



# Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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## Administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco

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

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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

**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**



## 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.

## Pastor's Message

Weekend of February 14, 2021

Dear People of God,

The four little words that Jesus spoke to the Leper in today's gospel – "I do will it." - are certainly worth looking into. Let's not be fooled and miss the actual depth and meaning of this statement. The act of Jesus' willing is itself significant. What He willed is also significant for sure. The fact that He cured a leper has great meaning and significance. It certainly shows us his authority over nature. It shows His almighty power. It shows that Jesus can heal all wounds. But don't miss those four words: "I do will it."

The leprosy is a clear sign of our own weaknesses and sin. It is a clear sign of our fallen human nature and weakness. It's a clear sign that we cannot heal ourselves. It's a clear sign that we need the Divine Healer. When we acknowledge all of these realities and truths, we will be in a position, just like the leper, to turn to Jesus, on our knees, and beg His action in our lives.

*Prayer: Lord, I give myself to You this Lent. Reveal to me Your divine presence, dwelling deep within me, calling me to Yourself. Help me to strengthen my love and devotion as I try to deepen my sense of true prayer.*

- Lent is upon us once again. The words that the Lord gives us through the prophet Joel on Ash Wednesday, are strong and clear. Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in our society, not right in the Church, we are all called to change, transform, and move in a new direction. This is nothing less than a call to conversion.
- As we begin this Lenten journey of 40 days, may we here at Mary Help of Christians Parish take the time to reevaluate our Baptismal commitment, reset the moral compass within us, and do our best to connect our Catholic faith with all that we say and do every day of our lives.
- For Lenten obligations and liturgical calendar of events, please take a flyer at the back of the Church or check out our web page at [www.mhcptampa.org](http://www.mhcptampa.org).

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*, February 13,  
 5pm † **Lucy & John Costa**-Ann Marie, Tom, Carl, & Shane

*Sunday*, February 14,  
 11am † **Phyllis Ytuarte**-Tana Levinson  
 11am † **EJ Rooney**-Pralle Family

*Monday*, February 15,  
 6:45am † **Maurice & Betty Fitzgerald**-Their Daughters  
 7pm † **John Laraway**-Edward J. Smith

*Tuesday*, February 16,  
 6:45am **Honoring St. Michael**-Chet Shinko

*Wednesday*, February 17,  
 6:45am **Heidi Moe**-Sverko Family  
 7pm † **Joseph Martinez**-Josie Martinez

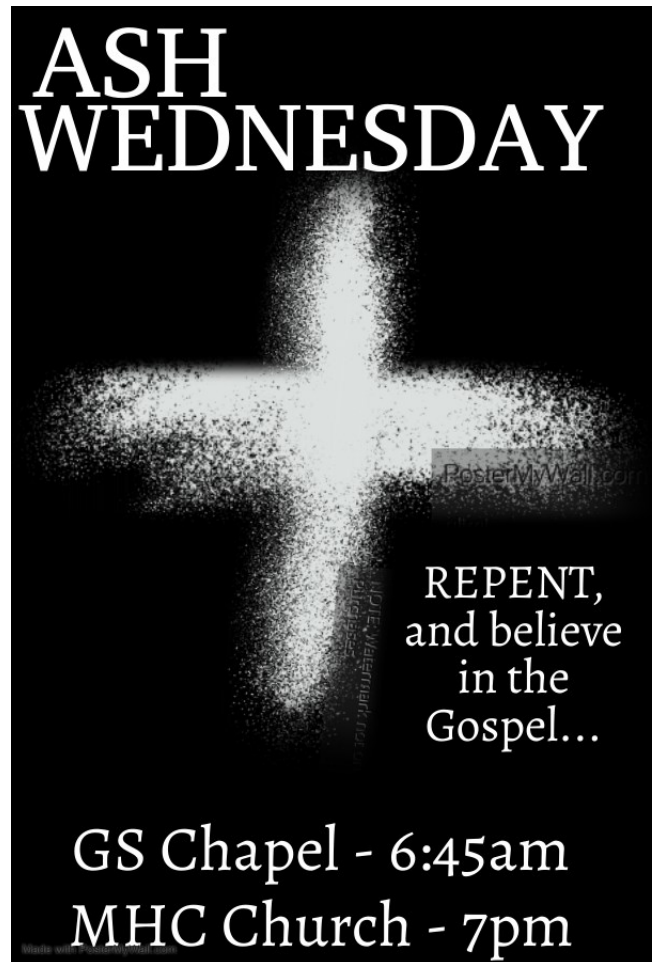
*Thursday*, February 18,  
 6:45am † **Joanne Schmidt**-Theresa Fitzgerald

