



Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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

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Deacon Ed Ancia

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

For the Weekend of February 21, 2021

Dear People of God

It is good to see a number of individuals and families returning to worship during these troubling times. I know that building up our congregation to full strength will prove to be a slow process, but it is encouraging, nonetheless, to see that some growth is already occurring. Keep safe! Keep the faith! Know that God loves you all!

Scriptures often call us to share the blessings that God has so generously provided to us. We have read how the early church shared all their possessions with one another in order to free the Apostles to more freely proclaim the Good News of the resurrected Jesus.

This year's Annual Pastoral Appeal provides us another opportunity to make a difference in the larger faith community of the diocese. It allows us a chance to remind ourselves of the whole, of the greater family of the faithful we belong to. The benefits of this appeal reach out to parishes, catholic education, seminarian education, priest retirement and health care costs, catholic charities, campus ministry and youth ministry efforts. Please be generous in considering your support for this appeal.

- 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.

Please consider joining us for our Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 pm in English or at 7:30 pm in Korean.

Our daily mass is in Good Shepherd Chapel at 6:45 am Monday through Friday. . . . and live streamed in MHC Church on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4:15 pm.; 10:30 am every Sunday; Mondays at 6:30 pm; Wednesdays – during evening Adoration from 7:45 pm -9:00 pm; by appointment or by drop in when available during the rest of the week.

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.



Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20,

5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKitrick

Sunday, February 21,

11am † **Phyllis Ytuarte**-Julie Fameree & Family

11am † **Grace Bartolotti**-Katie Bartolotti & Family

Monday, February 22,

6:45am **Scholastica Family**-Susanna George

7pm † **Carol Henderson**-Heidi & Ole Moe

Tuesday, February 23,

6:45am **Paulina Moon Family**-Susanna George

Wednesday, February 24,

6:45am **Special Intentions for All Priests**-Chet Shinko

7pm † **Bobby Fitzgerald**-His Sisters (Theresa Fitzgerald)

Thursday, February 25,

6:45am **Hyodong Kim Joseph**-Susanna George

Friday, February 26,

6:45am **Emmanuel Cabriella**-Susanna George

Saturday, February 27,

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



Meet Me in the Desert

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,
As you went into the desert
So do I follow
Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me
Falsely claims me.
To search inside
To confront myself
My best, my worst
My good works and my sins.
And each time,
I find you there
To call to me again
With words of challenge and words of
mercy.
And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in
fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach
out and gently lift me
To renew me
To claim me as nothing of this world can
claim me.
Meet me in the desert, Lord.
Claim me anew.
Amen.

Next Week's Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

**Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom
8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10**

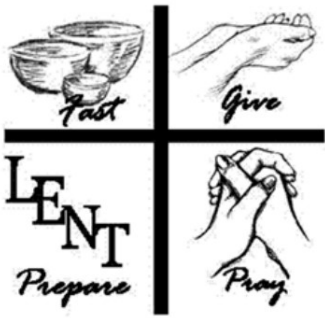
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February



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.

Ideas for Making a Family/Individual Plan for Lent



Prayer

- Attend Stations of the Cross at church or pray stations at home, (the stations could be prayed inside or in your backyard; invite neighbors/family)
- Promote a spirit of prayer; pray throughout the day; find God in the ordinary moments of life; talk to others about how God works in your daily life
- Learn a new Catholic prayer every week (see <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/prayers/index.htm>)
- Choose a devotion to pray during Lent; find a Catholic book of prayer and meditation to assist you during Lent

- Incorporate praise and worship into your prayer life; music is an avenue to connect with Christ
- Gather friends/family in a home prayer service or rosary; encourage kid-friendly gatherings so the family can participate

Fasting

- Always follow church fasting guidelines (i.e. no meat EVERY Friday in Lent; fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)
- Practice sacrifice and self-denial during Lent; encourage children to give up something; promotes spirit of self-control and discipline
- Attach an intention (daily, weekly) to your fasting and sacrifices (e.g. for the people of Haiti, for vocation, etc.)
- Use fasting to redirect your mind, heart and soul to Christ

Almsgiving (all spiritual journeys include almsgiving)

- For self or other family members: plan a giving action for friend, neighbor, stranger, etc.; attach it to monetary donation
- Give up a weekly treat or lunch and donate cost to charity or to the church
- Keep extra food in the car to give to homeless
- Plan a small family mission (i.e. Metropolitan Ministries; San Jose Mission in Dover, FL)
- Make a habit of taking can goods from your pantry for Mt 25 ministry (families: make this an effort of the whole family)

What to give up for Lent

- Give up watching TV one evening a week. Visit some lonely or sick person instead.
- Give up looking at other people's worst points. Concentrate on their strong points and positive attributes.
- Give up speaking unkindly. Let your speech be generous and understanding.
- Give up your worries. Trust God with your problems and frustrations.
- Give up hatred or dislike of anyone. Learn to love instead.
- Give up the fear which prevents Christian witness. Seek courage to speak about your faith to others.
- Give up spending excessive time with newspapers, magazines, the Internet, video games and other technology. Use some of that time to study your Bible.
- Give up grumbling. Learn to give thanks in everything.
- Give up 10 to 15 minutes each day. Use that time in prayer.

