



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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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

September 5, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Through excellence in teaching and research, the Catholic University shares the truth in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.

The National Collection for the Catholic University of America supports the University's work in educating future Catholic leaders and serving dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs aimed at responding to the most pressing needs of our Church and nation.

In support of these efforts, the Diocese of Venice, along with Dioceses across the United States, will have a collection for the **Catholic University of America on the weekend of September 12 and 13, 2026**. It is the only national collection taken for higher education in our country. Your contributions help the University to continue their work on behalf of the Church and its Faithful. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

With gratitude and prayerful affection, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Emilio E. Biosca, O.F.M. Cap.

Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

The Second Collection for The Catholic University of America is today.

National Eucharistic Congress on Friday, October 9, our parish will participate. We will begin with Mass at 8:00 am. Adoration will begin at 8:30 am. At the beginning of each hour, we are encouraged to pray the rosary. Benediction will take place at 3:00 pm. All are invited to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on this special day.



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.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Parish assessment this year is \$144,000 (\$118,650.00 collected as of August 31) 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.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Jesus not only calls people to him but also forms them and sends them out in his service (cf. Mt 10:5ff.; Mk 6:7ff.; Lk 9:1ff.). Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being a disciple. Whoever wants to follow Christ will have much work to do on his behalf—announcing the Good News and serving others as Jesus did.

In Christ, God has entered fully into human life and history. For one who is Christ's disciple there is no dichotomy, and surely no contradiction, between building the Kingdom and serving human purposes as a steward does. These are aspects of one and the same reality—the reality called the Christian life.

<https://spicathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/StewardshipADisciplesResponse.pdf>

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

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
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DIocese of Venice
VOCATIONS



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.

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTION

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For the care of water:
Let us pray for a just
and sustainable
management of
water, a vital
resource, so that
everyone may have
equal access to it.