*Friday*, February 19,  
 6:45am † **Marfelina Aguidan**-Anabelle Broad

*Saturday*, February 20,  
 5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKitrick

PRAYER LIST

Leamy Family, Lew Swick, Ofelia Posada, Nick Piesco, Lorraine Anctil, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Josie Martinez, Richard Ratke, Vivian Diaz, Sandra Oliva, Cathy Nagel, Theresa Fitzgerald, Carol Ryan, Mary Ann Clark, Brune Ortiz, Julie Bianchi, Mark Foster, Joe Brocato, Elaine Jones, Tony Franz, Kerrigan Family, Gilles Ducharme, Melissa Ritter, Mary Ellen Riley, Juanita Vilal, Imogene Rodrigues, Zenaida Torres, Tom & Liz Riley, Carroll Family, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, Oliver Rodrigues, Mike Riley, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Henrietta Hlinka, Bass Family, Zarate Family, Alfonso Family, Mungai Family, Gabriel Family, Rossiter Family, Strauss & Alessandrini Families, Lisa Franz, Mike Murphy, Fortson Family, Bartolotti Family, Heidi Moe, Broad Family



**Next Week's Readings**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22;**  
**Mk 1:12-15**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions**  
**for February**



**Violence Against Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

# The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 14, 2021



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## Today is World Marriage Day!

**On this World Marriage Day**, we thank our heavenly Father for the gift and blessing of marriage and the family. As we strive to live our particular vocations and respond to the Lord's grace in our lives, let's also consider how we might dedicate renewed prayer and attention to marriage and the family.

**As a start, here are possible areas we might consider:**

First, we begin with prayer: Let's remember to pray with and for marriages and families throughout our nation: for marriages in crisis, for families struggling with unemployment, for broken or wounded family relationships.

Second, let us reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day of rest when we can focus on being together as a family. The celebration of Holy Mass together is the first essential way to honor this day. But is there something more the Lord is inviting us to when we go back home? Set aside some time to pray a decade of the rosary, enjoy the outdoors together, play ball, eat dinner together, have a game night!

And third, let us remember that the Church is the family of God and a family of families. As a family, how can we share Christ with other married couples and families? Do we have any friends and family members who are struggling in their marriage, alone during this time of isolation, or particularly afflicted by this pandemic? When was the last time we checked on our elderly neighbors? Is there someone in the parish that we haven't seen in a while? How can we—as a family—reach out to those who are in need?

Ash Wednesday  
is February 17!





