



# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 am
Monday – Friday	8:00 am
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>

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**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

Due to the damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton to the church  
**Daily and Weekend Mass** will be celebrated in the **Parish Life Center** for the foreseeable future.

## Mass Schedule

**Monday- Friday 12 noon**

**Saturday 5:00 pm vigil**  
**Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 am**

“Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.” Mark 12:41–42

If we were in charge of the Temple treasury, and you were given the same option that Jesus pointed to of receiving the large sums of money from the rich, or the two coins from the poor widow, it would certainly be better to accept the two coins. If that is hard to comprehend, then it is a sign that you live more according to the values of the world than the values of the spiritual Kingdom of God. The poor widow gave more than two small coins; she also gave the spiritual gift of her generosity and complete trust in God. She gave all she had and trusted that God would take care of her and use her gift for good. This is infinitely more fruitful for the building of the Kingdom of God than the gift of someone’s excess of money. God does not need our money, but we need to give it, be detached from it, and be ready and willing to give everything we have, all that we are, our entire livelihood to God. This is trust. This is a spiritual gift that will have far greater eternal ramifications for the salvation of souls than all the money in the world.

Pray about the compliment Jesus pays to this poor widow. “She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” Do we contribute our whole livelihood? Do we dedicate everything we have, all our energies and gifts, and all that we are to the service of God for His glory? We are called to give everything to God—not just a portion of our lives. Reflect upon how well we imitate this poor widow and seek to follow her holy example.



## Out and About in the Diocese of Venice

**Catholic Mass on Veterans Day** - On Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, the Diocese of Venice will hold its 15th annual Catholic Mass in honor of the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve and protect us today. Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 p.m., with the Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road, approximately five miles east of I-75. Priests, Deacons and Knights of Columbus in the Diocese will join in the celebration of the Mass. All are invited to attend, and active military personnel are asked to wear their uniform. Attendees are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring a hat. There is ample seating and parking at the cemetery.

**"There is Hope" Bereavement Outreach** - The Office of Family Life is hosting a Bereavement training focusing on training parish bereavement volunteers and those who speak with the bereaved. Deacon Henry deMena will lead the training. Deacon deMena holds a master's degree in counseling and has extensive training and experience in Bereavement. The sessions will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Maximilian Kolbe, 144 Spear Street, Port Charlotte. Please see below for a flyer and promote to your parishioners. For more information, contact Jim Gontis at [gontis@dioceseofvenice](mailto:gontis@dioceseofvenice).

**Kristallnacht Commemoration** - The Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County (CJD) invites the community to its annual commemorative service of Kristallnacht or "Night of Broken Glass," which historians consider the beginning of the Holocaust. The free public event take place at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples. The guest speaker is John Koenigsberg. Kristallnacht recounts the attacks on Jewish communities throughout Germany on Nov. 9-10, 1938. The Kristallnacht commemorative event memorializes the six million Jews and millions of others who were exterminated during the Holocaust. The event is sponsored by CJD, the Diocese of Venice in Florida, the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, GenShoah of SWFL, and the Holocaust Museum & Janet G. and Harvey D. Cohen Education Center. Please register at [www.jewishnaples.org](http://www.jewishnaples.org). A reception will follow the talk.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival** - Join St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School for an unforgettable day filled with Mexican-inspired food, beer, activities, and more during their Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7. The school is located at 21505 Augusta Ave, Port Charlotte. For more information visit [www.stcbs.org/festival](http://www.stcbs.org/festival) or contact Alicia Castello at 941-625-5533 ext. 213.

**20th Hispanic Fall Festival** - "Todos son bienvenidos" (All are welcome!) St. Jude Catholic Church, 3930 17th Street, Sarasota is hosting a fun day of live music, Latin American foods, folklore dance, games and family entertainment on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call Miki at 941-955-3934.