



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	Call the parish office
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025

Hurricanes Helene and Milton damaged our church, therefore,
Daily and Weekend Mass will continue to be celebrated in the **Parish Life Center (PLC)**.

**Second Collection this weekend
January 18/19 is for the Church in
Latin America**

*Thank you for sharing your time, talent
and treasure, may the Lord continue to
bless you abundantly.*

Monday-Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 5:00 pm vigil
Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 am

January 10, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Collection for the Church in Latin America provides the opportunity to show unity with our brothers and sisters in Central & South America, as well as the Caribbean Islands.

For decades, this collection has helped meet the many challenges and needs of the Church and the faithful in Latin America.

Gifts to this collection provide grants to dioceses in Latin America, which help sustain important ministries such as evangelization, vocations and seminary training, marriage support, and the promotion of human life and dignity. In the capital of Venezuela, the Church is now equipped to become a leader in the fight against human trafficking. And in the Amazonian region of Peru, the love and sacraments of Christ can reach remote Indigenous villages.

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America during the weekend of January 18 & 19, 2025. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your donations to this collection support life, faith & hope to our brothers and sisters in Central & South America and the Caribbean.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for your support of the Church in Latin America.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Now that we have concluded our Christmas Season and have begun Ordinary Time, I pray that you are well this day.

A few updates on the repair to our church. Two new air conditioners have been placed on the newly erected stands. Pew repair and restoration is under contract; in the coming days the pews will be taken out and sent to North Carolina, a job which can take up to sixteen weeks to complete. While the pews are out, the interior church will be painted and the brick floor will be repaired, cleaned, and sealed. We are still waiting on proposals for the scope of this work.

We are still waiting for the proposal to repair the rectory garage as well as other repairs. In the coming days, the alarm system in the church will be repaired/replaced depending on the installers assessment. The sound system still needs to be replaced. The mulch has arrived and will be placed around the parish buildings. It is a blessing to have parishioners donate over \$157,000 to Hurricane Milton repairs and towards the purchase of a new organ. As of now the total of the repairs and the new organ come in at \$577,000. If you would like to donate, please include Hurricane Milton Repairs or New Church Organ in the memo line. Together we will rebuild our church.

May God continue to bless us all in our journey through recovery.
Father Anthony

Wednesday January 22nd is the USCCB "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."
www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope Saint John Paul II Evangelium vitae

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now must protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still greatly needed.

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. How to Participate Go to Mass, Abstain from meat, Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fast, Give up TV and movies for the day, Offer A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else.

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 for further information. 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, also notify the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at 941-416-6114.