# Mary Help of Christians Parish Lenten Calendar

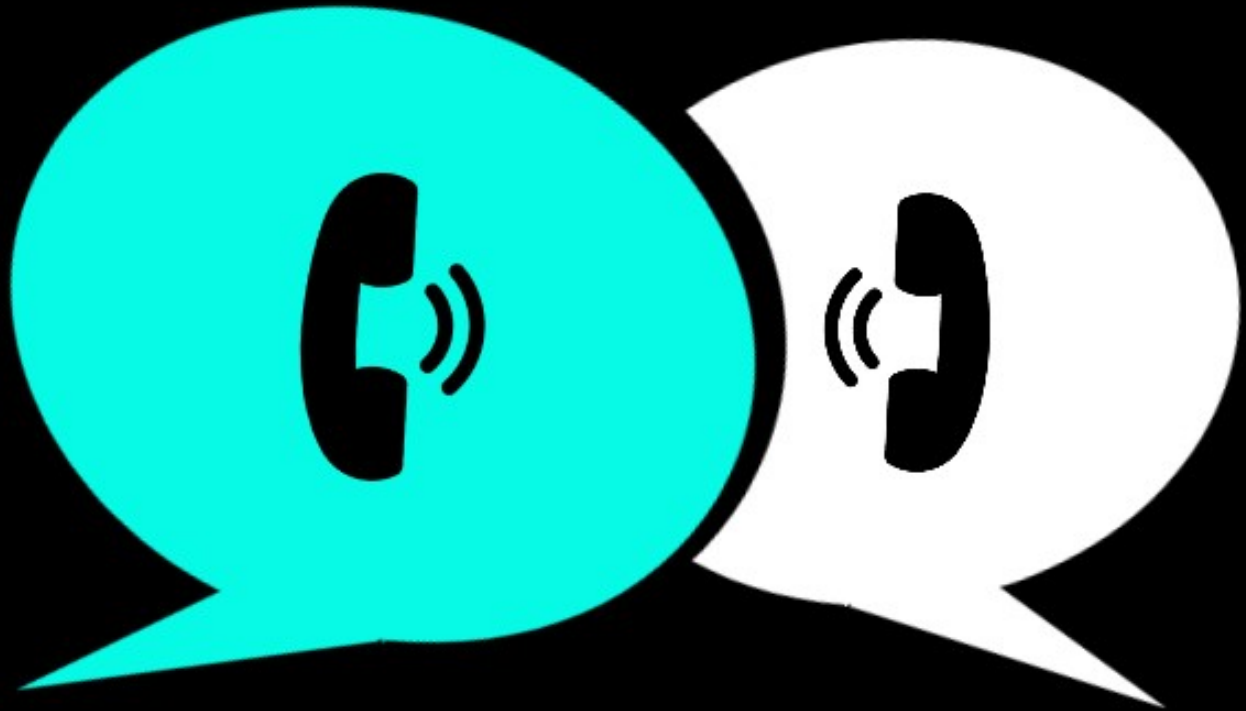
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm—MHC Church (Feb 19-March 26)
- Adoration every Wednesday, Praise & Worship 7:30pm-9:00pm
- **February 17:** Ash Wednesday Mass, 6:45am (GS Chapel) and 7:00pm (MHC Church)
- **February 20:** K of C Free Throw Championship 9am
- **February 27:** Outreach Ministry, Saturday 9-11am
- **March 3:** Pack the Chapel Praise & Worship Adoration 7-9pm (MHC Church)
- **March 6:** Parish Lenten Retreat, 9:30am-3:00pm
- **March 17:** Lenten Penance Service 8-9pm (During Adoration)
- **March 19:** K of C Lenten Fish Fry Friday, 5:00-7:00pm
- **March 27:** Outreach Ministry, Saturday, 9:00-11:00am
- **March 27/28:** Palm Sunday Masses - March 27, 5:00pm and March 28 11:00am
- **March 30:** Chrism Mass 11:30am at St. Jude Cathedral
- **April 1:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm
- **April 2:** Good Friday Passion Service, 3:00pm (MHC Church)
- **April 2:** Good Friday Passion Play 7:00pm (Youth Live Stations of the Cross)
- **April 3:** Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass , 8:00pm
- **April 4:** Easter Sunday Masses: Sunrise Mass 7:00am (Outdoor altar); 11:00am Mass MHC Church





'The love of God is not something vague or generic; the love of God has a name and a face: Jesus Christ'  
Pope Francis

# Phone Ministry



# VOLUNTEER CALLERS NEEDED

**HELP US MAKE PHONE CALLS TO  
EVERY REGISTERED HOUSEHOLD TO  
STAY CONNECTED!**

**EMAIL US TO SIGN UP:  
PARISH@MHCTAMPA.ORG**

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**WE NEED TO CALL EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN OUR  
PARISH - DO YOU HAVE 1 HOUR TO SPARE TO  
MAKE PHONE CALLS? (SCRIPT PROVIDED)**

