Welcome to
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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Baptisms-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

Marriages-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date*

Visits to the Sick-Please call the Parish Office

Religious Education-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

RCIA- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

New Parishioners-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

Bereavement Support Group-No meetings scheduled at this time

***Registered parishioners only**

MASS SCHEDULE

- **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May**
    8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August**
    9:30 am
- **Spanish Mass**
  5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

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- **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018—TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mon. Sept 3	**+Ed Hughes**
8:30 am	*Requested by Diane & David Lester*
Tues. Sept 4	**+Lisa Marie Sikorski**
8:30 am	*Requested by Fred & Mary Sikorski*
Weds. Sept 5	**Members of the Parish**
8:30 am	**Pete & Peggy Bercik on their 63rd Anniversary** *Requested by a parishioner*
Thrs. Sept 6	**+George Charpentier**
8:30 am	*Requested by Vin & Joan Bresnahan*
Fri. Sept 7	**Julie Blatt's 40th Birthday**
8:30 am	*Requested by Donna Wallis*
Sat. Sept 8	**+John & Virginia Baumgardner**
4:30 pm	*Requested by Pete & Gloria McKeown*
Sun. Sept 9	**+James Lewellyn**
8:30 am	*Requested by Marylea Lewellyn*
10:30 am	**+Ed Hughes**
	Requested by Letitia Wszolek

This Week

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Monday, Sept 3, 2018
LABOR DAY-Parish Office closed
- **St. Gregory the Great**

Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018
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Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018
- **Choir Practice 5:15 pm**

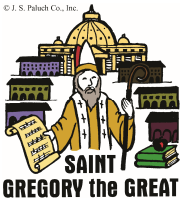
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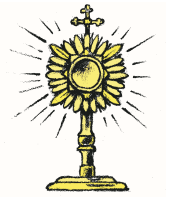
Friday, Sept 7, 2018-FIRST FRIDAY
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—9am—Noon**

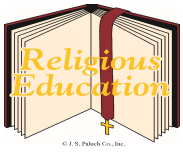
Saturday, Sept 8, 2018
- **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Sept 9, 2018
GRANDPARENTS' DAY
- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **Religious Education Classes Begin—9:30—11 am**

Monday, Sept 10, 2018
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We are beginning the process of ordering new offertory envelopes for the 2019 calendar year. If you are not using envelopes but would like to, please contact the Parish office to register.

Weekly Collections

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ASSUMPTION-AUGUST 15, 2018
ATTENDANCE—100 approx.
OFFERTORY—$454.00
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 18-19, 2018
ATTENDANCE – 345
OFFERTORY—$2,869.00
POOR BOX-$114.50

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???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

How can I avoid hypocrisy and embrace the spirit of God's commands? Am I merely fulfilling my Sunday obligation or am I a "doer of the word," putting God's word into action?



OLMM 2018 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal	$ 85,000.00
Pledged	$ 77,477.95
Total Paid	$ 69,844.19
Balance Due	$ 15,155.81

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Thank you for your generosity.

✝SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK✝

Sept 3-St. Gregory the Great-Patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers, St. Gregory the Great was canonized immediately after his death due to great public acclaim. He was Pope from 590 to 604 and made many changes to the Mass, including the positioning of the Our Father, uring the Mass, and it remains to this day in that place.

Sept 8-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary–Feast day which celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 9:30 AM

We will meet in the Education Building immediately following the 8:30 Mass.

If you have not yet registered, please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and a registration fee of $25 per family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Dr. Lou Mauney, Kathryn McGuineas, Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Victor Zawadski

"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

BEREAVEMENT GROUP LEADER(S)

We are currently looking for a volunteer or two to be our Bereavement Group Leader(s). The Diocese of Venice, Office of Family Life, is hosting Bereavement training focusing on training parish bereavement volunteers and those who speak with the bereaved.

Deacon Henry deMena holds a Master's degree in counseling with extensive training and experience in Bereavement.

The training will be held at St. Thomas More, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231 on **October 4th & 5th** from 10 am to 4 pm. Cost: $25 per person. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office and we will cover the registration fee. Registration deadline is Oct. 1st!

