



Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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Deacon Ed Ancil

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**

2nd Sunday in Lent

“This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.”

—Mk 9:7



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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 28, 2021

Dear People of God

The season of Lent continues to move forward at blazing speed. There is literally no time for us to waste if we are to become a “new creation” at the end of this Lenten season.

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus' ministry continuing to evolve. His forty days in the desert lead him in a new direction. He begins a public ministry - announcing that God is near, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Shortly before he leads Peter, James and John up the mountain, Jesus alerts them to the fact that his ministry is turning from preaching and healing in Galilee to confronting religious authorities in Jerusalem. Jesus anticipates that he will suffer, die, and rise after three days. This is the conversation the disciples continue after the Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration challenges us to prayer, vision, and heart for encountering life with Christian commitment.

- How has deep change happened in your life?
- What vision for your future surfaces when you pray and reflect on who you are and want to be?
- What experiences of God's presence have opened your future?
- In what activities do you see transfiguring visions for our society today?

Prayer: If we seek God, we will find God. May people everywhere experience the transforming power of God's nearness. May the earth and all people rejoice in Sacred Presence, and may this Sacred Presence bring us energy for the work ahead. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

Hopefully, you will also consider joining us for our annual **Parish Lenten Retreat Day** on March 6, 2021 from 9:00am until 2:30pm. Lunch will be included.

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.

Do not worry! Do not fear! Rejoice and be glad for the Lord our God is with us!

Peace and Joy Always!



Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday During Lent at 7pm
February 19th through March 26th

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27,
 5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKittrick
 Sunday, February 28,
 11am † **Ralph Alfonso**-Edwin & Kathy Celeiro
 11am † **Phyllis Ytuarte**-Tana Levinson
 Monday, March 1,
 6:45am **Living/Deceased Members of Shinko Family**-Chet Shinko
 7pm † **Amilita Marquez**-Monday Mass Community
 Tuesday, March 2,
 6:45am † **Herb Nagel**-His Wife & Sisters
 Wednesday, March 3,
 6:45am **Thanksgiving to God**-Pete & Mary Gallar
 7pm **George Family**-Susanna George
 Thursday, March 4,
 6:45am † **Mate (Matthew) Cosic**-Sanja Cosic
 Friday, March 5,
 6:45am † **Gerald Cigarrand**-Lili DeGrasse
 Saturday, March 6,
 5pm † **Joseph Martinez**-Josie Martinez

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 Fami-
 lies, Lisa Franz, Mike Murphy, Fortson Family,
 Bartolotti Family, Heidi Moe, Broad Family



Prayer for the Poor

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploit-ed. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you.

Amen.

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**Next Week's Readings
3rd Sunday of Lent**

5pm Mass

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

11am Mass

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions
for March**



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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



Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP

RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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!

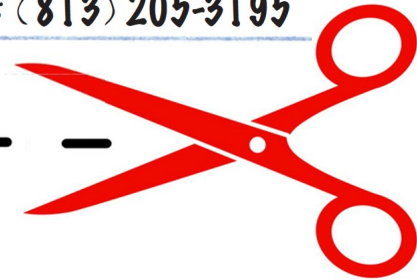


Friday, March 19th, 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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: _____

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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.

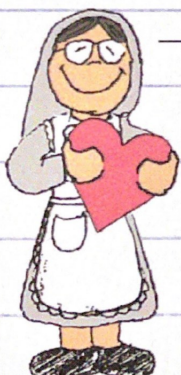
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The beautiful lilies and flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter here at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

~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 20/21	Attendance	Envelopes	Donations
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	150	21	2380
Online Giving Donations			1108
Other Donations			770
Total Donations Collected			4258



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.
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 - 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?

Every Wednesday (Church)*

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not livestreamed
- ◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration
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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.



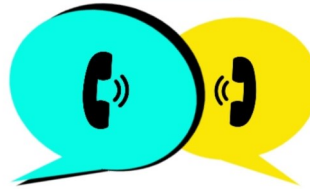
Wednesday Words with Fr. Steve

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.

Phone Ministry



Our new phone ministry will be calling all parishioners registered at MHC Parish. This call will take place during the month of March 2021. The purpose of the call is to update the Parish census and hear any concerns and suggestions that you might have that could help us become a more relevant and meaningful part of your spiritual life. Please share your responses with the Parish Volunteer caller.

Mass Intentions for 2021

To have a Mass said in honor of your loved one,
Email us at parish@mhctampa.org

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. Father Steve 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.

PACK THE CHAPEL

Join us for a night of Praise & Worship
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 7: -9pm



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