



OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

Boca Grande, Florida

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday	8:00 A.M.
Saturday Vigil	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	9:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Tuesday Adoration	10:00 A.M.
Parish website address:	ourladyofmercy.church
Online Giving:	ourladyofmercy.church

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!

We stand at the start of the Easter Season. How will we take the joy that fills our heart today out into the world today and every day going forward? Can we think of some daily practices that will help us live this Easter joy more fully? Perhaps the Lenten practice we began on Ash Wednesday has turned into a much-loved habit that can be woven into regular everyday life. Or maybe there is a new spiritual practice that can become the focus of the next fifty days as we journey toward Pentecost. May we live our joy completely. Risen Jesus, we come to you today filled with awe and gratitude, humility, and joy. We thank you for this gift of new life and this promise of hope.

PARISH CFA GOAL \$105,000 (\$64,491.00 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.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday **April 7**, is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3:00 pm you are invited to gather in the church to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ. The flyer attached to the bulletin explains the history of this beautiful and powerful devotion given to us by Saint Faustina. "Jesus, I trust in you."

UPCOMING EVENT – SAVE-THE-DATE:

- April 12th – Barbecue – Parish Life Center

Parish Dinner – The last Parish Dinner of the season is a BBQ dinner scheduled for April 12th. All parishioners are invited. Dinner will be 5-7pm in the Parish Life Center and BBQ pulled pork and BBQ chicken will be provided by parishioner Charles Devlin. Water and sodas will be provided, BYOB. A **\$20 donation is requested**, cash or checks accepted at the door. Seating is limited to 120. **There will be no tickets to purchase for this event. Please RSVP in advance** by contacting Sandy Hemm at 937-418-1881 or sandyhemm@yahoo.com. Volunteers needed for the night of the event and to provide cookies/bars. To volunteer please contact Angela Steffan at 941-855-1277 or aksteffan@gmail.com.

WARNING - TEXT/EMAIL SCAM ALERT

The Diocese of Venice has been made aware that parishioners continue to receive text/email messages from people pretending to be clergy – including Father Anthony – requesting donations in the form of gift cards and/or wire transfers. It is Diocesan policy that neither the Bishop, nor priests or staff request donations in the form of gift cards, PayPal, MoneyGram, etc. Without this awareness, some have responded to the spoofed messages, with consequences, including loss of funds. There is an established process in place on how parishioners can make donations and participate in the life of the Diocese/Parish/School. If you receive such a SCAM text or email, please immediately contact the parish directly.

PARISH ACCOUNTANT NEEDED

Chris, our parish accountant, is retiring at the end of next week 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. The position requirements are listed below. Please pray that we fill this important position in the administration of the church. Have a blessed Easter Season.

This position will handle various aspects of recordkeeping and administrative work both financial and non-financial. A degree in Accounting or Business is preferred and / or possess comparable experience of at least 5 yrs.

You can visit the Diocese's website: dioceseofvenice.org > click the "employment" tab at very bottom of page and that takes you out to the career site. Click on "City" Boca Grande.

The website will give you full details of overview, description, and requirements.

You may also send resume, and cover letter with salary objective to Rev Anthony Hewitt at anthony.hewitt@olomcc.org and reference "Accounting Assistant" or mail directly to Rev. Anthony Hewitt, Post Office Box 181, Boca Grande, FL 3392.