

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:	ourladyofmercy.church
Online Giving:	ourladyofmercy.church

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 3, 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

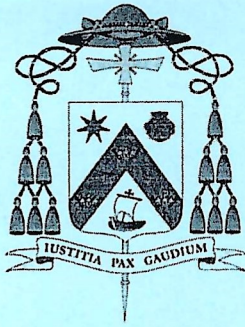
Prayer to Protect Them Both

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!
St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, all are no doubt grateful for the blessings the Lord has bestowed. At the same time, we are cognizant that, for many, challenges and difficulties are faced in the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and for them, Thanksgiving may look quite different this year.

Throughout the Diocese of Venice, the devastation caused by these Hurricanes is visible. Families in coastal areas were impacted by flooding, while others inland also suffered wind damage or were struck by tornadoes. Homes have been damaged, some severely, and lives have been disrupted. Parishes have also had facilities damaged by the storms. Catholic Charities, among others, has been working to provide assistance at designated sites, distributing water, food, tarps, cleaning supplies, and other basic necessities.

In response to these recent hurricanes, Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will take up a special collection on the weekend of November 16 and 17, 2024. This collection will help provide for continuing needs, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities in providing both immediate and long-term assistance to the impacted. It is asked that those who are able, consider donating to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection, which had been scheduled for that weekend, will be replaced with the Hurricane Relief Collection.

Thank you for your kindness and profound generosity towards all those affected. Your compassion towards those in need fulfills the Lord's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." Please know of my prayers for all throughout the Diocese as hurricane recovery continues.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida