



# Mary Help of Christians Tampa's Salesian Parish

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Deacon Ed Anctil

## 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  
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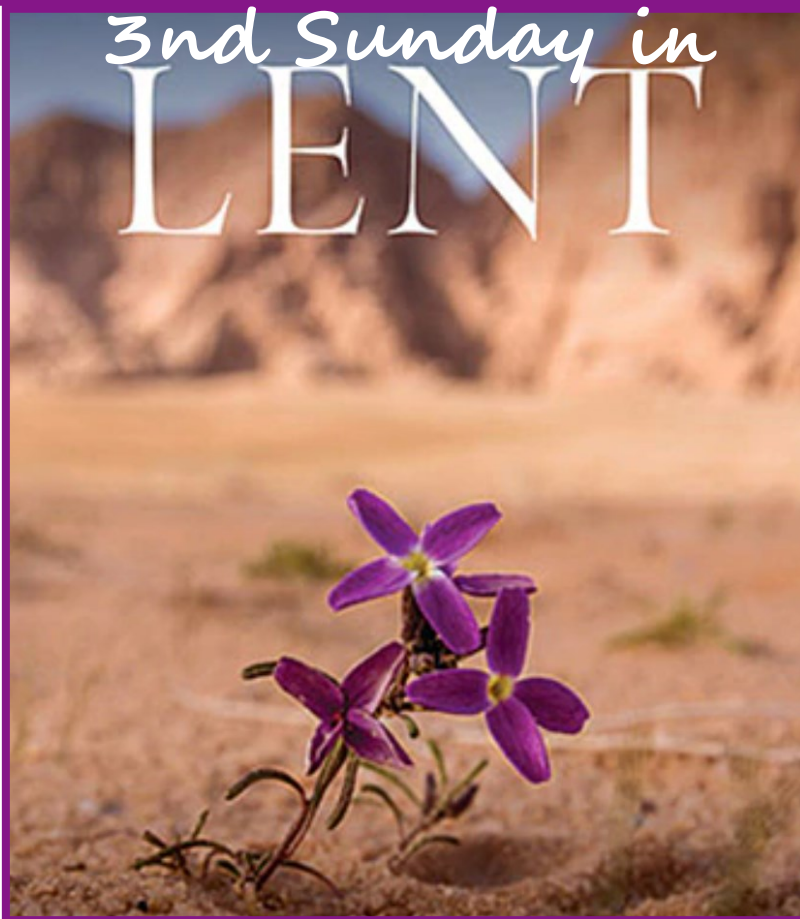
## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 7, 2021

Dear People of God,

This Sunday, the first 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 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 reading from John tells us of Jesus cleansing the temple from all that was not holy. Jesus did not simply lose His temper. It was hatred for sin and love for the sinner that drove Him to this holy wrath. Jesus did what he did to show His love for His Father, whose house they were in, and He loved the people enough to passionately rebuke the sin they were committing.

Reflect today about those parts of your life that Jesus wants to cleanse. Allow Him to speak directly and firmly to you so that you will be driven to repentance.

On Sunday: The story of a woman who meets Jesus at the well is recounted. The woman comes to the well at noon, in the heat of the day, so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful person. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

As we hear the story unfold, we need to reflect upon the undeniable thirst within each of us. Once we are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satisfy that thirst with Living Water. If we do this, maybe we too will leave the many "jars" behind that never satisfy for very long.

Many thanks for all those who made the Lenten Retreat day the blessing that it was.

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 6,*

5pm † **Joseph Martinez**-Josie Martinez

*Sunday, March 7,*

11am † