

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15, 2026

February 18, Ash Wednesday Mass Times

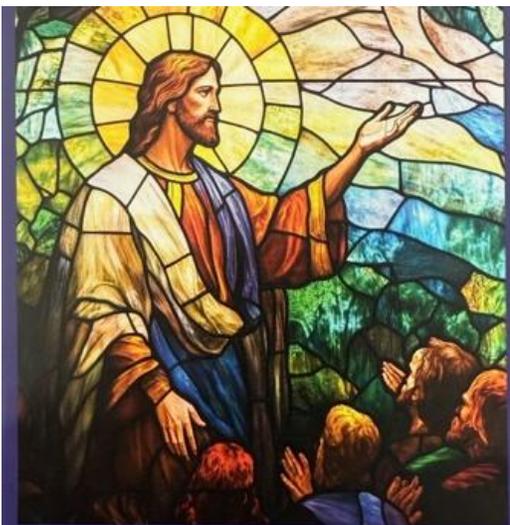
8:00 am and 5:00 pm

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will be taken up

Fridays of Lent

3:00 – 4:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00pm Stations of the Cross



**"Tell them to do good...
be generous, ready to
share."** (Tim 6:18)

This weekend Kip Bilderback, Parish Finance Council Chairman, will speak to us about the annual **Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)**.

Our parish assessment this year is \$144,000. Envelopes are available at the front of the church. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Faith Appeal and in the memo write Our Lady of Mercy Parish so that we receive proper credit for your donation. Every dollar given to the CFA helps us reach our goal. May God continue to bless our generous parish. Fr. Anthony

Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) Prayer

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom.

We know that all we have is received from your hand.

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously with those in need. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful

stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We are hopeful that 100% of our Parish community will respond to the 2026 Catholic Faith Appeal. With the support of our Parish community, we hope to successfully meet and perhaps exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal 2026, with a pledge or one-time gift.



SCAN TO GIVE

When we Catholics grow in our life of prayer and our light shines ever brighter, we become true evangelists for the Faith. We joyfully spread the Gospel to our community. The purpose of the CFA is not only to provide for the materials needs of those living in Southwest Florida, but to also provide opportunities for both fallen away Catholics and non-Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ through our ministries and apostolates, and to welcome them home to the Catholic Church. Your support helps us to evangelize the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our entire community.

How to use a QR Code to Donate:

1. Open your smartphone camera and hover over the QR Code.
2. Click the pop up on your smartphone to open the giving webpage.

Mardi Gras Parish Family Potluck Dinner February 17, 2026

RSVP today for the Parish Mardi Gras potluck dinner on February 17th at 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Plan to bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Last name is A-J plan to bring an appetizer or salad; last name is K-Z plan to bring an entrée or dessert. Iced Tea, water, and paper products will be provided (BYOB if additional drinks are desired). Reserve a seat today by emailing Anne Scoronski at askoronski@mac.com. Please indicate "OLM Mardi Gras RSVP" in the subject line. In the body of the email please indicate the names of the attendees in your party and the item you plan to bring for the potluck. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please indicate it in an email and a committee member will call you back.

Lent 2026

REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and Good Friday, April 3, 2026, are days of fast and abstinence. All *Fridays of Lent* are also days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 years and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is to continue until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. **Note:** If a person is unable to



PRAYER

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observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition. **Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of

preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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.

Thank you all for your time, talent, and treasure!