



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 8, 2026

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND MARCH 7 AND 8 FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

Fridays of Lent

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

HOLY WEEK 2026

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

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."

Italian Dinner / St Joseph's Day March 19th

RSVP today for the Parish Italian Potluck Dinner on March 19th 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. 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 (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 16th

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

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 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.

Religious sisters working within the Diocese of Venice have dedicated their lives to serving God and others through prayer, ministry, and various works of charity. They often serve as teachers, administrators, and directors of Religious Education. The sisters bring their spiritual commitment, virtues, and training to Catholic education, nurturing the intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation of youth. Often, they are assigned to locations where they can serve the most in need. Your gift to the 2026 CFA supports the sisters' efforts.



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.