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Kids Ages 9-14, Sign up for the K of C Free Throw



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

# **FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 9AM  
AT MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

**Boys and Girls Ages 9-14**

**CONTACT EDWIN FOR INFO:**

**813-927-3720 OR EDWINOFC@AOL.COM**



## MHC Outreach Schedule of Donations Needed

We need Outreach Food Donations. Starting (February 14th), we need specific items to be donated each week. Drop donations off in the church or at the church office. Thanks for your generosity!

**Week 1(February 14):** Cereal

**Week 2(February 21):** Pop-top can spaghetti, ravioli, etc.

**Week 3(February 28):** Toiletries (Deodorant, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, small shaving cream, razors)

**Week 4(March 7):** Mac & Cheese or Ramen Noodles

**Week 5(March 14):** Peanut Butter Crackers

**Week 6(March 21):** Peanut Butter, Jelly

**Week 7(March 28):** Toiletries (Deodorant, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, small shaving cream, razors)

**Week 8(April 4):** Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups

## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection

#### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”*

*- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

~St. Louis Archdiocese

### On-line & Text Giving

**SAFETY.** In times when there are concerns about exposures to disease or spreading of a virus, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly Mass at the Parish or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen, regardless of where you are.

**FORGET YOUR ENVELOPE?** Use Online Giving or Text Giving to keep up on Offertory. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our Church.

**NEED HELP?** Contact us for a walk through of setting up your Online Giving or Text Giving account today!

## Our Gifts

Weekend of February 6/7	Attendance	Envelopes	Donations
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	151	12	873
Online Giving Donations			2948
Other Donations			160
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>			<b>3981</b>



## Parish News

### Why Register at MHC Catholic Church?

- You are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community.
- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community. It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- The pastor and staff get to know you better, welcome you and to minister to you; especially during a time of crisis.
- Helps you stay connected - Providing your contact information is important so we can provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc.
- If you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you receive a year-end statement of your donations for tax purposes.
- Eligibility for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Census numbers determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Email the parish office to fill out a simple form or start your registration on our website.

**We are glad you are here!**

### Could you not watch with me for one hour?

Every Wednesday (Church)\*

- ◇ 4:00pm-7:00pm Silent Adoration  
*not livestreamed*
- ◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration  
*livestreamed*



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### The Sacrament of Baptism

Are you interested in having your baby/child Baptized? Contact the Parish Office for information on how to begin.

### Wednesday Words with Fr. Steve

**Every Wednesday Night, Fr. Steve Dumais makes a YouTube Video to connect with everyone in our faith community. The video is on our Parish website and YouTube.**

### Do you pray for vocations?

We are all called to pray for vocations; to the Priesthood, Consecrated Life, & Married Life.

We have a traveling chalice & families/individuals are needed to take it home weekly to pray for holy vocations.

If you are interested in signing up for a week, please talk to an Usher before or after Mass.

### Visit our Gift Shop at MHC

Sundays from 9:30-10:45 AM and

Wednesdays from 2-7 PM

Or by appointment by calling (813) 465-9565

### Prayer Shawl Ministry



A prayer shawl brings comfort and peace to someone facing an illness or grief, reminding them they are loved by God and remembered in prayer by their faith family. If you knit or crochet and would like to be part of this compassionate ministry, contact the parish office for more details.

### Mass Intentions for 2021

Give the gift of prayer for any special occasion. The suggested donations for Mass Intentions are as follows:

**Weekday—\$10**

**Weekend & Holy Day—\$15**

To have a Mass said in honor of your loved one, Email us at [parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org)

Please include dates you are interested in, along with name(s) of your loved one(s), & your name and phone number. We will contact you to confirm date(s) and inform you of donation options.

