

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

Our church is still under repair due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton damage, therefore, **Daily and Weekend Mass** will continue to be celebrated in the **Parish Life Center (PLC)**.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent
8:30 am
in the Parish Life Center

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast of the Annunciation Novena: March 16 -March 24

On **Tuesday, March 25th** the **Feast of the Annunciation** is celebrated. Nine months before the birth of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate the Feast Day Mass in the morning and then we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4 pm** in the PLC. All are welcome to spend an hour with the Lord.

Novena Prayer Day 1-9

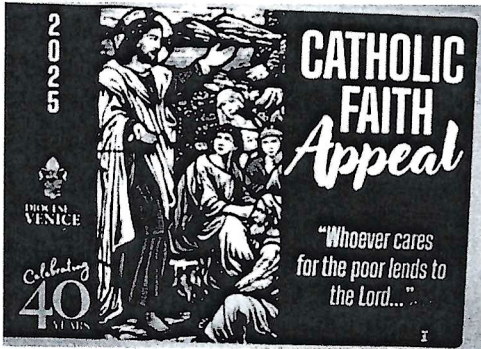
Let us begin, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners! Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favor I request in this novena: Obtain for me also, Queen of heaven, the liveliest contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity, and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my mother and protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory. Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death. Amen.

(Mention your request here...)

Say 1: Our Father... Say 1: Hail Mary... Say 1: Glory Be...

Lenten thought for this week:

“The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us; and we saw his glory.”



Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) 2025

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Assessment: \$123,000.00

Pledged as of March 15: **\$43,040.00**

Today is a great opportunity for every family in our parish to participate in the Catholic Faith Appeal. I ask each of you to pray about making your own sacrificial gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal. As you pray about your gift, remember that the Catholic Faith

Appeal supports three critical areas of our Catholic Faith: **to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to share the Faith through the celebration of the Sacraments and Catholic formation; and to care for the poor, sick, and vulnerable.**

We are blessed to have a faith-filled and generous parish family. Your sacrifice positively impacts our Southwest Florida Catholic Family. All parishes throughout the diocese will be working towards this mission through the CFA. *Envelopes and CFA pamphlets are available on the table at the door in the PLC. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure.*

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.

March 21, 2025

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Holy Mother Church begins the Lenten Season, allow me to extend my greetings, as well as my prayers. **The weekend of March 29th and 30th, parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up the 2025 Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS).** There are many challenges facing our world today and it is our call to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized both here in the United States and around the globe.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds Catholic agencies whose programs reveal Christ's love to the victims of war, persecution and natural disasters. These agencies help our brothers and sisters by advocating for the powerless, assisting victims of abuse and injustice, and providing food to the hungry.

Especially during this Season of Lent, it is important to reflect on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Will you help to restore and promote the dignity of all people who are suffering by generously supporting this vital collection and praying for those in need? Thank you for revealing Christ's love to people living on the margins of society. We could not do this without you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida