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Deacon Ed Anctil

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday-Friday

6:45am(Chapel) not livestreamed

Monday & Wednesday

7pm (Church) livestreamed

*Note: 1st Wednesday of month Mass at Chapel**

Saturday Vigil

5pm-(Church)

not livestreamed

Sunday

8am (Church) not livestreamed

11am (Church) livestreamed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday (Church)*

◇ 4:00pm-6:45pm Silent Adoration
not livestreamed

◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration
livestreamed

**Note that 1st Wed of month Adoration is continuous from 4-9pm, 7pm Mass is in the Chapel, & Adoration is not livestreamed.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to Weekend Masses

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

Contact the parish office for information on how to prepare for the Sacraments

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Mission Statement

Our Parish here in Tampa, FL, a Catholic Church dedicated to the Mother of God under her title as Help of Christians, is a place of joy, worship, welcome, evangelization and reconciliation. As a Salesian Parish in the Diocese of St. Petersburg we commit ourselves to having a deep-seated preference for the young, especially those who are poor, while striving to minister to the corporal and spiritual needs of all our members and visitors as well. We pray and work for peace, love, truth, and social justice through active stewardship and service - notably with the assistance of our advocate Mary Help of Christians, and her great devotee St. John Bosco. We hope to provide an opportunity for everyone who worships with us to be transformed into people courageously living the Gospel.

For the Weekend of December 5, 2021

Dear People of God,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to consider. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that “among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist”. What a compliment!

What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great.

But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And this gift is what we are called to reflect on at this time. John’s particular virtue was that of humility.

He saw himself as nothing more than a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the Word he spoke was Jesus.

Reflect today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that John the Baptist chose and it is the path we must also strive for each and every day.

Please remember that the Novena to the Immaculate Conception runs through December 7th.

December 11th: Parish Advent Retreat Day = - 9:00am Registration 9:30am Rosary - 10:00am Mass - 11:15am Conference - 12:15pm Lunch - 1:45pm Adoration - Dismissal

Friday: December 17th: 1:00p Parish Christmas Party for the Col-laboratory School

Saturday: December 18: 10:00am Outreach and Mobile Home Christmas

Friday: December 24th: 5:00p Christmas Vigil Mass and Children’s Pageant

Saturday: December 25th: 12:00am Midnight Mass 11:00am Mass during the day

Sunday: December 26th: 8:00am Mass 11:00am Mass (Feast of the Holy Family)

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially Fr. Sid Figlia, SDB – still hospitalized – and those of our other Salesian brothers at St. Philip Residence. Be assured we will be doing the same for you.

Peace and Joy Always!


Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 4,
5pm † John Noland-Noland Family

Sunday, December 5,
8am † Eileen Conroy-Deacon Ed & Lorraine Anctil
11am † Roger Dunigan-Donna & Ed O'Mara
11am † Terry Dunigan-Donna & Ed O'Mara

Monday, December 6,
6:45am † Olympio & Exequela Taghap-Leila Taghap
7pm † Ted Casselberry, Karen Calhoun, Cindy & Farris Casselberry-Nadine Skelton

Tuesday, December 7,
6:45am † John Thomas Shinko-Chet Shinko

Wednesday, December 8,
6:45am † Matthew & Michael Taghap-Leila Taghap
7pm † Polly Say-Maggie Brown

Thursday, December 9,
6:45am Honoring St. Michael-Chet Shinko

Friday, December 10,
6:45am † Mate (Matthew) Cosic-Sanja Cosic

Saturday, December 11,
5pm † Ralph Alfonso-Noland Family

PRAYER LIST

Willie Seago, Anita & Bob Noland, Lorraine Anctil, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Alice Gabriel, Vivian & Sam Diaz, Sandra Oliva, Joe Brocato, Elaine & Alan Jones, Imogene Rodrigues, Zenaida Torres, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Henrietta Hlinka, Strauss & Alessandrini Families, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Dennis Tozier, Lorrie Anshutz, Betsie Welch, Ann Quigley, Stephanie Quigley, Jason Quigley, Chelsea Shaw, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Readings for Next Week
3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

Have you submitted your video?

We still need short 2-3 minute videos about living your faith. The videos will be on our website, social media, & played at Masses starting the 1st weekend of Advent.

How to Submit Your Faith Video: Record your video with your phone/camera, go to our website under the **Media** tab, click on **'Submit Your Faith Video'** and follow the step by step instructions, or call the office for a walk through.

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Christmas Outreach

Please be generous with food donations for the needy. Pick up a food list/bag in the church and **return 12/15**

Advent Retreat

When: Sat., 12/11 @ 9am
Lunch Provided
Where: TBA
RSVP Required

MHC Gift Shop is Open:

Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM
Wednesdays 2-7 PM
or By Appointment:
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2022 Mass Intentions

Have a Mass said to honor your loved ones
Email the parish office to request masses

Volunteer Needed

We need volunteers to take pictures at parish events for our publications and website. Contact the parish office if interested.

Gift Wrapping

Volunteers are needed to wrap Christmas gifts. Daytime and Evening hours are available. Contact the parish office to sign up.
All are Welcome!

Year-End Giving: A Gift That Can Give Back

You know that any time you give to support the work of Christ in our parish you are investing in a mission and making our world a little better. This year, in thanksgiving for all our blessings, we have focused our parish outreach meals for the less fortunate at Thanksgiving and Christmas, toy collections, and emergency funds. We couldn't do all this without the support of our people! With a little year-end planning, you can optimize your impact with a gift by December 31!

Contact the parish office to learn more about how to make your year-end gift. Making a gift now will also have added benefits for the tax year.

Giving options available: Online Giving, Text Giving, drop a check in the offertory or mail, or donate using a credit card.


You are a gift to us, your faith family. With a heart full of gratitude, we thank you for your generosity!

Our Gifts

Weekend of November 27/28	Attendance	Envelope Donations	Other Donations
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	134	20	1638
Online Giving Donations			1155
Other Donations			135
Total Donations Collected			2928

Second Collection:

This year's Retirement Fund for Religious collection will take place on the weekend of **December 11-12**. A reminder to all parishioners to give generously to this fund as you are able. We are grateful for the many sacrifices made by our religious sisters, brothers and priests.



**Cristo Rey Campus Ministry's
Christmas Concert**

When: December 9, 2021 at 7:00pm
Where: Church

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Learn how to build a career portfolio & land that next job.

Join Training Specialist Larry LaBelle on Saturday, December 11 at 9 a.m.

Registration for Zoom:

<https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/employmentresources>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **CHRISTMAS**

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CONTACT PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP

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Advent Retreat

Come, Let Us Adore Him



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

9am Registration

9:30am Rosary

10:00am Mass

11:15am Conference

12:15pm Reflection/Lunch

2:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Departure

CALL/EMAIL OFFICE TO RSVP

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