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Administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco

Fr. Steve Dumais, S.D.B. Pastor

Fr. Franco Pinto, S.D.B. Center Director

Fr. John Bosco Lee, S.D.B- Korean Ministry

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 3rd 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.

Dear People of God

In recent Sundays the liturgy has emphasized what it means to assume an attitude of vigilance and what preparing the way of the Lord entails, concretely. On this Third Sunday of Advent, called the "Sunday of Joy", the liturgy invites us to welcome the spirit with which all this happens, that is, precisely, joy.

St. Paul invites us to prepare for the coming of the Lord, by assuming three attitudes. First, constant joy; second, steadfast prayer; third, continuous thanksgiving.

The first attitude, constant joy: "Rejoice always" St. Paul says. This means always being joyful, even when things do not go according to our wishes or plans. Profound joy, which is a peace that is within. And peace is a joy at the ground level, but it is a joy, nonetheless. It is John the Baptist who tells us that our joy rests on a certainty, that Jesus has come to earth to restore to mankind the dignity and freedom of the children of God - and thereby to give joy.

The second attitude, steadfast prayer: St. Paul says, "pray constantly". By praying we can enter a stable relationship with God who is the source of true joy. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we find inner peace, even among the distractions and everyday contradictions. We are called to be witnesses and heralds of a peace and joy that render the troubling journey of life less worrisome.

The third attitude, continuous thanksgiving, can be summed up as grateful love towards God. We know that He is generous to us all, and we are invited to always recognize His beneficence, His merciful love, His patience, and His goodness, thus living in unceasing thanksgiving. In this last half of Advent, let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is a "cause of our joy", not only because of her role as mother of Jesus, but because she keeps directing us to Him.

December 13: Christmas Gift Sorting (MMG) Conference & Youth Rooms

December 14: 6:00pm -Initial Church Decorating

December 15: 7:30-9:00pm-Parish Advent Reconciliation Service during Wednesday Adoration

December 17: 1:00pm-Parish Christmas Party for the Collaboratory School

December 18: 8:30am Outreach-Busch Blvd., Chelsea St. & Mobile Home Park

December 24: 5:00p-Christmas Vigil Mass and Children's Pageant

December 25: 12:00am -Midnight Mass & 11:00am-Christmas Day Mass

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially Fr. Sid Figlia, SDB, 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 11,

5pm † Ralph Alfonso-Noland Family

Sunday, December 12,

8am † Josie Martine-Janice Murphy

11am Clara & William McCarthy Wedding

Anniversary Blessings

11am † Michael Murphy-Deacon Ed & Lorraine Anctil

Monday, December 13,

6:45am Special Intentions of All Priests-Chet Shinko

7pm Benjamin Frank Bday Blessings-Emily Donaire

Tuesday, December 14,

6:45am † Josie Martinez-Pete & Mary Gallar

Wednesday, December 15,

6:45am Marianne Gladu-Lupe Gladu

7pm † Donna Gauvin-Pete & Mary Gallar

Thursday, December 16,

6:45am † Mate (Matthew) Cosic-Sanja Cosic

Friday, December 17,

6:45am Matthew & Michael Taghap-Leila Taghap

Saturday, December 18,

5pm † Harold Gilliam-Ann McKitrick

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 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Mi 5:1-4a
2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10
Gospel: Lk 1:39-45

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 Reconciliation

When: Wednesday, 12/15
from 7:30-9:00pm

Where: MHC Church
(During Adoration)

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!

Weekend of December 4/5	Attendance Envelope: Donations		
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	165	20	2338.00
Online Giving Donations			2205.00
Other Donations			77.00
Total Donations Collected			4620.00

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Friday, December 24
5 pm (Including Children's Pageant)

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Friday, December 24
Carols at 11:30pm
Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25
Mass at 11am

**☩ Come
Let Us
Adore Him!**



Volunteers Needed for Christmas Decorating

On Tuesday, December 14th let's decorate MHC Church for Christmas. Contact the parish office if you'd like to help!



Don Bosco Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for all areas at our upcoming Don Bosco Festival. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Steve Jarosz, Center Office, or Parish Office.

Student Service Hours can be earned

**Donations now accepted for items for the yard sale. Donate gently used clothes, shoes, furniture, household items, etc.
NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE**



MHC Outreach

Christmas Food Drive

UNTIL DECEMBER 17TH

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE

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WHAT WE NEED:

Christmas Food Bag List

- 2 Boxes Macaroni & Cheese
- Instant mashed potatoes
- 2 Canned green beans or corn
- Gravy mix
- Canned Yams
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned fruit
- Cake Mix
- Can of frosting
- \$15 gift card to purchase meat

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Christmas Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Christmas here at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.



We invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift.

Donations toward the cost of Christmas decorations in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received during this past year.

The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance/plant.

Please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it one of the convenient ways listed below with your donation by **December 17th**.

- Mail it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket *Note: We accept checks, & cash in the collection basket (note Christmas Flowers in the memo).*
- Use Online Giving and select 'Christmas Flower Donation' as the fund type.
- Use text giving using the short code: **CFLOWERS**

For questions please contact the Parish Office directly at 813-626-7588 or parish@mhctampa.org

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Christmas Poinsettias

Donor	In Honor or Memory of

Statement of Activities

Monthly P & L Summary

September 30, 2021

	<u>Current Month Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income		
Offering Revenue Totals:	14,671.22	46,498.42
Other Operating Revenue Totals:	1,997.00	9,049.11
Faith Formation Totals:	100.00	765.00
Charity & Outreach Totals:	376.00	817.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal Totals:	1,598.42	22,636.44
School Support Totals:	156.85	470.55
Dedicated/Restricted Rev & Exp Totals:	930.22	2,850.23
Income Totals:	<u>19,829.71</u>	<u>83,086.75</u>
Expense		
Pastoral Leadership Totals:	1,920.00	4,290.00
Worship & Music Totals:	2,441.70	8,700.70
Faith Formation Totals:	1,758.00	5,216.00
Charity & Outreach Totals:	275.60	1,324.15
Annual Pastoral Appeal Totals:	1,598.42	22,636.44
School Support Totals:	314.92	944.76
Administration Totals:	14,444.74	39,538.81
Facilities/PPE Totals:	500.00	7,825.00
Expense Totals:	<u>23,253.38</u>	<u>90,475.86</u>
Income - Expense:	<u>(3,423.67)</u>	<u>(7,389.11)</u>

****These figures are the actual amounts for the month ending 09/30/2021**
If you have any questions regarding these figures, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Finance Committee listed below.

Account details available upon request.

Edwin Celeiro

Roland Rodriguez

Jody Fameree

Deacon Ed Anctil

Steve Jarosz

Finances at Mary Help of Christians Parish, continued...

Financial Performance – 2021/2022 Fiscal Year - First Quarter Report

The table accompanying this report details the first quarter financial report for this year. As a reminder, the parish's fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

As of September 30, the parish had a YTD loss of \$7,389.11.

As expected the first quarter typically reports a loss until various parish fund-raisers kick in. One opportunity to help is the upcoming Chicken Dinner fund-raiser in November. Why not consider going, maybe getting a Christmas gift in the silent auction and helping out the parish at the same time!

That said, all your collective efforts driven by your generosity and concern for the parish have made Mary Help of Christians Parish a financially viable and vibrant place of worship.

APA Results

The Annual Pastoral Appeal which supports most Diocesan-wide activities continues throughout 2021. As of October 25, here is how we stand:

Goal:	\$24,153		
Pledged:	\$24,632	101.98%	Diocese: 81.06%
Paid:	\$24,816	102.75%	Diocese: 79.60%

There are 241 families registered in the parish, with now 47 participating in the Appeal. The average pledge was \$492.65. The goal for this year has been met. Thank you!

Also, remember that one half of the goal is shouldered by the Korean community and half by the core parish community.

As you may have heard, this is the last year for the APA campaign. Next year, a new streamlined, financially efficient campaign takes its place - the [2022 Catholic Ministry Appeal](#). In effect 100% of all money goes directly to Diocesan ministries and no overhead costs absorbed by the Appeal. The parishes will be assessed separately to cover the cost of supporting the Diocesan framework.

The goal has been worked out and details will roll out between now and the campaign's kick-off in February 2022.

Audit

The parish is audited annually by the Diocese using an outside, independent CPA firm, and the results are in... A substantially perfect audit, - The parish was found in full compliance with diocesan policies and procedures.

Governance

The parish Finance Committee is always available for any questions or concerns you have. Their names are on the accompanying report and they are here to serve you.