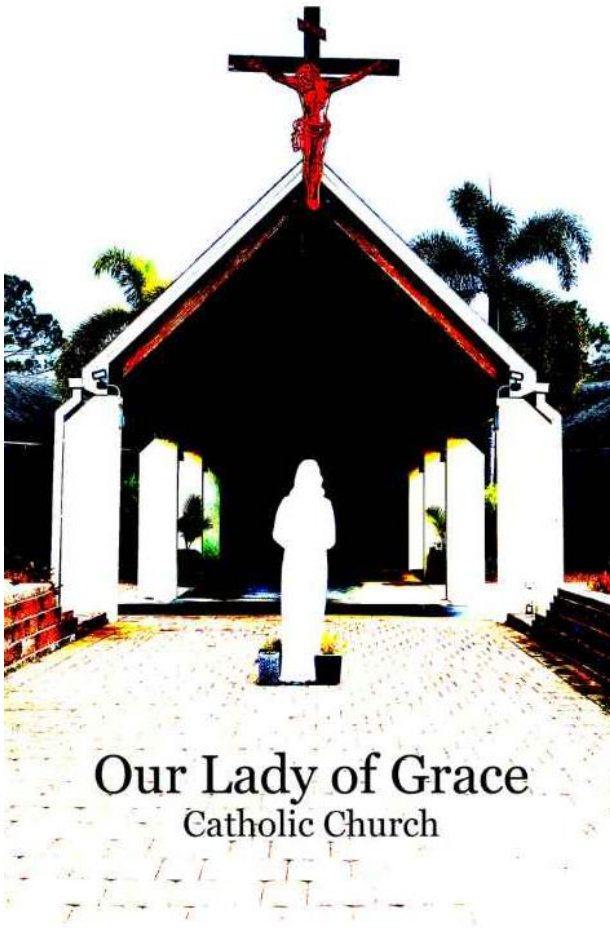


The State of Our Parish

A Year of Gratitude, Stewardship, and Mission



Our Lady of Grace
Catholic Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each September, I take the opportunity to share with you the **State of Our Parish**—where we are, what we have accomplished together, and where God is calling us.

First and foremost, **thank you**.

I am deeply grateful for your prayers, generosity, time, talents, and commitment to Our Lady of Grace. Everything we have accomplished this past year has been possible because of your faithful support. We are one parish family, and together we continue the mission of Christ.

Financial Stewardship

I want to share our financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Transparency is an important part of responsible stewardship.

- **Operating Revenue:** \$1,125,425
- **Operating Expenses:** \$967,896
- **Parish/Church Maintenance:** \$69,957
- **Net Operating Result:** \$-6,095

Your generosity allows us to maintain our facilities, support ministries and faith formation, and provide a welcoming place where people can encounter Christ.

Every gift matters. Thank you for entrusting your resources to Our Lady of Grace and helping us use them responsibly for the mission of the Church.

What We Accomplished Together

Through your generosity, we addressed many important needs throughout our parish campus.

Activity Center

- Painted the hall.
- Continued repairs to the floor scrubber.
- Repaired the coffee maker.
- Purchased needed equipment and improvements.

Parking Lot

- Completed asphalt repairs.
- Resealed and restriped the lot.
- Installed bollards to improve safety.

Church, Electrical, and Safety

- Completed electrical repairs in the ellipse area.
- Completed air-conditioning repairs.
- Repaired the fire panel after a power surge.
- Updated the security camera system, with underground wiring scheduled for September.

Parish Welcome

- Installed a new Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Rectory and General Maintenance

- Repaired the irrigation pump and plumbing.
- Replaced the window at the rectory.
- Completed water-heater and exterior water-spigot repairs.
- Replaced conference-room blinds.

These improvements are more than maintenance. They are investments in our parish home and in the mission, Christ has entrusted to us.

Looking Ahead

Several projects are in progress or are being evaluated:

- Church lighting repairs and replacements.
- Quotations for electric church doors.
- Completion of underground security-camera wiring.
- New event tents.
- New tables for the Activity Center.

We will prioritize these needs according to safety, necessity, available resources, and long-term parish needs.

But our greatest priority is not our buildings. **Our greatest priority is the spiritual life of our people.**

Our Three Pastoral Priorities

1. Growing in Our Relationship with Jesus Christ

Everything begins with Christ. Through the Eucharist, prayer, Scripture, and the Sacraments, we are nourished and strengthened to live as His disciples.

2. Growing Together as One Parish Family

Our Lady of Grace is blessed with many cultures, languages, and traditions. These differences are gifts that enrich the Body of Christ.

We may worship in different languages, but we gather around the same altar, receive the same Eucharistic Lord, and belong to the same Church.

Our diversity is a gift. Our unity is a witness.

3. Growing in Service and Participation

A healthy parish depends upon the participation of its members. Through Baptism, Christ calls each of us to share in His mission.

We are not simply called to attend Mass. We are called to become joyful missionary disciples who know Christ, love Christ, and serve Christ by serving others.

We Need One Another

I invite every parishioner to consider your connection to the life of our parish:

- Are you registered at Our Lady of Grace?
- Are you involved in parish life?
- Are you working in a ministry?
- What gifts has God given you that you can offer to Him and to others?

Our Lady of Grace is more than a place where we attend Mass. It is our spiritual home—a place where we encounter Christ, build relationships, welcome one another, grow in faith, and are sent forth to bring God's love into the world.

Let us continue building a parish where every person knows they belong, families are strengthened, children and adults grow in faith, and every generation has an opportunity to serve.

Most importantly, let us remain faithful to who we are:

Nourished by the Eucharist, united in Christ, and called to live as His disciples.

Our Parish Staff

This past year has brought changes to our parish staff.

I am pleased to welcome **Lisa Boivin, our new Office Manager, and Susana Graciano, our Front Desk Receptionist.** We are also preparing for a transition in Faith Formation as we look toward January 2027.

Please welcome, encourage, and pray for our staff and ministry leaders. Each person has a unique gift and responsibility in serving the mission of Our Lady of Grace.

A Word of Gratitude

As I look back on this past year, I am filled with gratitude.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, time, talents, and commitment to our parish. Most of all, I thank God for calling me to serve as your pastor. It is a privilege and a blessing to walk with you in faith.

As we begin another pastoral year, may we listen to God's voice and respond courageously to His call. May the Lord strengthen our faith, deepen our unity, and send us forth with joyful hearts to serve Him and one another.

Please know that I pray for you and your families. May God bless Our Lady of Grace abundantly and fill your homes and hearts with His peace.

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Vilaire Philius

Pastor