



# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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**Mass Schedule:**

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 & 10:30 am
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	8:00 am
<b>First Saturday Anointing</b>	After 5:00 pm vigil
<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	By appointment
<b>Parish website address:</b>	<a href="http://ourladyofmercy.church">ourladyofmercy.church</a>
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2026

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 21 AND 22 FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

**Fridays of Lent**

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

### HOLY WEEK 2026

	<p><b>Palm Sunday, March 28-29</b> 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 9:00 and 10:30 am Sunday Masses</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, March 31 - No morning Mass</b> 10:30 am Diocesan Chrism Mass at St. Leo the Great Parish</p>
	<p><b>Thursday, April 2</b> No morning Mass 6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 8:00 pm</p>
	<p><b>Good Friday, April 3</b> No morning Mass 12 noon Community Way of the Cross 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Communion</p>
	<p><b>Holy Saturday Vigil</b> 8:00 pm</p>
	<p><b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am</p>

## Italian Dinner / St Joseph's Day March 19<sup>th</sup>

RSVP today for the Parish Italian Potluck Dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Plan to bring your favorite Italian dish and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Last name A-J plan to bring an entrée or dessert, Last name K-Z plan to bring an appetizer or salad. Ice 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](mailto:askoronski@mac.com) (OLM Italian Dinner in the subject line) Or call 847-624-4842. 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 for the event, please indicate and a committee member will call you back.



**Save the Date – Parish BBQ Dinners April 16<sup>th</sup>**

## Respect Life Ministry

### Pregnancy Solutions Boutique Donations

The Diocese of Venice encourages prayer and support for moms and families with unplanned pregnancies. Our local help center, Pregnancy Solutions (Port Charlotte, Venice, North Port, and Arcadia), provides free, Christ centered care. Parents attend classes to earn points for items in their baby boutiques. In the back of church is a list of needs and QR code with their Amazon Wishlist to ship donations directly to the Port Charlotte office. Help bring joy to these families in need. "They provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, and material support, along with referrals for housing, food, job assistance, and adoption."

### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

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

### 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 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.

To reach as many of the faithful as possible, the Diocese of Venice Department of Communications televises Sunday Catholic Masses that are hosted at various Parishes across the Diocese of Venice. The entire process involves a Parish Priest, planning, a production crew, Parishioners, and, of course, paid airtime. This televised Mass allows the homebound, elderly, hospitalized, incarcerated, and those unable to attend Mass at a local Parish, the opportunity to view and pray along with the Mass. Your gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal supports this important ministry.



**SCAN TO GIVE**

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.