PM

KofC Hall, cor. 2389 W Norvell Bryant Highway,
& W Pinecone Ave. route 486 in Lecanto

The 6/17/2023 blood drive collected 14 units from 15 donors at the council hall, & 3 units from 3 donors at a LifeSouth Facility, totaling 17 units of precious blood from 18 donors. The participation was disappointing as this was the lowest turnout on record! Our donor pool continues to decrease, but everyone's effort is appreciated.

The need for precious blood is never ending, and does not depend on the seasons, so we urgently ask that all possible donors attend this summer drive.

Once again, there will be a complimentary continental breakfast and \$20 Egift cards for all donors. For any questions call me at 352-746-3791, or LifeSouth at 352-527-3061. Thanks again for all your efforts of support.

Welcome to the Catholic Family!

We welcomed Eric and Alina Velazquez to the church through the waters of Baptism on Saturday July 15th. May the Lord continue to strengthen Eric, Alina and the entire family as they grow in faith and love for our God.



Pork & Beans, Soup, Toiler Paper, Peanut Butter, Canned Meat

DROP OFF DAYS: August 8th & 15th A.M. ONLY



PASTORAL BULLETIN

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Official Announcement

Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

Decline to Sign Petitions for Dangerous Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by banning government regulation of abortion in our state constitution. A network of abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to have a pro-abortion constitutional amendment placed on the statewide ballot in the November 2024 election. In order to do so, they need nearly 900,000 thousand signatures and are working right now in communities across Florida to collect them.

This amendment is deeply concerning because it will allow all abortions to be obtained until viability and includes a broad "health" loophole, essentially allowing abortion on demand up to birth. The amendment would hinder the Florida legislature's ability to protect women and children from abortion. It could also nullify current laws requiring parental consent before minors obtain abortions and a 24-hour waiting period prior to abortions, as well as the 15-week and 6-week abortion laws recently passed by the legislature.

Floridians should not sign the petition. Declining to sign is not impeding the democratic process; it is taking a stand against what would be a terrible state policy. The FCCB is following developments in the initiative process closely and diligently preparing to help defeat it. Continue your prayers for the protection of the unborn and spread the word to your spheres of influence.

Thank you for helping to protect and respect all human life, especially the most vulnerable. To see more resources and information from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, please go to <https://flaccb.org/>.

OUR ETERNAL FATHER

The first Sunday of August has been designated as the feast of "THE FATHER OF ALL MANKIND". The message was given by the Father in 1932 to Mother Eugenia, Founder and Mother General of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Apostles in Grenoble, France.

"Day after day, my children, say that in your mind. That will be the way you will say your FIAT to your Father. And I, your Father, will open My arms and I will gather you in My arms and I will hold you and I will rock you as your BELOVED MOTHER (Blessed Mother) rocks each baby in her arms. For yes, you are My children. Remember the FIAT of each day as you live.

As you do this from the beginning of the day, I promise you, My children, I guarantee you I will cover you in My arms. I will send My angels with St. Michael to protect you and all the saints of your baptisms and of your devotions to be with you during the day to guide you and assist you.

I promise you, you will feel the power of My great LOVE for you that I will send you day in and day out. But you have to offer me - everyday- as you get up in the morning - that FIAT."

THE FIAT OF THE ETERNAL FATHER

(say every morning)

My beloved Father, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Be Thou my Father. Be always my eternal Father.

Do not leave my soul. Do not abandon me.

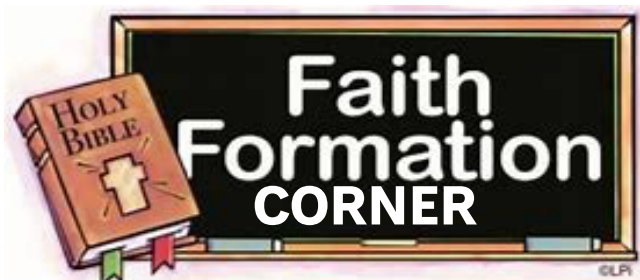
Do not leave me out of Your sight, my Father,

for I am Your child, whom You have created to please You, to adore You,

to honor You, living my days as You have given me the license to live it.

(I offer up this Fiat through Mary, to Jesus, to You, Eternal Father.) AMEN.





Adult Faith Formation



Join us *every Wednesday, at 11:00am in the educational wing of the Parish Life Center* as we begin breaking open the scriptures and “discovering the Mass in the Old and New Testaments.” This is a 10 week look through the scriptures with Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute in which we hope to grow in our understanding of the Mass so we may more fully encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. All are welcome to join us for Lectio: Eucharist

Children's Faith Formation Registration!

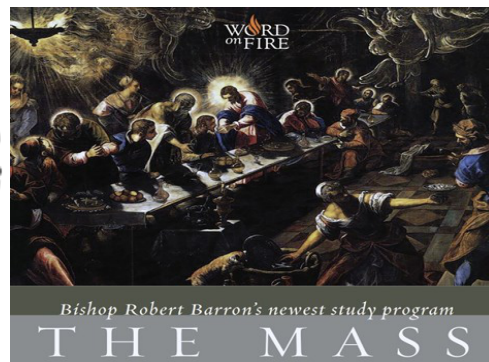
If you have a child going into kindergarten through 8th grade this year, you are encouraged to sign your child up for Faith Formation Class. Our classes begin August 13th and meet on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:20 AM between the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. Even with Mass in the Parish Life Center, we can hold classes and will also continue Coffee & Conversation. Registration packets will be available for pickup after Masses today. Parents and students will meet with Catechists on August 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Arnold at the parish office.



