



# 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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## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 12, 2024

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, 40 days after Easter, has been transferred to **Sunday, May 12**, in accord with an indult granted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by the Holy See in the year **2000**. Please see below for a message from Bishop Frank J.

Dewane:

As the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated this Sunday, March 12, be mindful to do what Jesus asks of us, and make disciples of all nations, taking the Gospel to the public square. In our daily lives, let us bear witness to all that Jesus has taught, and show ourselves to be worthy of His mercy, and His love.

“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Mt 28:16-20)

With His Ascension into Heaven, the presence of the “historical Christ” comes to an end, and the presence of the Body of Christ, His Church, is inaugurated.

Because Jesus died, rose, and ascended, the gates of Heaven are open to us. Meanwhile, we are fortified on our journey to salvation by Jesus’s promise: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” God’s faithfulness towards us never fails; with God, all things are possible.

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** takes place the First Saturday after the Vigil Mass.

## Prayers for Mothers

A Blessing for Mothers  
Almighty God has brought you  
the joy of motherhood:  
May he now bless you.

Through the mercy of God  
and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may you and your children one day  
come to share in the unending joys of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers for Mothers

For all mothers: That they be supported and encouraged in their special vocation of love for others; We pray to the Lord.

For the gift of motherhood: that all might treasure and support God's plan for life and love; We pray to the Lord.

For all mothers: that their children will honor their many sacrifices by lives of service and virtue; We pray to the Lord.

For all mothers who await the birth of a child: that the Lord protect all unborn sons and daughters and bring them to a safe delivery; We pray to the Lord.

For all married couples who are struggling with infertility: that the Lord grant them peace as they hope for the gift of a child; We pray to the Lord.

For mothers who grieve and mourn, especially those who have lost a child before birth: that they find consolation in God's promise of life; We pray to the Lord.

**Parish CFA goal \$105,000 (\$95,514.58 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.

**Safe Environment Training** - 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 Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit [dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org) for further information. 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, also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.