



Our Lady of Grace Parish

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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

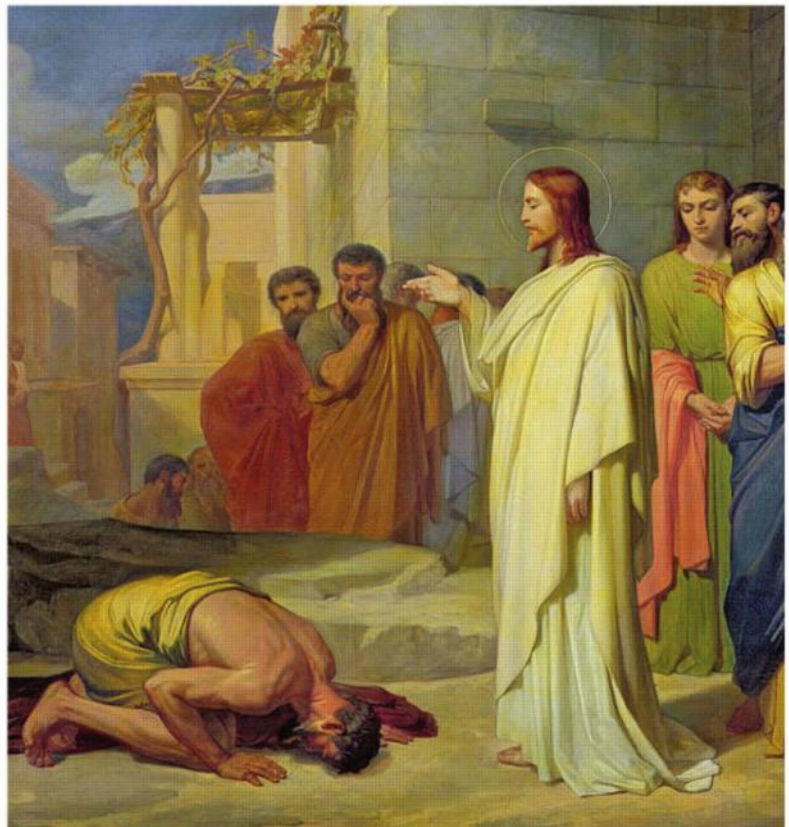
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays
2:30 to 3:15 PM

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him
and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

LTB 1:40



February 11, 2024

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 11, 2024

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



This is Revival

"Nowhere does Jesus hear our prayers more readily than in the Blessed Sacrament." (Blessed Henry Suso).

PRAYER

"Father in heaven, the loving plan of your wisdom took flesh in Jesus Christ and changed humanity's history. Help us to live in your presence and reflect your wisdom." Amen!

PAUL THE PEOPLE PLEASER?

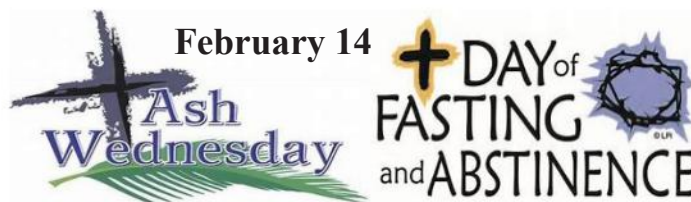
Last week we heard St. Paul saying that he was all things to all people. This week, we hear that he tried to please everyone. To modern ears, that sounds more like a people-pleaser. But that wasn't what Paul meant. The key to Paul's way of life is the last line of the second reading: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

When Jesus spoke to Paul in his conversion, he asked why he was persecuting Jesus. Paul later began to understand that all Christians make up the body of Christ. As members of that body, we can show others what Jesus is like, by our example. That seems to be a two part process.

First, to show Christ, we have to know Christ. We can do that by reading the scriptures and praying with them. We can receive the sacraments regularly, especially Reconciliation, where we experience his forgiveness and love, and the Eucharist, where Jesus unites himself with us, so that we can become more like him.

The second part is acting like Jesus. Forgive people who hurt us, care for the sick, the dying, the poor. Don't be afraid to tell people what God has done for you; encourage others to be grateful for what God has done for them.

