



Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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

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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

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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 March 14, 2021

Dear People of God,

This Sunday, the 2nd scrutiny of the catechumens takes place throughout our diocese. We here at MHC continue to walk the journey to full communion that our catechumen has been on these past two years with prayerful, fraternal support. I give special thanks to Tony Marincovich and his RCIA team who have been so faithful in leading and directing our catechumens and elect here at MHC for these past years. Thank you for another job well done, in with and under the difficult and trying conditions that COVID-19 has created for us all.

This is another one of those weeks, that because of the Scrutinies, the preacher has to provide a homily on Saturday evening with one set of readings, and a second homily on Sunday with a different set of readings.

On Saturday: The four basic truths we can take from the Gospel this week. (1) It's made clear that the Father in Heaven loves us with a profound and perfect love. (2) The Father's love was made manifest by the gift of His Son Jesus. (3) The only appropriate response we can make to such a gift is faith, believing in Jesus' mission and giving our lives to him in return. (4) The result of receiving Him and giving our lives to Him in return is that we are saved.

Reflect today about this brief summary of the Gospel. Know that in embracing this short passage of Scripture you are embracing the entire truth of God.

On Sunday: The story of the blind man whom Jesus heals is interesting on many fronts, one of which is the fact that this man does not seem to have a name. He is simply referred to as the "man blind from birth." This is significant in the Gospel of John because the lack of a name is also seen, for example, in the story of "the woman at the well." The fact that there is no Name seems to indicate that we should see ourselves in this story.

How He heals this man is also significant. Using His own spit on this man's eyes, which does not, at first reading, seem all that appealing. It does reveal, however, the fact that Jesus can use something exceptionally ordinary as a source of His divine grace. If we allow Jesus to give us all the gift of spiritual sight, we will be amazed at the beauty we all will behold.

As usual please remember to pray for all 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.

Pastor 

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13,
 5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKittrick
 Sunday, March 14,
 11am † **Phyllis Ytuarte**-Donna & Ed O'Mara
 11am † **Mary Ellen Gabriel**-Paul Gabriel
 Monday, March 15,
 6:45am **Salesian Vocations**
 7pm **Emma Breier**-Julianna Kim
 Tuesday, March 16,
 6:45am **MHC Parishioners**
 Wednesday, March 17,
 6:45am **Beverly Wiebeld**-MHC Family
 7pm † **Lucy & John Costa**-Ann Marie, Tom, Carl, & Shane
 Thursday, March 18,
 6:45am **MHC Parishioners**
 Friday, March 19,
 6:45am **Fr. Joseph Chong, SDB**-Julianna Kim
 Saturday, March 20,
 5pm † **Ralph Alfonso**-Noland Family



Pray Without Ceasing



We pray for all married couples: that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.



**Next Week's Readings
5th Sunday of Lent**

5pm Mass

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

11am Mass

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

PRAYER LIST

Beverly Wiebeld, 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

**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.



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means “rejoice” and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris laetitia, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of Amoris Laetitia, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022.

We pray for each of you and your families!



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

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.



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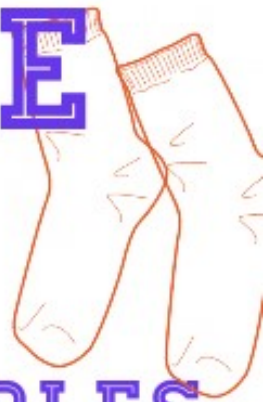


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LENTEN



Friday, March 19th 5-7pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR MEALS

**6400 East Chelsea Street
Tampa, FL 335610**



Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts.

That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

~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 March 6/7

Attendance Envelopes Donations

Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	149	12	1555.00
Online Giving Donations	<i>Thank You</i>		1848.00
Other Donations			890.00
Total Donations Collected			4293.00

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The Vocations Office is planning a virtual Focus 11 retreat for **500** Catholic school 6th graders this Spring



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We Welcome New Members

If you are interested in registering as a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church or if you would like more information about joining our parish

- Please visit us online at www.mhctampa.org
• Call us at 813-626-7588
• Visit the parish office

We are glad you are here!

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Recently engaged? Congratulations! Contact the Parish Office for information on how we can help you with preparing for your wedding.

Could you not watch with me for one hour?

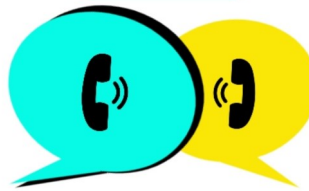
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Phone Ministry



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.



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.

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.



We need volunteers to take the Vocations Chalice home and pray for Vocations.

We are all called to pray for vocations.

Not just vocations to the Priesthood, but also Consecrated Life, and Married Life...Especially Holy Families.

If you are interested in signing up to take the Vocations Chalice, sign up on the calendar in Church or see an Usher.

Easter is around the corner...

Visit our MHC Gift Shop Sundays from 9:30-10:45 AM Wednesdays from 2-7 PM or

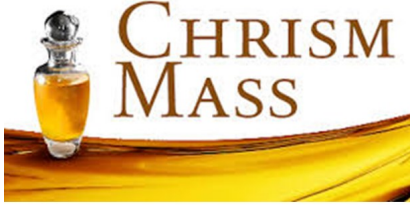
By Appointment: (813) 465-9565



Chrism Mass 2021

Tuesday, March 30th
at 11:30 a.m.

Bishop Gregory L. Parkes will be the principal celebrant and homilist for this year's Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Invitations have gone out to all priests and deacons. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Mass will not be open to the general public. However, it will be broadcast via livestream on the Diocese of St. Petersburg website beginning at 11:30 a.m.



LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

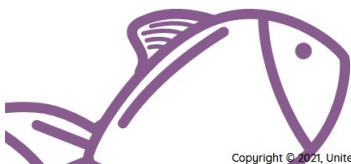
How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically** or **mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant** or **nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



200 Hands for Mary - March 20th

8am-4pm

The work service day will be in honor of St. Joseph. Work projects will be geared towards high school students. 813-626-6191

AHFI FAMILY LENTEN RETREAT



Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21, 2021

Mary Help of Christians Center

6400 E. Chelsea St., Tampa, FL 33610

RETREAT MASTER

Fr. Bing Arellano

AHFI International Spiritual Director

RETREAT THEME:

"Triumph of the Cross in Global Crisis"

Please observe COVID precautions:

Wear facemasks and observe social distancing.

REGISTRATION

Retreat Registration Fee: Individual \$50.00

Ages 18 & below: Free of charge

Priests and religious: Free of charge

Spanish translations available during talks.

CONTACT PERSONS

Local Tampa Coordinator:

Leila / Eddie Taghap

Mobile: (813) 453-3606 (Text preferred)

Florida Chapter Coordinator

Dr. Pacita B. Pensuvan

Mobile: (904) 238-7711 (Text preferred)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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Rate: \$73.00 per night per room (no breakfast)

Code: AHFI / Cut-off date: March 10, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

*Registration Fee: \$50.00/person with lunch for meeting hall and other expenses.
(Checks payable to: ATH-FL ; Mail to: 12974 Medford Lane, Jacksonville, FL, 32225)*

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Children's Names/Ages: _____



March Saints

March 17—Saint Patrick

March 19—Saint Joseph

March 26—Saint Basil the Younger



Saint of the Week

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Century

Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in

Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.



“*Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows ‘in wisdom, age and grace,’ as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus’ father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace.*”

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