TELEVISED MASS TO THE HOMEBOUND

WFTX-TV FOX 4 – Sundays at 10:30 am

The Mass is also available on the Diocese of Venice website, www.dioceseofvenice.org/tvmass.

Donations may be sent to: TV Mass, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285 For questions call 941-486-4714



SCHEDULE

Friday, September 28

Pre-Conference:

2:00 PM	**Deacon Al Mauriello, MD**	*End of Life Issues: A Catholic Perspective*
3:00 PM	**F. Michael Gloth, III, MD**	*Dementia & Managing Challenging Behaviors*
4:00 PM	Questions & Answers	
5:00 PM	Dinner on own	
5:00 PM	Registration Opens	

Conference:

7:00 PM	Opening Prayer Service	
7:30 PM	**Terry Beatley**	*The Deadliest American Hoax*
9:00 PM	Closing Prayer	

Saturday, September 29

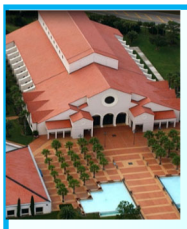
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	
8:30 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (211 West Charlotte Avenue - 1/2 mile south - optional parish Mass)	
9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	
9:45 AM	Opening Prayer & Welcome	
10:00 AM	**Bishop Mark Seitz** Keynote:	*Love One Another As I Have Loved You*
11:00 AM	**Stephanie Gray**	*Sacred Life, Pro-Life: Making a Beautiful Choice*

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER!!!

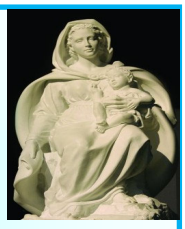
SATURDAY SCHEDULE CONTINUED

12:00 PM	Lunch and Displays	
1:00 PM	**Pam Stenzel**	*Prevention and Intervention: Important Roles in Building a Culture of Life*
2:00 PM	**Catherine Davis & Panel**	*Recovery: Healing a Post-Abortion Society*
3:00 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song	
3:00 PM	**Marietta Jaeger Lane**	*From Fury to Forgiveness: A Mother's Journey through the Loss of her Daughter*
4:30 PM	**F. Michael Gloth, III, MD**	*Spirituality in Primary Care & Physician Assisted Suicide*
5:30 PM	Break/Prepare for Mass	
6:00 PM	Mass at Event Center	
7:00 PM	Banquet with Live Music and Awards	
9:00 PM	Closing	

We would like to have a table of 10 from our parish for the closing banquet on Saturday evening, September 29th. Please contact Bonnie LaVigne or the Parish Office if you're interested in attending.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE



Orlando, FL

Thursday, October 11, 2018

The Ladies' Guild is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando, FL on Thursday, October 11th. A bus will leave the church parking lot at 8 am and take us to the Basilica, arriving at approximately 11 am. We will depart the Shrine at 3 pm and arrive back at the church at approximately 6 pm. Fr. Jacek will concelebrate Mass at 12:05 pm in the main Church.

Additional information coming soon!

PARISH CALENDAR

September 9-Religious Education Classes begin
OCTOBER IS NATIONAL RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2-Ladies' Guild-First Gathering the Season
October 8-Columbus Day
October 11-Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Mary
October 25-Fr. Jacek's 17th Ordination Anniversary
October 31-Halloween
November 1-All Saints' Day-Holy Day of Obligation
November 2-All Souls' Day
November 3-Ladies' Guild Christmas Bazaar
November 11-Veterans' Day

CHOIR NEWS

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Do you like to sing? Have you wanted to join the choir but didn't know how? Here's your chance! We will begin our weekly choir practice starting Wednesday, **September 5th** at 5:15 pm in the Church. Please join us in singing praises to our Lord! We practice every Wednesday at 5:15 pm and provide the music for the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. The more the merrier!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Ann Peterson at 239-560-7160.