Paul obviously didn't please everyone, or he wouldn't have ended his life in prison. He was more interested in imitating Christ. If we can imitate Paul in that way, we can't go wrong. Tom Schmidt



Mass Schedule

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



MASSES FOR THE WEEK**MONDAY, February 12**

9:00 AM ✚ APOLONIA VELASQUEZ
By family

TUESDAY, February 13

9:00 AM ♥ FAST RECOVERY OF LOLIT & DES
By Vickie, Russ, Mariz & Joy

WEDNESDAY, February 14

9:00 AM ✚ ADRIANA RIBAS
By Miriam Ortiz & Juan J. Bermudez
4:00PM ✚ DON MALONE
By Zee & Ben Langer
7:00PM ✚ HELEN LANGIS
By husband, Rudy

THURSDAY, February 15

9:00 AM ✚ ANA PALMER
By Zee & Ben Langer

FRIDAY, February 16

9:00 AM ✚ DON MALONE
By Fr. Erwin & staff

SATURDAY, February 17

4:00 PM ✚ DULCE MARIA FERNANDEZ
By Maria Ramirez

SUNDAY, February 18

8:00 AM ✚ ANTONI KUPINSKI
By daughter, Helen Dekarz
10:30 AM ♥ INTENTIONS OF JOHN DE BELLA
By 40 Days for Life
12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Pray for our sick...

Vince Wojteczko, Mary Gruss, Alma Eberle, Sasha Orbino, Bill Ward, Joanie Hayward, Alberto Sitchon, James Smith, Ileen Jervis, John Rodgers, Diego Bertagna, Gene Brizuela, Mary Iosso, Michael Alberts, Bonnie Johnson, Aline Castonguay, Enoc Moreno, Jr., Ed Matos, Remy Natividad, Mary Petersen, Johnny Rodriguez, Patricia Wescott, Odie Malave, Jaimie Farmer, Diane Citron, Richard Cangelosi, Robert Bland, Al LeBlanc, George Yantis, Tony Zarra, Liz Riordan, Nick Maselli, LeAnne Milian, Kathy Rush, Michelle Rivera, Vic Stabile, Judy & Jim Britain, Joanne Sakal, Beverly Zadroga, Frank Howland.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

February 2024

In Memory of
KRIS YONG LEE

By Family**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.

PETER GUMASKAS

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "*do all for the glory of God.*" If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards.

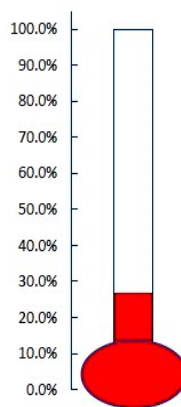
February 4, 2024

Offertory	\$7,478.42
Online Giving	\$ 932.00
Catholic School Support	\$1,503.16



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**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Ministry Appeal.

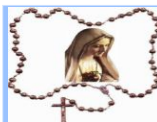


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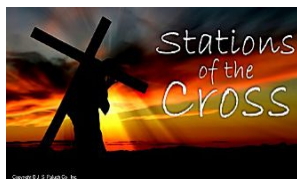
As of 02/05/2024
Goal: \$61,082
Pledged Amt: \$16,313
Pct. Achieved: 26.7%
No. of Families: 847
No. of Pledges: 111

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a letter of contributions for 2023, please place a request in the office. The information needed for the request is your name, address, telephone number & envelope number. A letter of contributions can only be sent to those who are registered parishioners.



Join us in praying the rosary at 8:00 AM before the Mass starts, Monday-Friday.



FRIDAYS DURING LENT
@ 3:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY
@12:00 PM



**Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus
Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168**



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, February 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 486, Lecanto, FL at 11:00 am. This is our annual pizza party. Come have a slice of pizza. Share in fellowship. Members, family, friends and guests are welcome.

Please remember to bring a copy of your wedding photo. This will be fun to guess "who is who".

We are collecting nonperishable food items that will be used to feed the homeless in our community, so any donation you can bring will be appreciated.

Membership is open to all Catholic women in Citrus County. Please let us know if you are coming so we will have plenty of pizza for all! We hope to see you!

For more information, please call Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180 or Barbara Murtagh at (352) 601-1599.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you lost a loved one and are now or sometimes feeling the weight of that loss? Have you been through a loss and now feel strength and want to share hope with others? There is support for you in our community. Come and join a group that seeks to find joy in life each day through learning, shared stories, support and scripture. The Grief Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 5:00pm in the Education wing of the Parish Life Center. You are welcome to join us.

SPRING



Saturday is Flea Market Day here! March 2nd 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. and 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.



