



# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 am
Monday – Friday	8:00 am
Tuesday Adoration	Suspended for the Summer
First Saturday Anointing	After 5:00 pm vigil
Sacrament of Penance	Call the parish office
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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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 11, 2024**

**“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” [John 6:48–51](#)**

Do we believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do we believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do we believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine our faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to each of us. For our part, we must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. Doing so will produce the gift of faith within our human reason, and that faith will be our guide to the life of the fullness of grace.

Thursday August 15

**9:00 am Mass**

Holy Day of Obligation

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We celebrate one of seventeen different memorials, feasts and solemnities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are found on the Roman Liturgical Calendar. This celebration is one of the four Solemnities by which our Blessed Mother is honored. No other person other than our Lord is honored and celebrated with as much solemnity as the Mother of God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she was taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's a fact to consider that she retains her body and soul, united in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heaven and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new body forever with God.

Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother

at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Mary's song of praise tells us she is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." She is the one for whom "the Almighty has done great things." She is the one who will eternally proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and whose spirit will forever rejoice in God her Savior. And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

Mary, mother of God, pray for us.

**Low-Gluten Hosts Available Please see Fr. Anthony at least ten minutes prior to Mass to request a low-gluten host.**

**Our Church is equipped with a Hearing Loop Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (telephone).**

This weekend there is a second collection for the Florida Catholic.

### **Prayer to Protect Them Both**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children.

May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!  
St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.