



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday	8:00 am
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 am
Tuesday Adoration	10:00 am
First Saturday Anointing	After 5:00 pm vigil
Sacrament of Penance call the parish office for appointment.	
Parish website address:	ourladyofmercy.church
Online Giving:	ourladyofmercy.church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024

In addition to building up the Church and enabling it to fulfill its divine mission, the Holy Spirit also sanctifies every individual believer, especially through the bestowal of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord...They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations" (#1831). Additionally, the Holy Spirit instills twelve fruits: "The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: 'charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity'" (#1832). These graces are first given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of Christ has the potential to fully realize these graces to grow in holiness and fulfill their divine mission.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, call on the Holy Spirit in your life. Too often we receive Baptism and Confirmation with a closed mind and heart. We fail to allow the Holy Spirit to become fully active in our lives. Pray to the Holy Spirit today and open yourself more fully to all that God wishes to bestow upon you so that you will become holy and a more active member of His Body, the Church.

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** takes place the First Saturday after the Vigil Mass.

Parish CFA goal \$105,000 (\$98,114.58 raised so far).

The **CFA** Catholic Faith Appeal Donations in action throughout the Diocese of Venice in Florida. Our Parish community is hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2024 Catholic Faith Appeal. With the support of our Parish community, we will successfully meet and possibly exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated! For those who are returning to homes outside of Florida we will miss you and look forward to your return soon. **Please continue to give to the parish through the CFA while you are away so that we can give generously to the schools in our diocese that desperately need our help. We also have online giving and the website for our parish is in the heading of this bulletin. May God continue to bless all of us and our parish.**

Parish Accountant Needed

Chris, our parish accountant, has retired and we are looking to hire her replacement. It is a part time job, 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. Please pray that we fill this important position in the administration of the church. Have a blessed Easter Season.

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 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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

April 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world. Through websites, social networks, television, radio and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) makes it possible for campaigns supporting marriage, family and catechesis to reach millions.

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign provides the means to fund grants that support the collective communication work of the Bishops of the United States, such as the daily reflection videos found on the USCCB website. These powerful videos help viewers grow in faith by engaging with the texts of the daily Mass readings.

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice for the weekend of May 18 and 19, 2024. Half of the funds collected remain here in the Diocese to further our Evangelization efforts through regular communication to all the faithful, including production of a weekly digital newspaper, monthly radio program and televised Sunday Mass for the homebound.

Please generously support the Catholic Communication Campaign which through the means of media, invites everyone to encounter and come to know God.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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