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OUR LADY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
CHURCH**

**12175 Stringfellow Road,
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PEACE

***"It does not mean to be
in a place where there
is no noise, trouble or
hard work. It means
to be in the midst of
those things and still
be calm in your heart."***

-unknown

**DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
"PEACE"**

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Parish Office Hours

9:00 am—1:00 pm Monday—Friday

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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 and Homebound—(*Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick*)—Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements

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

Prayer & Scripture Group—Meets the First & Third Tuesdays of every month

***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

unless otherwise noted

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♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment

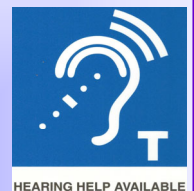
♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass.

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



Mass Intentions

Mon. Dec 9 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Tues. Dec 10 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Weds. Dec 11 Members of the Parish
8:30 am

Thrs. Dec 12 +Lil Honc (2 yrs)
8:30 am Requested by Jeannie McKenna

Fri. Dec 13 +Lil Honc
8:30 am Requested by John Honc

Sat. Dec 14 +Jack Griffith
4:30 pm Requested by Pete & Gloria McKeown

Sun. Dec 15 +James Lewellyn
8:30 am Requested by Marylea Lewellyn
10:30 am +Jeffrey Melasecca
Requested by Patricia Whitehead

Time, Talent & Treasure

WEEKEND OF NOV 23-24, 2019

ATTENDANCE - 488

OFFERTORY—\$4,171.00

SECOND COLLECTION—\$696.00

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through their selfless offering of time, talent and treasure. Thank you and God Bless!



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

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.



Monday, Dec 9, 2019-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
(observed-NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, Dec 10, 2019

• **Ladies Guild Luncheon—Noon**
• **Advent Penance Service-5:30 pm**

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019

• **St. Damasus I**
• **Choir Practice 5:00 pm**

Thursday, Dec 12, 2019

• **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Friday, Dec 13, 2019

• **St. Lucy**
Saturday, Dec 14, 2019

• **St. John of the Cross**
• **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

Sunday, Dec 15, 2019

PARISH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
11:30 am—PLC

• **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
• **NO Coffee Social**
• **Religious Education 9:30 am to 11:15 am**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rose Adams, Tony Ambrose, Toni Anfinen, Carmen & Nilsa Aponte, Glenn Armani, Helen Armani, Nora Baker, Barbara Basgall, Jacob Basilotto, Patricia Benson, Peter & Peggy Bercik, Angela Biondello, Ami Blachowiak, James Blachowiak, Patricia Blackwell, Peggy Brick, Dolores Brown, Betty Bulifant, Tom Cabot, Chuck Cabot, Patricia Clemens, Mario Corso, Steve DiCristo, Larry DiOrio, Wendy Edwards, Aiden Foley, Connor Foley, Michael Fontaine, Justin Fiesta, Suzie Goldberg, Carmelle Goodridge, Mary Grueser, Judy Hage, Harry Haskins, Shawn Heeter, Pete & Alice Herber, Pat Herbert, Eddie Holloway, Sally Hooper, George & Betty Hoyt, Carol Humme, JoAnn Ippolito, Everette & Nancy James, Stephanie Jefferson, Diane Jezek, Stan Jock, Anthony Joseph, Arlis Kelly, Jim Kirk, Ginny Kloiber, Eddie Knowlton, Kent Krabill, Zal Kutar, John Lambrecht, Larry Larson, Ginny LeClaire, Margaret Lines, Anne Lintner, Eric Marinelli, Catherine Mazzola, Jim & Joan McCaffrey, Cindy McClure, Kenneth McCurdy, Jim McDonnell, Patty McGlone, Rick McKenna, Jr., Gloria McKeown, Connor McKinnon, John McKinnon, Gema Moreno, Regina Mulherin, Ruth Nayard, Elizabeth Nomorosa, Bernadette Nyka, Danny O'Heron, Max & Mila Perez, Tyler Peryea, Leslie Peterson, John Pitale, Pal Polster, Shirley Porter, Catherine Porthouse, Greg Printy, Kristin Ramsey, Tina Reichenwallner, Phil & Louise Ritchey, Elly Rode, Jimmy Rosso, John & Janet Rovaldi, John Rozell, Heather Sallstrom Sanchez, Malte Sallstrom, Clarence Schuetz, Paul Sepczynski, Donnie Sheetz, Ann Speitel, Colleen Sullivan, Julianne Thorstenson, Pat Tweed, Virginia Waggle, Robert Wallace, Pink Wesorick, Lynn Wickham, Mary Wilcox, Norman Willebrandt, Glenna Wolshlager, Donna Zawadski

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 10-Ladies' Guild Christmas Luncheon
-Advent Penance Service

Dec 11-Our Lady of Guadalupe-Travelling Image

Dec 15-Parish Christmas Brunch

Dec 17-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting

Dec 18-Lessons & Carols

Dec 24-Christmas Vigil Mass-4:00 pm-English and 6:00 pm-Spanish

Dec 25-Christmas Day Masses-8:30 & 10:30 am English Only

Dec 31-Eve of Solemnity of Mary-4 pm Mass—English
-Wine & Cheese-PLC 5 pm—6:30 pm

???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

What can I do to bring harmony to my family, my neighborhood, the world?

2019 CATHOLIC
FAITH APPEAL



OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS
Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00
Pledged \$ 82,392.95
Total Paid \$ 80,056.26
Balance Due \$ 4,943.74
a/o 11/21/19
Thank you for your generosity.

†SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

Dec 8-Immaculate Conception-The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception keeping her "immaculate." *Wikipedia*

Dec 11-St. Damasus I-St. Pope Damasus I, learned and well versed in scripture, commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin. The patron saint of archeologists, Damasus restored the catacombs, shrines and tombs of the martyrs.

Dec 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe-Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak which still exists today.

Dec 13-St. Lucy-One of the earliest Christian saints to have a widespread following, St. Lucy is the patron saint of virgins and of Syracuse, Sicily. Although she vowed to remain a virgin, she had a suitor who was angered by her vow and reported her to the Roman authorities. They attempted to remove her from her home and force her into prostitution, they were unable to move her. They then attempted to burn her alive, but the flames would not consume her. They finally killed her by piercing her throat with a sword.

Dec 14-St. John of the Cross-A Carmelite friar, priest and a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, St. John of the Cross was well known for his writings. Along with St. Teresa of Avila, he lived the primitive Rule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Birmingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Beverly Henderson, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Ken Kloiber, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, John "Jack" O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Richard Peterson, William "Joe" Porthouse, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Jean Turner, Muriel Urrico, Gus Ventimiglia, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski
"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."

Please join us for the
Annual Advent
Lessons and carols
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7:00 pm

The Annual Lessons & Carols service will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 12175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, FL on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. This is an ecumenical advent service featuring the collaborative voices of the Choirs of Pine Island churches. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Life Center following the service. We are requesting that you drop off baked goods at the Parish Life Center prior to the service to share at the reception.

CHRISTMAS
CHEER



OLMM's Annual Christmas Potluck
December 15th 11:30 am
Parish Life Center
Please join us on Sunday, December 15th for our annual Christmas Potluck gathering! The Parish will provide various quiches for the main course, along with coffee, tea and juice. Everyone is invited to participate and bring a covered side dish. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex at through December 9-10. If you would like to help with set up or cleanup, please indicate on the signup sheet. ON the morning of the 15th, you may drop off your dishes at the PLC starting at 8:15 am. Please be sure that if you bring a hot dish, it is pre-cooked as we can keep them warm, but won't be able to cook them. For more info, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
If you have not yet returned your Giving Tree gift, please bring it to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday morning, December 10th. Thank you!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
On **Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm**, we will be holding an Advent Penance Service. Come and experience the power of the sacrament, which restores us to God's grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship. If you cannot attend on this date, you may attend one of the these penance services:
St. Therese-Dec 9-5:00 pm
St. Andrew-Dec 11-5:30 pm
St. Katharine Drexel-Dec 19-7:00 pm



2020 MEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

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- 1 Timothy 6:11-12

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SPEAKERS:

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<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-mens-conference>

WHERE: Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

WHEN: 9am-3pm
Doors open at 8am

DATE: Feb. 8

COST: Pre-Registration
Adults: \$20
Students: \$5
At the Door:
Adults: \$30
Students: \$10

More info: Call (941) 484-9543

2020 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

Blessed is **SHE**
who **BELIEVED**

...what was spoken to her from the Lord.
- Luke 1:45

SPEAKERS:

JIMMY MITCHELL SISTERS of LIFE MARY BIELSKI






TO REGISTER:

<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-womens-conference>

WHERE: Bishop Verot High School
5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919

WHEN: 9am-3pm
Doors open at 8am

DATE: Feb. 22

COST: Pre-Registration
Adults: \$20
Students: \$5
At the Door:
Adults: \$30
Students: \$10

More info: Call (941) 484-9543



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has brought many healings and answered many petitions. She is one of only four images that are digital replicas of the original tilma that is in Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Mexico and the only image of Our Lady expecting the birth of baby Jesus. Our Lady will be at the following churches and hospitals this advent:

St. Katherine Drexel Church Cape Coral
December 6th - 10th

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
December 10th - 15th

St. Francis Xavier Church Ft. Myers
December 16th - 22nd

Cape Coral Hospital Chapel
December 23rd - 26th

Lee Memorial Hospital Chapel Ft. Myers
December 30th - Jan 2nd

Please make time to pay Our Lady homage and feel her spiritual presence and hope for the world.

Conozca Sus Derechos de Inmigración

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.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, **Amen.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society

RUMMAGE SALE

DONATIONS

If you have items you would like to donate for our annual Rummage Sale, you may now drop them off at the Parish Life Center during regular parish office hours. However, we will not be picking up any large items until after the first of the year!

PLEASE: NO electronics - TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers; NO mattresses or china cabinets. THANK YOU!!!!

DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The earth shall be
filled with knowledge
of the LORD, as water
covers the sea.
— Isaiah 11:9

La tierra se llenará
de conocimiento del
Señor, como el agua
cubre el mar.
— Isaías 11:9

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12). 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Weds: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother. —Don Bosco



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SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mes-tiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

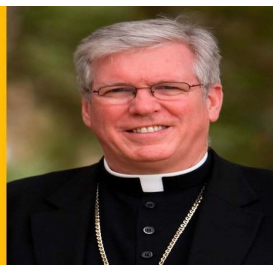
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Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it. —William Penn, English Quaker

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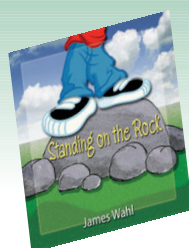
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