



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

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 March 21, 2021

Dear People of God,

This Sunday, the 3rd 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 has created for us all.

This is a rather special week in this season of Lent. Two wonderful saints are remembered during these days - St. Patrick on March 17th, and St. Joseph on March 19th. While we all are aware of the national and local celebrations on St. Patrick's Day. It certainly is right to rejoice in the life and mission of this courageous, determined and ever faithful evangelizer, by whose efforts not only Ireland, but through him, all of Europe and, indeed, the Church, came to Christianity by the seeds of faith sown by this one man and his followers. Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all!

St. Joseph, on the other hand, has a tendency to slip between the cracks and into oblivion because of his apparent humble and quiet personality. All that we know of Joseph is found in the Infancy Narratives of St. Luke and St. Matthew. Nowhere in the Gospels do we ever hear anything Joseph says. He might be a man of few words, but he is most definitely a man of action: he does what the angel tells him; he takes Mary as his wife; he goes to Bethlehem; he finds a place to stay for the night; he takes his family to Egypt.... He is a man of action - not a man of words.

St. Joseph may have been a simple carpenter, but today he is venerated as one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Church has been celebrating this feast since the 10th century. St. Joseph is the patron saint of husbands, of fathers, the patron saint of families, the patron saint of homes, of workers; a special protector and patron of our Salesian Family; and the universal patron of the Church. That's not a bad list for someone of so few words.

On his feast day, and throughout the year, to this just and righteous man whose words we do not know, but whose life speaks so eloquently to us all, we simply say: St. Joseph pray for us!

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20,
 5pm † **Ralph Alfonso**-Noland Family
Sunday, March 21,
 11am † **Phyllis Ytuarte**-Kathy & Edwin Celeiro & Joe Brocato
 11am † **Joanne Schmidt**-Kathy & Edwin Celeiro & Joe Brocato
Monday, March 22,
 6:45am **Salesian Vocations**
 7pm **Thanksgiving to God**-Angie & Shane
Tuesday, March 23,
 6:45am **MHC Parishioners**
Wednesday, March 24,
 6:45am **The Unborn**
 7pm † **Roger Gauvin & Rosario Ignizio**-Pete & Mary Gallar
Thursday, March 25,
 6:45am **All Priests**
Friday, March 26,
 6:45am **Sick & Homebound**
Saturday, March 27,
 5pm † **Pedro & Edna Gallar**-Pete & Mary Gallar



Prayer After Confession

I return unto You, O Lord Jesus, and give You thanks that You have been pleased to cleanse me from the foul leprosy of my sins. Blessed be Your Name, O Lord, forever and ever. Truly you are a Savior Who rejects none that come unto You seriously desiring to repent, but receives them into Your favor, and numbers them with Your children. I acknowledge and adore Your mercy, and dedicate myself wholly to Your service hereafter. Assist my weakness and suffer me not again to fall into my past sins and to be separated from You; but so bind my heart and soul to You with the cords of Your love, that I may say with the Apostle” “Who shall separate me from the love of Christ?” Amen



**Next Week's Readings
 Palm Sunday of the Lord**

**Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
 Mk 14:1—15:47**

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.



2021 Holy Week Schedule

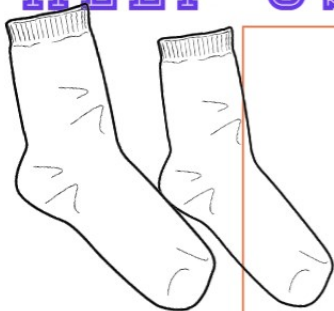


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LIVE Stations

PASSION PLAY by Faith Formation Youth

on Good Friday April 2nd at 7pm

Stewardship Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

~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 13/14

Attendance Envelopes Donations

Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	162	15	1094.00
Online Giving Donations			1458.00
Other Donations			192.00
Total Donations Collected			2744.00

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2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal

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- 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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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.



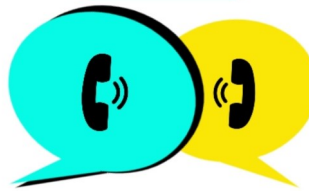
We need volunteers to take the Vocations Chalice home and pray for Vocations.

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.

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.

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



Easter Flowers



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 plant.



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.

RCIA

Interested in the Catholic Church and Faith? Already a Catholic adult but not yet Confirmed? If you would like to know more about the Catholic Church or about how to become Catholic, or you have already been baptized and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact us for more information.

Diocese of St Petersburg Coronavirus Update

The news about the various vaccines available for the coronavirus is indeed good news. However, until we are able to reach a tipping point with vaccinations and the virus, the protocols issued by Bishop Parkes on June 15, 2020 remain in effect. Until further notice from the Bishop, the measures of staying home if one feels sick or compromised, wearing masks, the regular washing/sanitizing of hands, and the maintaining of social distances are still effective measures for the safety of one another.

Lenten Prayer

God of mercy,

You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need—for *whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.*

This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit.

AMEN



Turn in your gifts at the end of Lent, or donate online at [csricebowl.org/give](https://www.csricebowl.org/give)

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Mass for an End to the Use of the Death Penalty

Every year on the Friday before Good Friday, Spirit FM 90.5 broadcasts a Mass for an End to the Use of the Death Penalty. This year's Mass will be aired at 11:00 am on March 26th. Join us in prayer for victims, their family members and those incarcerated on Death Row.

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