

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

Parish website address:

ourladyofmercy.church

Online Giving:

ourladyofmercy.church

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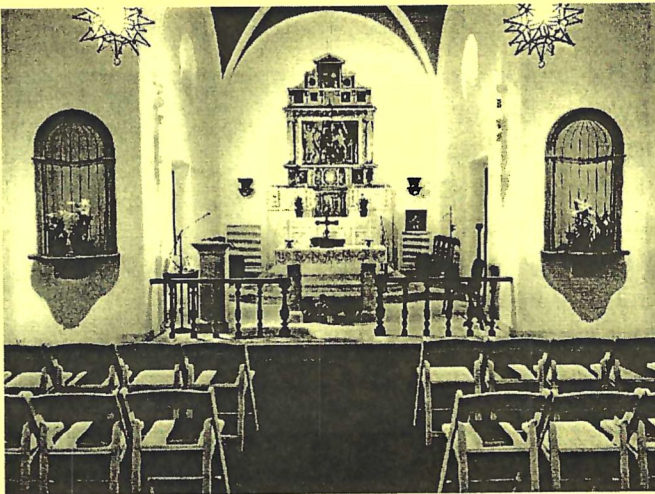
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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

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

Easter Message 2025



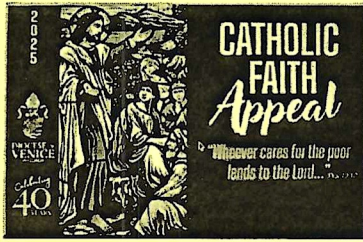
Easter is here again, the time for all of us to see and experience. The five weeks of Lent have passed. Palm Sunday is done. The paschal triduum of Holy Thursday with the Last Supper, Good Friday with the crucifixion of Jesus and the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Saturday Night; with the blessing of the new Easter candle, Baptism and Reception of Catechumens and Candidates into the Catholic Faith, and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises have all concluded. All these holy days have led to this Easter Sunday. What began with the word made flesh and dwelt among us ended with the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Victory over

death and sin has happened. The Kingdom of God is at hand. We are his disciples, we are his children, and we are his beloved. Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, rose, and ascended into heaven so that we may have life to the fullest. This is our Faith. We are proud of our Faith. And we will proclaim our Faith through our actions. Now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Anthony

A Special Note from the Pastor...

To our parishioners who will be traveling back home away from our parish, please keep us in your daily prayers as we work to rebuild our parish for the years to come. I too pray for our parishioners who are also going through their own rebuilding process. Please consider continuing to donate to the parish repairs or to our Catholic Faith Appeal assessment. The summer months are lean for us financially and every dollar helps us to continue to support the needs of the parish. You can mail P.O. Box 181, Boca Grande, Florida 33921, your donation or sign up with online giving, <https://ourladyofmercy.church/donate> on our parish website and set up ongoing donations throughout the year. May God keep you safe in your travels and we look forward to seeing you when you return. God Bless, Father Anthony



Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) 2025
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Assessment: \$123,000.00
Pledged as of April 12: **\$71,465.00**

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.*

The Second Collection this Easter is for the ongoing repairs to the church and to the necessary improvements to help mitigate future flood waters from damaging our beautiful church building.

JOIN US ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27 in the PLC
3:00pm—4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration—Divine Mercy Chaplet

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will regarding this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699: My daughter tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates are opened through which graces flow. Let no soul fear drawing near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.



To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we are asked to: 1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil). 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins. 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus. 4. Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast. 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil). 6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy. 7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

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.