



# **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	4:15 to 4:45

Online Giving <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 14, 2023**

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

Each year, the Diocese of Venice joins other Dioceses throughout the United States in taking part in the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through local, national, and international media, including television, radio, print, websites, and social media.

The CCC is one of the means by which new equipment and training to Catholic radio stations is provided, allowing them to expand their reach and bring the Gospel to a wider audience. Fifty percent of the funds received will remain here in the Diocese to enhance our Evangelization efforts through local communication projects, including the televised Mass for the homebound.

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection is scheduled in the Diocese of Venice for the **weekend of May 20 and 21, 2023**. Please support this important work as it provides the means to modernize how the Church communicates the joy of the Gospel worldwide, encouraging young disciples and giving them the practical skills needed to navigate today's digital media environment.

### **FATHER YORK**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Priesthood**  
**Father Richard R. York, M.A., M. Div.**  
**Ordained a Roman Catholic Priest, May 19, 1973**

Father York was born in 1946 in Mount Holly, New Jersey, and is the third of eight children. Father attended LaSalle University and Saint Charles Seminary, both in Philadelphia. Father York served at several parishes as Parochial Vicar before being appointed as Pastor to parishes from 1987 through 2021 and then retiring after six years as our Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish.

In addition to parish ministry, Father was a professor of Pastoral Theology and Adjunct Faculty at the Theological Seminary of Saint Charles Borromeo in Overbrook, PA., while also serving as Archdiocesan Director of Hispanic Ministry. Prior to his Pastorate at St. Francis, Father served as Pastor of Saint Andrew Parish in Cape Coral, and spent eight years at the Cathedral in Venice and six years at Holy Cross in Palmetto. Since retirement as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Father continues his Priestly Ministry at Saint Francis of Assisi Church and at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Boca Grande.

Father York anticipated the celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood by celebrating a mass with just his family members present, here at Our Lady of Mercy on February 19<sup>th</sup> of this year. We are very grateful for his continuing assistance to us at Our Lady of Mercy.

***Congratulations and thank you for your Fifty years of Priestly Ministry!***

## **"WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS" – ERMA BOMBECK**

*When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."*

*And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."*

*The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."*

*It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."*

*That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.*

*One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."*

*God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."*



*I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."*

*The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.*

*But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."*

*Can it think?"*

*Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.*

*Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.*

*There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."*

*It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."*

*What's it for?"*

*It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."*

*You are a genius, "said the angel.*

*Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."*

## **PARISH WEBSITE**

Our Lady of Mercy Church has launched its own personal website; URL: <http://ourladyofmercy.church> Please note that the website includes provision for parish donations to be made online.

## **NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Beginning today, Sunday, the 8:00 A.M. mass is discontinued, and mass will be celebrated at 9:00 and 10:30 A.M. Live streaming of mass into the Parish Life Center is also discontinued.