



# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday	8:00 am
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 am
Tuesday Adoration	10:00 am
First Saturday Anointing	After 5:00 pm vigil
Sacrament of Penance call the parish office for appointment.	
Parish website address:	<a href="http://ourladyofmercy.church">ourladyofmercy.church</a>
Online Giving:	<a href="http://ourladyofmercy.church">ourladyofmercy.church</a>

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

The modern believer is called upon to react to the evil in society. Exploitation, oppression, abuse of power, and so forth are not merely the undesirable results of immutable economic laws. The believer is challenged to uncover those responsible for the dehumanizing of persons made in the image of God. This implies a call to action. From a Christian perspective the wretchedness of human existence indicates that the power of Jesus' death and resurrection has not yet penetrated those situations. Believers must interpret the facts. The modern believer is also called upon to react to the good in society. We need to applaud the unstinting efforts of leaders to improve the quality of human life. We must acknowledge the diverse variety of human gifts and praise all use of those gifts for the benefit of others. We must proclaim the joy of human friendship and the depth of human cooperation. In these and similar situations, the believer becomes ever more aware of a generous God who interacts with generous humans. By finding evidence of the impact of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus in everyday life, we true believers interpret the facts.

**Parish CFA goal \$105,000 (\$81, 541.00 raised so far).**

The **CFA** Catholic Faith Appeal Donations in action throughout the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Our Parish community is hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2024 Catholic Faith Appeal. With the support of our Parish community, we will successfully meet and possibly exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated! For those who are returning to homes outside of Florida we will miss you and look forward to your return soon. **Please continue to give to the parish through the CFA while you are away so that we can give generously to the schools in our diocese that desperately need our help. We also have online giving and the website for our parish is in the heading of this bulletin. May God continue to bless all of us and our parish.**

### Parish Accountant Needed

Chris, our parish accountant, has retired and we are looking to hire her replacement. It is a part time job, in a pastoral setting with the added benefit of working for the glory of God and His Church. Contact Fr. Anthony at [anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org](mailto:anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org). Please pray that we fill this important position in the administration of the church. Have a blessed Easter Season.



## Second Collection Next Weekend

April 12, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** supports parishes and missions across the United States. These parishes and missions have Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, experience economic hardships, or have diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions.

Grants from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal cover the costs of basic and essential pastoral programs, such as religious education, evangelization, and seminary formation, and parish sacramental programs. For example, with a grant from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, a qualifying Diocese was able to develop a vocations-team approach to encourage young men to explore priestly vocation. This program heightened interest in priestly life among young men through weekend retreats and dinners where young men and their parents can learn about seminary and priestly life.

This year's Catholic Home Missions Appeal is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of **April 27 and 28, 2024**. There is a great need for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. Your support of this appeal truly makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Thank you for your generosity.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your family of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida

Sunday, April 21 is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, liturgically known as Good Shepherd Sunday, a day instituted by Pope Paul VI to pray for and promote vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life.

### Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Your Son instructed us to "pray the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we ask you to inspire the hearts of men and women throughout the Diocese of Venice in Florida to discern God's will for their lives. We ask you to send men from among our faithful to serve as priests to shepherd God's people and to be instruments of your love, to call deacons who will serve in the Diocese and proclaim the Word of God, and to send religious priests and brothers who will give their lives completely to you. We ask you to send forth women from among our faithful to serve as religious sisters, who as brides of Christ will build up the Kingdom of God, and to bring forth consecrated virgins to be a special sign of devotion to Christ in the world. May you shower down grace to enlighten the hearts and minds of any person considering their vocation to respond with generosity, humility, and courage. We trust in your providence as we humbly beseech you to send out laborers for the harvest. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen