



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday:

5:00 pm

Sunday:

9:00 & 10:30 am

Mon-Friday:

8:00 am

First Saturday Anointing:

After 5:00 pm vigil

Sacrament of Penance:

By appointment

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ourladyofmercy.church

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8:00am-4:00 pm

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 30, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have prayed for all of us during this summer. Hopefully, the ongoing hurricane season will not bring any storms our way. It is hard to believe that the 34th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew devastating Miami was this year. I was in the seminary in Miami at the time, and the storm impacted our lives in profound ways. Many hurricanes have impacted our Diocese of Venice and the ten counties it covers. At Our Lady of Mercy, we are still recovering and healing from the two hurricanes that hit our island and church in 2024. But we are on our way to recovery and to being whole again. We have finally received our new organ, this week, the speakers and pipes have been installed. A beautiful new instrument is here to provide sacred hymns for the sacraments to be celebrated in our beloved church. Thank you for the prayers, the support and the generosity of so many to get us to this point in time. May God continue to protect us and grace us with his blessing always. Amen.

This past Thursday we were truly blessed to have Bishop Emilio visit our parish and celebrate the morning Mass.



Bishop Emilio stayed with us after for a luncheon. Bishop took photos and was engaged in conversation. He is wrapping up his tour of the Diocese of Venice this weekend before he heads to Rome for the gathering of newly ordained bishops. Bishop Emilio said that he will pray for us while he is in the Eternal City and we too will keep our new bishop in our prayers. Amen.



Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Men's Priestly Discernment Day
SATURDAY, OCT 10, 2026 | 8AM-8PM

VERSO L'ALTO
TO THE HEIGHTS

This was a favorite motto of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, a mountaineer, athlete and great friend of the poor, who wished always to aim higher in all he did.

- Men Ages 16-35
- Mass and Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
- Inspiring Talks
- Discussions with Seminarians and Priests

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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Parish assessment this year is \$144,000 (\$118,650.00 collected as of August 17) Envelopes are available at the front of the church. Please make checks payable to the *Catholic Faith Appeal* and in the memo write *Our Lady of Mercy Parish* so that we receive proper credit for your donation. Every dollar given to the CFA helps us reach our goal. May God continue to bless our generous parish. We are hopeful that 100% of our Parish community will respond to the 2026 Catholic Faith Appeal to successfully meet and perhaps exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal 2026, with a pledge or one-time gift.

Safe Environment Training (SET) - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice Requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and complete online training in SET prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit the Diocese of Venice website. To report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families please call 800-962-2873. Further, if Diocesan personnel or volunteers are involved, notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Senton, at 941-416-6114.