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

- If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Mary Help of Christians



LENTEN RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH
9AM-3PM

Rosary
Mass
Reflection
Confession
Adoration

All Welcome!

RSVP to: parish@mhctampa.org
Lunch Provided
Donations Accepted



MHC Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent at 7pm

February 19th through March 26th

LIVE Stations

PASSION PLAY by Faith Formation Youth

on Good Friday April 2nd at 7pm

Please join us for (virtual) lunch on March 19!

This year's Adopt-a-Sister Luncheon will be an online celebration on the Feast of St. Joseph, dedicated to the memory of our dear Sr. Rosemary Cordes and featuring your favorite Salesian Sisters.

Expect tributes, stories, happy memories, and lots of fun!

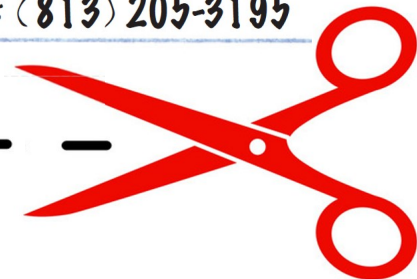


Friday, March 19th, 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

online at: **salesiansisters.home.qtego.net**

or **RSVP** using the enclosed card!

Questions? Please call Theresa Anderson: (813) 205-3195



RSVP by Friday, March 5!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Yes! I/We would love to attend the Virtual Luncheon on March 19!

Sadly, I cannot attend, but would like to be part of the celebration. Enclosed is my gift to the Salesian Sisters.

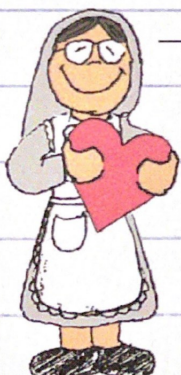
Check enclosed (Please make payable to Salesian Sisters)

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CCV _____ Signature _____



**Print/Fill out the RSVP form & Mail to:
Salesian Sisters
315 West Columbus Drive
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Easter Flowers

The beautiful lilies and flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter 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 Easter 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 **March 19th**.

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

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Easter Flowers

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Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give

~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 October 13/14	Attendance Envelopes Donations		
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	131	17	3828.00
Online Giving Donations			1168.00
Other Donations			940.00
Total Donations Collected	<i>Thank You</i>		5936.00



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!

Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.

Could you not watch with me for one hour?

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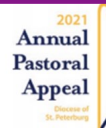
The suggested donations for Mass Intentions are as follows:

Weekday—\$10

Weekend & Holy Day—\$15

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.



COURAGEOUSLY Living the Gospel

As we reflect on our many blessings during this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us be mindful to give God thanks and praise. (Pastor Name) would like to extend his personal gratitude to all who have generously supported the Good Works of our Church. As we pray on the Life, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, remembering the unconditional sacrifice He made for us and our salvation, may we remember those in most need throughout our diocese, and courageously respond with grateful hearts and generosity.

Wednesday Words with Fr. Steve

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

Do you pray for vocations?

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

Families/individuals are needed to take our traveling chalice home weekly to pray for holy vocations.

To sign up for a week, talk to an Usher before or after Mass.

Visit our Gift Shop at MHC

Sundays from 9:30-10:45 AM

Wednesdays from 2-7 PM

Appointment: (813) 465-9565

The Sacrament of Baptism

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



'Love is a leap of the heart...It brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion...Love is a gift that brings meaning to our lives..To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the pandemic...speak words of reassurance and help others realize that God loves them as sons and daughters'. Pope Francis

February Saints

February 22—Saint Margaret of Cortona

February 25—Salesian Feast Day:

Saints Luigi Versiglia and Callistus Caravario



Saint of the Week

Saint Margaret of Cortona

DATES: 1247-1297

FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 22

This Italian penitent was the daughter of Tuscan peasants and, for nine years, the mistress of a young nobleman near Montepulciano. After her lover died violently, Margaret and her illegitimate child were given a home by the Franciscans in Cortona. She became a Franciscan tertiary and practiced severe self-denial. Until her son grew up, she earned their living and performed works of charity. In one vision, Christ told her she was "the third light" of the order, after Francis and Clare. Her prayers and counsel prompted many conversions, and she was considered a living saint.



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Do you love Thanksgiving and Christmas?
Does the idea of planning, decorating, and spreading joy spark your interest?

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