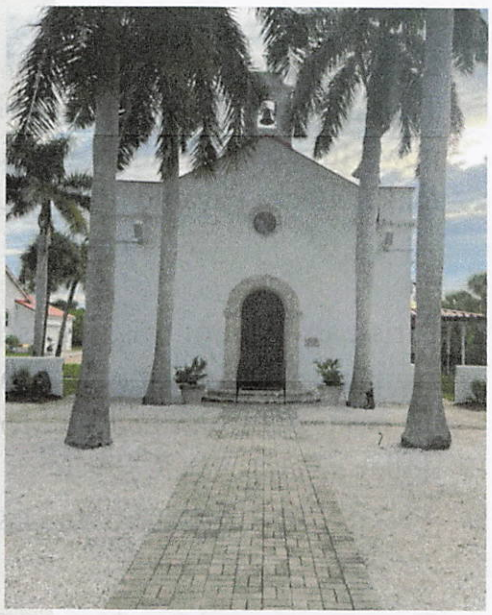
OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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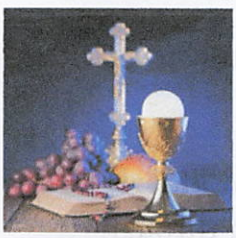
Mass Schedule:

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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Online Giving:	ourladyofmercy.church
Father Anthony email:	anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Diocese of Venice TV Masses



On Wednesday, November 18 we will be filming two TV Masses to be broadcast throughout the Diocese on Sunday December 6 and 13. The filming will begin at 10:am and the filming will last for approximately two hours. Everyone is invited to attend these special Masses. An outreach to the homebound, the infirm, those in prison, or those traveling can watch the Mass to remain connected to the Church and make a Spiritual Communion. We gather to pray for those who cannot be with us physically at this time.

There will be **no 8 am Mass** on Wednesday November 18 due to the TV Masses.

https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/guide/

Annual Thanksgiving Drive

Our parish is collecting monetary donations for the purchase of Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in Lee County. Any donation amount is welcome. In the memo line of your check please put turkey donation.



Pope Leo in his encyclical ***Dilexi Te*** spoke of our responsibility to the poor among us. *"We Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching our and touching the suffering flesh of the poor."* (119). We are blessed to have St. Francis Xavier Parish in Fort Myers generously provide Thanksgiving baskets for an additional 50 families. A team of volunteers who have worked with me conducting outreach, some for the past 27 years will coordinate the distribution. God bless your generosity.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
will be at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 26.

Diocese of Bariadi, Tanzania

Last weekend, November 7-8, Fr. Cyril, a priest from the newly established Diocese of Bariadi, Tanzania was here as part of the Diocese of Venice Mission Cooperative Program. Fr. Cyril gave a powerful and emotional homily at all Masses. If you would still like to donate to his diocese, please make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy with Mission Co-Op 2026 in the memo. God bless.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Parish assessment this year is $144,000 (**$122,614.74 collected as of November 9**) 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. **We are close to reaching our goal: we only need $21, 385.00.** https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/

November 21, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I extend my prayers and best wishes to you and your loved ones for a blessed holiday. This season reminds us to give thanks for our many blessings and to remember those who are less fortunate.

Many elderly residents throughout the Diocese of Venice live on fixed incomes and struggle to meet basic needs, including food and housing.

On **Saturday & Sunday, November 21-22, 2026**, the Diocese will hold its annual **Elderly Care Collection** to assist seniors in need. Funds raised will support charitable outreach through Catholic Charities and diocesan housing initiatives.

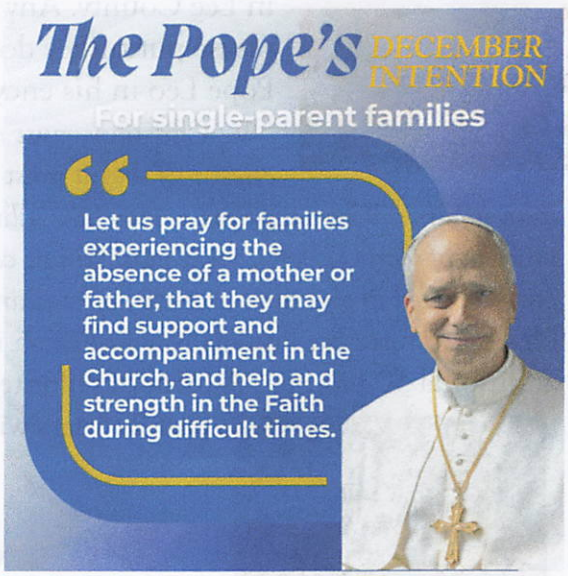
I prayerfully ask you to consider making a generous contribution. Your kindness will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our senior brothers and sisters.

May God bless you for your generosity and compassion!

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Emilio Biosca, O.F.M. Cap.
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida



Private Retreats at OLPH - Our spring schedule has openings for 3, 5, and 7-night individual (directed) retreats. Group retreats are also available: To learn more or to register for a group or private retreat, please visit the OLPH website.