



# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

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| 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> |

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 30, 2024

When Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, He saw many people who were "weeping and wailing loudly." When Jesus questioned their acts of despair, He said to them, "The child is not dead but asleep." But upon hearing this, they ridiculed Him. Clearly, the other people present did not have the hope and the faith that Jairus had. Therefore, it is also helpful to prayerfully meditate upon the contrast of Jairus and the others present.

The story concludes with Jesus raising the girl from the dead. He then told those present to keep this miracle quiet. Jesus did not heal her to gain fame. He did not heal her to prove to the people who were despairing and without faith that they were wrong. Instead, He primarily healed her on account of the faith manifested by the girl's father.

Jesus' divine love shining through His humanity is clearly seen when He says that "she should be given something to eat." Jesus did not stand there expecting praise from those present. Rather, His loving compassion shone through as He expressed His concern that this little girl must have been hungry. His love led Him to address this minor detail.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

June 22, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ! As the Church resumes Ordinary Time, may the intercession of the Blessed Mother and All the Saints assist and support you.

Each year on the Sunday nearest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, our Holy Father invites us to participate in the ongoing work of the Holy See to help those throughout the world who are most in need. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us with the Holy Father in his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world including victims of war, natural disasters, and oppression, as well as refugees and the poor affected by illness and disease.

Won't you join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world? You can participate through your donation, prayers, and outreach to spread the message of Christ. The Peter's Pence collection in the Diocese of Venice is scheduled for the weekend of June 29 and 30, 2024. Please be generous in your support and help sustain others who are less fortunate. Thank you for your kindness!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration and my prayers! May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

#### **Parish Accountant Needed**

Our parish is looking to hire an accountant. It is a part time job (20 hours a week), in a pastoral setting with the added benefit of working for the glory of God and His Church. Contact Fr. Anthony at [anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org](mailto:anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org). Please pray that we fill this important position in the administration of the church. St. Joseph the Worker, Pray for Us.

**Safe Environment Training** - 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 Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. Please visit [dioceseofvenice.org](http://dioceseofvenice.org) 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.

#### **Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen. [Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]

#### **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!