**Note: Masses are scheduled based on availability, and the date preferred may not be open.**

**One name per Mass unless a married couple or family (Ex: Jane & John Smith or Smith Family). Except Sundays at 11am where 2 intentions are accepted.**



Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal helps us courageously live the Gospel. Learn more at [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org).



Every parishioner can fully participate in the mission of our Catholic Church and the continued works of Jesus Christ by participating in the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Please prayerfully consider the blessings you have been given, and the prayers answered in your times of need. If you weren't prepared to make a commitment last week, we ask you to make a gift or pledge of support to the essential ministries, programs and services of our diocese. These diocesan outreach efforts are a true blessing to those served, fulfilling the physical, educational and spiritual needs of thousands that we could not serve from our parish alone. Gifts may be paid over the next 10 months or as a one-time gift. Thanks for your generosity!

## February Saints

February 4 – Saint Joseph of Leonessa

February 8—Saint Josephine Bakhita

February 18—Blessed Fra Angelico

February 22 – Saint Margaret of Cortona



# Saint of the Week

## Blessed Fra Angelico

DATES: 1400-1445

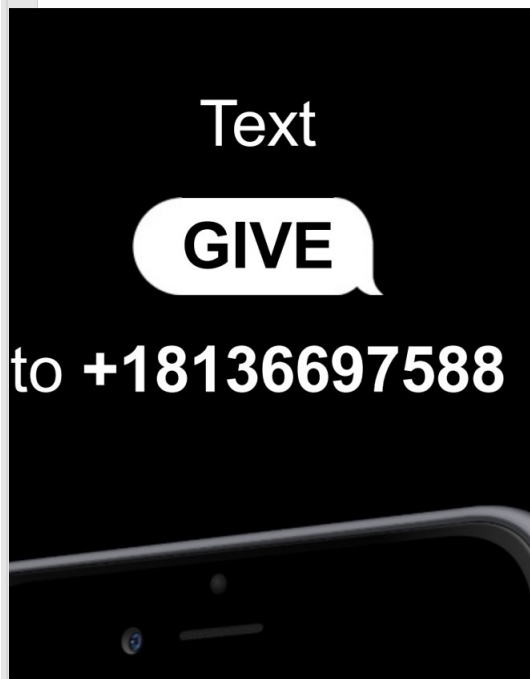
FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 18

**F**ra Giovanni da Fiesole, known as Blessed Fra Angelico, was an early Renaissance painter. After joining the Dominicans in 1420, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. His religious altarpieces, paintings and frescoes exploited color for spatial and emotional effect. Fra Angelico, meaning “angelic brother,” decorated an entire Florentine monastery and two Roman chapels. Notable works include his “Annunciation” and “Descent from the Cross.” He declined an appointment as archbishop of Florence and was officially beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Art students often leave written prayers near his tomb in the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome. He is patron of artists.



## Text Giving

We now have an easy, secure way to give by text...



### How to Use Text Giving

- Text the word GIVE to the church/organization's text giving number.
- If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration. Click "SIGN IN" then click "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT" at the bottom of the page.
- Complete contact information then click "REGISTER."
- Enter the secure PIN that the system texts you.
- Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information before completing your gift.
- Click "SAVE PAYMENT" to keep your payment information securely saved for future gifts.
- To text a donation after the one-time registration, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.
- Simply text the desired amount and the fund keyword to the text giving number. Ex: 250 tithe for \$250.00 to the Tithe fund.

For added convenience, after registering for Text Giving you can use the following short codes to donate towards a particular fund. Simply text 8136697588 the amount you want to donate, enter a space, and then the short code and click send (Ex: 10 OFFER).

#### Short Codes:

Weekly Offertory: OFFER

Mass Intention: MASSES (NOTE: Prior to donating to the mass fund, an email must be sent to the parish office to schedule a mass intention)

Outreach Donation: OUTREACH

Easter Food Drive: EFOOD

Easter Offertory: EASTEROFF

Easter Flower Remembrance: EFLOWERS

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