



# **OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH**

## **Boca Grande, Florida**

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Mass Schedule:

Daily (except Saturday)	8:00 A.M.
Saturday Vigil	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday	By Appointment
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 14, 2024**

### **TUESDAY ADORATION**

Dear People of God,

**Holy Hour is every Tuesday at 10:00 am.** We will start with Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist, then silent adoration, and ending with Benediction at 11:00 am. This is a beautiful opportunity to spend time before our Lord and to offer prayers for our needs. It is my hope that we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life during this time with Jesus, as well as the renewal of Church in the Eucharist the world over. May this time before Jesus bring us grace and healing. Prayers of Adoration may be found on the table in back of church.

*Father Anthony*

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: 11 a.m., Saturday, February 3 at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, and 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24 at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice. Please contact the parish office for reservations no later than one week before the event you choose to attend. Our telephone number is 941-964-2254.

### **SHOES FOR KIDS**

This coming Tuesday we will present to a representative from the office of Catholic Charities (DeSoto County) the contributions from parishioners for children of the migrant workers in Arcadia that are in need. The amount contributed to the shoe box was **\$4,855.00**. God Bless you for your generous support again this year.

### **OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE / JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST VIDEO SERIES**

Jesus and the Eucharist is a seven-part video series in partnership with the Augustine Institute, the USCCB, and the National Eucharistic Congress. Learn more about the Jesus and the Eucharist Series and access the first video in English and Spanish (and many other video and audio resources) on the USCCB Learn Platform with the National Eucharistic Revival, web address: [eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist?](http://eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist?)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE-THE-DATE:**

- February 9th -Mardi Gras – Jambalaya -Parish Life Center
- March 1st - Fish Fry – Parish Life Center
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Boca Grande Preschool – Beach Ball – Gasparilla Inn Beach Club
- March 15th - St Patrick’s Day -Corned Beef – Parish Life Center
- April 12th – Barbecue – Parish Life Center

**Friday Night Dinners** - Four parish wide Friday night dinners are planned for this spring in the OLM Parish Life Center. All parishioners are invited. Dinners will be from 5 to 7 PM and will be catered by JT Turner and the cost will be \$45/person. Seating is limited to 120 per event and tickets will be available in advance ONLY. For the upcoming Mardi Gras Dinner, tickets will be sold after masses on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> or at the rectory on Tuesday and Thursday. (Cash or check). BYOB, water and soda will be provided. Volunteers needed for night of the event and to provide cookies/bars. Please contact Angela Steffan 941-855-1277 or [aksteffan@gmail.com](mailto:aksteffan@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Though blessed with an abundance of faithful and dedicated Catholics, the Church in Latin America faces a myriad of challenges and has many needs. For decades, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has helped meet these challenges and serves as a means for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Donations to this collection fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Your support will truly make a difference in the lives of the faithful in Latin America.

Parishes throughout the Diocese of Venice will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America during the weekend of **January 20 & 21, 2024**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for your support of the Church in Latin America.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida