



Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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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 4th 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.

Weekend of December 19, 2021

Dear People of God,

Entering into this fourth and last week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though both holy and virtuous, they were still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience.

St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith. They provide us with the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. At yes to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

is kingship over us.

Prayer: "Dearest Mother Mary and St. Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You."

This has been a wonderful Marian Month. The Immaculate Conception, Help of Christians on December 8th, Our Lady of Guadalupe (in a subdued manner because of the Advent Sunday this feast fell on), Christmas Day, and the following day, the feast of the Holy Family! May we turn to her often as our great advocate and friend and mother in Heaven. Pray the rosary daily!

Many thanks for making Christmas a bit brighter for so many families in need. May God bless you all abundantly and always! Thinking of and praying for others is good, Doing for others is better. Many, many thanks to so many of you for doing both!

BLESSED, JOYFUL, AND GRACED CHRISTMAS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially those 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 18,
5pm † Harold Gillam Alfonso-Ann McKittrick

Sunday, December 19,
8am MHC Parishioners
11am † Michael Harford-Donna & Ed O'Mara
11am Dana & Joe Fortson 17th Wedding Anniversary-Donna & Ed O'Mara

Monday, December 20,
6:45am Thanksgiving to God-Angie, Shane, Austin
7pm Marianne Gladu-Lupe Gladu

Tuesday, December 21,
6:45am Mariano & Maria Pereira 64th Wedding Anniversary-Reinaldo & Maria Diaz & Family

Wednesday, December 22,
6:45am † Ole Moe-Beth Strauss
7pm † Josie Martinez-Janice Murphy

Thursday, December 23,
6:45am † Josie Martinez-Beth Strauss

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve
5pm MHC Children

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day
12am MHC Parishioners
11am MHC Parishioners

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.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Friday, December 24

Mass at 5 pm (Including Children's Pageant)

Christmas Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Carols at 11:30pm on 12/24 before Mass

Mass at 12am

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25

Mass at 11am

**☉ Come
Let Us Adore
Him!**





*Readings for Next Week
Feast of the Holy Family*

1st Reading: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

MASS UPDATE:

THERE WILL BE **NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AT 5PM** ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

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. **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.

Parish Office Will Be Closed:

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
Monday, December 27th - Christmas Day Observed
Monday, January 3rd - New Year's Day Observed

MHC Gift Shop is Open:

Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM
Wednesdays 2-7 PM
or By Appointment:
(813) 465-9565

2022 Mass Intentions

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

Don Bosco Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for all areas at our upcoming Don Bosco Festival. If interested in helping in any way, contact Steve Jarosz 813.404.9658, Center or Parish Offices.

Student Service Hours can be earned

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 11/12 Attendance Envelopes Donations

Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	153	27	3662
Online Giving Donations			1365
Other Donations			923
Total Donations Collected			5950

THANK YOU

for all you do!

YOU ARE

Appreciated

MORE THAN YOU KNOW!

A Very Special Thank You to All for donating toys & food for outreach, for wrapping gifts, decorating, for purchasing gift cards, writing notes, organizing, arranging flowers, and so many other things you helped with this season! Your generosity of time, talent, & treasure has blessed so many this year!



Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future. A Synod, which is the process by which the Church will begin this important work is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the Church.



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