

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 am
Mon-Fri	8:00 am
First Saturday Anointing	After 5:00 pm vigil
Sacrament of Penance	By appointment
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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

Our church is still under repair due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton damage, therefore, Daily and Weekend Mass will continue to be celebrated in the Parish Life Center (PLC).



2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday **April 14-16 8:00 am** Lenten Mass in the PLC

Holy Thursday - April 17th

No 8:00 am Lenten Mass

6:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper in the PLC

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist to a place of repose in the Parish Life Center until **8:00 pm**.

Good Friday - April 18th

3:00 pm in the PLC: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Distribution of Eucharist

Holy Saturday Night - April 19th

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass in the PLC

This Mass is the longest of the year, around 90 minutes in length. It is the culmination of the holy triduum. It is the holiest night, and we welcome our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. This is the only Mass allowed during the day and night.

Easter Sunday Mass - April 20th

7:00 am - Mass in the Church with overflow in the PLC

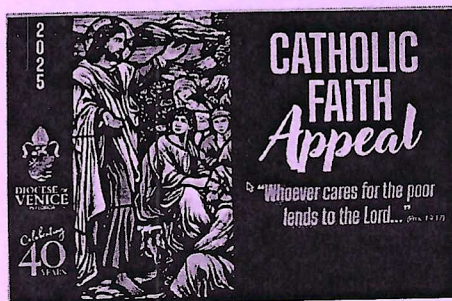
9:00 am - Mass in the Church with overflow in the PLC

10:30 am - Mass in the Church with overflow in the PLC

Way of the Cross
Good Friday
12 noon
Outside the church on Park Avenue

Community Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18th at 12 noon. Begin at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Park Ave. and walk the 14 stations of the cross to remember our Lord's passion and death on this holy day.

Lenten thought for this week: "Christ lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!" -Pope Francis



Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) 2025
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Assessment: \$123,000.00
Pledged as of April 5: \$62,965.00

Today is a great opportunity for every family in our parish to participate in the Catholic Faith Appeal. I ask each of you to pray about making your own sacrificial gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal. As you pray about your gift, remember that the Catholic Faith Appeal supports three critical

areas of our Catholic Faith: to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to share the Faith through the celebration of the Sacraments and Catholic formation; and to care for the poor, sick, and vulnerable.

We are blessed to have a faith-filled and generous parish family. Your contribution positively impacts our Southwest Florida Catholic Family. All parishes throughout the diocese will be working towards this mission through the CFA. *Envelopes and CFA pamphlets are available on the table at the door in the PLC. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.*

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

April 11, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church gathers to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday. At the same time our thoughts turn to the Holy Land where Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead.

Every year, the Holy Father asks all Catholic parishes around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, your help is needed more than ever. The Christian population has dropped to less than 2% over the past century, and now, due to the war, more families are leaving Bethlehem. Meanwhile, those who remain are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and churches.

In these times of crisis, your support is essential. The Holy Land Collection in the Diocese of Venice will be held on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope; let us instill hope in our brothers and sisters who strive to remain in the land where the Son of God dwelt among us. May God bless you for your continued generosity in support of the faithful in the Holy Land.

This opportunity is taken to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Frank J. Dewane Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.