

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

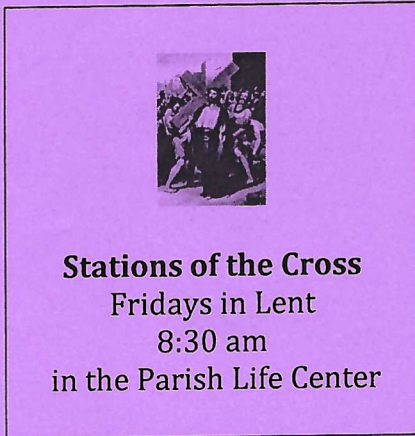
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 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)**.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent

8:30 am

in the Parish Life Center

Special Parish Lenten Presentation

Tuesday, April 8th, 5-7 pm in the PLC

The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell...Plus a Bit on Purgatory!

This presentation will be focused on what are The Four Last Things...the most important things...Death, Judgment (Particular and General), Heaven, and Hell. We'll also talk about Purgatory, which, while not a Last Thing, is most certainly an Important Thing. Are Heaven and Hell places or states of being? Does the Church still believe in Purgatory?

What does it mean when we say in the Creed, "I believe in the resurrection of the body?" Do we mean that literally or figuratively? What does the Bible mean when it talks about a new Heaven and the new Earth. Finally, how can I get holy, and get to Heaven? How do I overcome evil and avoid Hell?

Does all this have anything to do with why I was made? Come join us for this presentation on the Four Last Things and learn more!

Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) 2025

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Assessment: \$123,000.00

Pledged as of March 29: **\$53,865.00**

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 sacrifice 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.*

Lenten thought for this week: "O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you."

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the PLC on Friday, April 11th from 5-7 pm and Saturday, April 12th from 10-12 noon.

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.

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

12 Noon Way of the Cross Begins and Ends outside at Our Lady of Mercy Church and the stations are located throughout the town.

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

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.

*"Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." **John 8:1-3.** None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge us so that we come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone. Amen.*