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Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

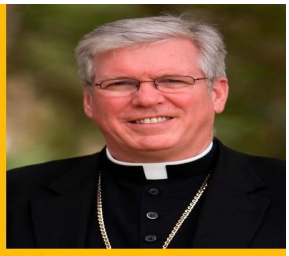
O God, Master of this passing world,
hear the humble voices of your children.
The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order
and returned to its former quietude.
You are still the Master of land and sea.
We live in the shadow of a danger
over which we have no control:
the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,
can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep
its conventional boundaries, invade our land,
and spread chaos and disaster.
During this hurricane season we turn to You,
O loving Father.
Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.
O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,
we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,
we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son
to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. ***Amen.***

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957

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2 de septiembre de 2018 • Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Sería fácil preguntarse por qué los discípulos comían "sin lavarse las manos", especialmente en aquel tiempo cuando el polvo y la suciedad proliferaban y los discípulos trabajaban con sus manos siendo pescadores. Pero estas Escrituras no están preocupadas demasiado tanto con la limpieza física sino con la limpieza espiritual.

Los fariseos, quienes eran tan escrupulosos siguiendo cada letra de los preceptos religiosos y la Ley, tuvieron un momento de "aja" en el cual vieron una oportunidad de acusar a Jesús y sus discípulos de no cumplir con la Ley de Moisés. Jesús les respondió en una manera muy sensible. Él dice: "¡Qué bien profetizó Isaías sobre ustedes, hipócritas, cuando escribió: *Este pueblo me honra con los labios, pero su corazón está lejos de mí. Es inútil el culto que me rinden, porque enseñan doctrinas que no son sino preceptos humanos*!

Ustedes dejan a un lado el mandamiento de Dios, para aferrarse a las tradiciones de los hombres".

LA TRADICIÓN DE HOY

Lo mismo podría decirse de algunos de los cristianos contemporáneos, que están tan enamorados del pasado que no pueden ver que Jesús nos ha traído una nueva interpretación de la tradición. Así como celebramos los cumpleaños con pastel y velitas, quizá ahora con pastel de chocolate y velas decorativas, aunque en el pasado solo fue un pastel blanco y velas más grandes, la tradición se adapta a los tiempo y a su vez se sostiene en la esencia de lo que se celebraba antes. La tradición preserva la esencia aunque los detalles cambien, algo que algunos de nosotros no entendemos. Esas personas quizá quieran que todo sea de lo mismo en cada detalle y acusan a otros de no alabar correctamente porque no respetan como se hacían las cosas en el pasado.

Como los fariseos, algunas veces queremos aferrarnos a la forma en cómo se hicieron las cosas en nuestra niñez, nunca aceptando ningún tipo de cambio. Fallamos para ver la esencia de la tradición preservada en una nueva forma de hacer las cosas. Quizá no entendemos la esencia de la tradición, o quizás estamos inseguros de nosotros que queremos ser estrictamente instruidos en las antiguas formas, como los fariseos que conocían la ley de memoria y estaban muy cómodos practicando lo que los más pobres no tenían manera de hacer perfectamente. Fueron los más pobres quienes siguieron a Jesús porque él les ofreció esperanza.

Estaría bien para nosotros recordar que la esencia de la tradición es el culto a Dios, no la preservación de los hábitos humanos. Podemos aprender a practicar la caridad y el amor al emular a otros quienes deseándolo, siguen a Jesús, manteniendo su fe en el sentido de amar a su prójimo.

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 4:1–2, 6–8; Sal 15 (14):2–3, 3–4, 4–5; Sant 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mc 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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The Deadline fast approaches! Book by November 15, 2018! Hurry, the group is limited and will sell out soon.

If you have not walked where Jesus walked, now is the time!

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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La Conferencia Estado Unidos de Obispos Católicos (USCCB) ha proporcionado un video en español y en inglés sobre los derechos de los inmigrantes. Por favor vaya a www.dioceseofvenice.org y haga clic en el banner "Conozca Sus Derechos" para ver los videos.

V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: pastoralhispana@diocesofvenice.org.

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Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
— James 1:21b

Acoja humildemente la palabra que se ha plantado en usted y puede salvar sus almas.
- James 1:21b

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Weds: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thurs: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Sat: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.—Adam Smith

FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers. —Anonymous



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedicaton directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church." —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't received all of your sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) or are you fully Catholic but just want to learn more about your faith? The first Adult Religious Education/ RCIA class will be held on Thursday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm in the PLC Meeting room. Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register.

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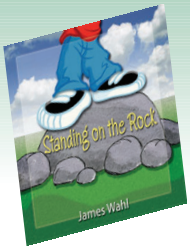
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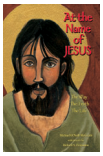
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