Canned Fruit, Soup,
Cereal, Tuna

DROP OFF DAYS
February 13th & 20th A.M. ONLY



All ladies of Our Lady of Grace Parish are invited to come and join our group of shawl makers. We meet every first Wednesday of each month at 11AM in the PLC. We will meet up to May. Please contact the Parish office 352-746-2144 or Pat Howland 352-746-1626 for more details. Hope to see you!



Our Lady of Grace Parish K of C Council 6168



The first blood drive of the new year will be on Sat., 2/17/2024, from 8 am - 1 pm at the council hall, 2389 W Norvell Bryant Hwy, cor. W Pinecone Ave. & route 486 in Lecanto. Please plan on joining us for this important drive. Blood is always needed, and we never know when a family member or neighbor requires this life saving gift. There is no better New Year's resolution than to donate blood to our community.

There will be Egift cards, and a complimentary continental breakfast for all participants. For any questions call LifeSouth at 352-527-3061. Thanks again for all your efforts of support.

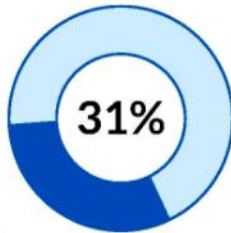
The 12/16/23 Christmas drive collected 24 units from 26 donors at the council hall, and 2 units from 2 donors at a LifeSouth Facility, for a total of 26 units of precious blood from 28 donors. This Christmas drive was similar to the 10/21/2023 drive, which was one of the most productive drives in the last two years. The Christmas spirit of giving was indeed prevalent. Leading the way with his donation was our Grand Knight, Mike Prendergast. A big thanks to all participants and best wishes for a great, happy, healthy new year.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

2024

EIGHT MEN ORDAINED AS PERMANENT DEACONS

The **Diaconate Program & Formation Ministry** is one of six diocesan ministries that embrace God's call to serve, and actively carry out His mission and ministry with love, gratitude and concern for others. These ministries encourage all to act, expressing God's saving love within us. Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, this group will receive \$2.7 million, or 31%, of the total \$9 million appeal goal to carry out their good works.



More than 100 Deacons serve throughout our diocese at parishes as well as in larger ministries such as Tampa and Pinellas Hope, and St. Vincent de Paul, and in our communities at hospitals, fire departments, and police and sheriff departments. Wherever a need is identified by Bishop Parkes, our deacons step in to assist.

Our Diaconate Office offers ongoing guidance to them in their ministry and continuing formation opportunities. In addition, they also plan and supervise the diaconate formation program, bringing new men into this vital ministry.

This past October, we celebrated the Ordination of eight men to the Permanent Diaconate – one of the largest groups to date! “I think the bigger group was beneficial,” said Deacon Joseph Grimaudo,

newly Ordained and now serving at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Land O'Lakes. “We helped each other all through out in different ways, whether it was academic or struggling with something in life. We have really formed great friendships that will continue.”

The multi-year formation process is vigorous and includes graduate level coursework. As many candidates are married with children or grandchildren, the commitment of time can be daunting. However, as Deacon Shawn Ryan now serving at St. Stephen Parish in Valrico shared, it was a very rewarding experience. “Its impact on my life, my marriage, my relationship with my daughter... we've grown together personally, spiritually, in our lives, in the parish.”

Diaconate formation is funded in part

through donations to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. “I'd like to thank everyone who has and will continue to support the Catholic Ministry Appeal,” shared Deacon Grimaudo. “The Diaconate is very important to our Diocese, to our Church. Thank you so much for helping us on this journey.”

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DEACON JOSEPH GRIMAUDO

ORDAINED OCT. 16, 2023

VISIT WWW.CATHOLICMINISTRYAPPEAL.ORG TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRIES SUPPORTED THROUGH THE APPEAL.





The season of Lent begins with *Ash Wednesday* on February 14, 2024. This season is a time when Christians prepare their hearts for the celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It's also a time to reflect more deeply on our baptismal call to continuing conversion through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

During Lent, we are reminded to turn away from faithless ways and to be renewed in our faith. We are encouraged to raise up the needs of the world in [prayer](#), to sacrifice or [fast](#) by giving up food or material wants, and to [offer](#) our time, talent, and treasure as good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

In his Lenten message for 2021, Pope Francis reminds us "Lent is a journey of return to God."