An Opportunity to Serve

Our Faith Formation Program is in need of adults actively living out their Catholic faith. Is that you? We are looking for classroom assistant to the teachers of grades K-5th grades and 7th grade. We meet Sundays from 9:00-10:20. You would be working with a small group of students assisting the lead teacher. We pray you will consider this important ministry to your parish family. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, please see Mary Arnold or call the parish office (352-746-2144) to inquire.

EUCCHARISTIC MORNING OF REFLECTION



We invite all parishioners to join us for a Eucharistic Morning of Reflection where we will delve into Bishop Robert Barron's video series: THE MASS.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in **the source and summit of the Christian life**.

We promise that after this, you will never attend mass in the same way again!

Our morning of reflection will take place here, in the hall, on August 19 from 9 AM until noon.

We ask that you RSVP by Aug. 14th for planning and supply purposes by calling the office (352) 746-2144. You may also EMAIL your RSVP to Mary Arnold via email, which is found on the bulletin.

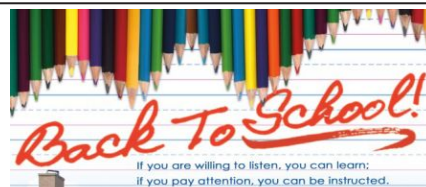


Coffee and Conversation 2023 Continues September 17th

9:15-10:15 AM

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month
(during the Faith Formation Program season)

Adults spending time together in fellowship and conversation about topics (will be posted later) important to our faith.



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)





**Lecturas de las Escrituras
Para la Semana del 6 de Agosto de 2023**

Domingo	Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9; 2 Ped 1, 16-19; Mt 17, 1-9
Lunes	Memoria de San Sixto II, Papa, y Compañeros, Mártires y San Cayetano, Presbítero Num 11, 4-15; Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17; Mt 14, 13-21
Martes	Memoria del Santo Domingo, Presbítero Num 12, 1-13; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 6bc- 7. 12-13; Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 21- 28
Miércoles	Memoria de Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz, Virgen y Mártir Num 13, 1-2. 25—14, 1. 26-29. 34- 35; Sal 105, 6-7a. 13-14. 21-22. 23; Mt 15, 21-28
Jueves	Fiesta de San Lorenzo, Diácono y Mártir 2 Cor 9, 6-10; Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7b-8. 9; Jn 12, 24-26
Viernes	Memoria de Santa Clara, Virgen Dt 4, 32-40; Sal 76, 12-13. 14-15. 16 y 21; Mt 16, 24-28
Sábado	Memoria de Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal, Religiosa Dt 6, 4-13; Sal 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab; Mt 17, 14-20
Domingo	Décimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 1 Rey 19, 9a. 11-13a; Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14; Rom 9, 1-5; Mt 14, 22- 33

ORACIÓN

"Dios. Padre nuestro, ayúdanos a escuchar a tu Hijo. Ilumínanos con tu palabra, para que encontremos el camino a tu gloria". Amén.

Los atributos divinos de Dios

La Fiesta de la Transfiguración de hoy es bastante alucinante. Jesús llevó a sus discípulos de paseo a una montaña y lo convirtió en un viaje que nunca olvidarían. Se cayeron de rodillas con asombro porque "se transfiguró en su presencia: su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve". Y sus vidas nunca fueron las mismas porque se les había mostrado sin dejar lugar a duda que Jesús era el Dios verdadero.

La Iglesia nos ayuda a entender mejor esta cita divina al explicar los atributos de Dios. Dios es Infinito: no está limitado por el tiempo ni el espacio. Dios es Unidad: Es el único Dios verdadero y no hay otro. Dios es Simple: no está compuesto de ninguna parte física o metafísica; Simplemente es. Dios es Divino: Es el creador y sustentador de todo ser. Dios es eterno: siempre fue, siempre es y siempre será. Dios es Omnipresente: no está confinado por ninguna limitación temporal; Está en todos lados. Dios es Inmutable: Es incapaz de cualquier tipo de cambio; Puesto que es la perfección misma, no puede cambiar. Dios posee Conocimiento, Intelecto y Voluntad Divinos: Conoce todas las cosas, entiende todas las cosas y conduce todas las cosas de acuerdo a su plan divino.

Después de recordar quién y qué es Dios, ¿qué podemos hacer sino responder con asombro? Que escuchemos este mensaje hoy, nos dejamos conmover por él y respondamos con fe en nuestro gran y amoroso Dios. *Por Tami Urcia*



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"Rezamos para que los católicos sitúen la celebración de la Eucaristía en el centro de su vida, transformando de manera muy profunda las relaciones humanas y abriéndose al encuentro con Dios y con todos los hermanos." Papa Francisco



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