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

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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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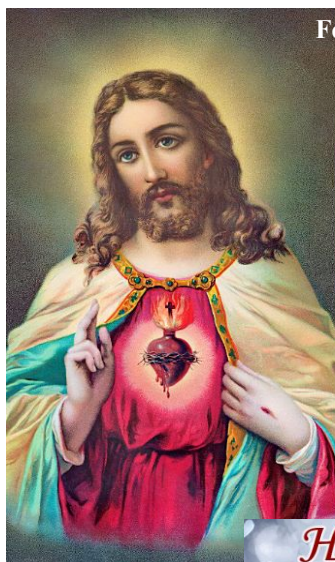
February 11– Our Lady of Lourdes

"O my **Mother**, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw **strength** and **courage**."

– St. Bernadette to Our Lady of Lourdes



February 14– Valentine's Day



"We love because he first loved us."

– 1 John 4:19





**Lecturas de las Escrituras
Para la Semana del 11 de Febrero de 2024**

Domingo	Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46; Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11; 1 Cor 10, 31—11, 1; Mc 1, 40-45
Lunes	Sant 1, 1-11; Sal 118, 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76; Mc 8, 11-13
Martes	Sant 1, 12-18; Sal 93, 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19; Mc 8, 14-21
Miércoles	Miércoles de Ceniza Jl 2, 12-18; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 12-13. 14 y 17; 2 Cor 5, 20—6, 2; Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18
Jueves	Dt 30, 15-20; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 9, 22-25
Viernes	Is 58, 1-9; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 18-19; Mt 9, 14-15
Sábado	Memoria de los Siete Santos Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de la Virgen María, Religiosos Is 58, 9-14; Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Lc 5, 27-32
Domingo	Primero Domingo de Cuaresma Gn 9, 8-15; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8 -9; 1 Pe 3, 18-22; Mc 1, 12-15

ORACIÓN

“Padre celestial, el designio amoroso de tu sabiduría se encarnó en Jesucristo y cambió la historia de la humanidad. Ayúdanos a vivir en tu presencia y reflejar tu sabiduría”. ¡Amén!

Pablo, ¿una persona complaciente?

La semana pasada escuchamos a San Pablo decir que se había hecho todo a todos. Esta semana escuchamos que intentó dar gusto a todos. Para los oídos modernos, esto suena más a un vendedor de autos usados, que tiene una oferta apropiada para cualquier comprador. Pero eso no era lo que Pablo quería decir. La clave del estilo de vida de Pablo es la última línea de la segunda lectura: “Sean, pues, imitadores míos, como yo lo soy de Cristo”. (1 Corintios 11,1)

¿Recuerdas cuando Pablo todavía era Saulo, el judío que perseguía a los cristianos? Cuando le cayó un rayo, no escuchó un trueno, sino la voz de Jesús, que le preguntó por qué Saulo lo perseguía. Más tarde, Pablo comenzó a comprender que todos los cristianos constituyen el cuerpo de Cristo. Como miembros de ese cuerpo, podemos mostrar a otros cómo es Jesús con nuestro ejemplo. Parece ser un proceso de dos partes.

Primero, para mostrar a Cristo, tenemos que conocer a Cristo. Podemos hacerlo leyendo las Escrituras y orando con ellas. Podemos recibir los sacramentos con regularidad, especialmente la Reconciliación, donde experimentamos su perdón y su amor, y la Eucaristía, donde Jesús se une a nosotros, para que podamos llegar a ser más como él.

La segunda parte es actuar como Jesús. Si queremos que la gente vea a Cristo en nosotros, no tenemos que vestarnos como él ni dejarnos crecer la barba. Tenemos que hacer las cosas como las haría Jesús: perdonar a las personas que nos lastiman, cuidar a los enfermos, a los moribundos, a los pobres. No tengas miedo de contarle a la gente lo que Dios ha hecho por ti. Anima a otros a estar agradecidos por lo que Dios ha hecho por ellos. Reza con personas que tienen dificultades hablando con Dios.

Obviamente, Pablo no agradó a todos porque así no hubiera terminado su vida en la prisión. Estaba más interesado en agradar a Dios difundiendo la Buena Nueva de la resurrección de Jesús. Si podemos imitar a Pablo de esa manera, no saldremos del camino correcto.

Tom Schmidt



“En ningún lugar Jesús escucha nuestras oraciones más fácilmente que en el Santísimo Sacramento”.
(Beato Enrique Suso).



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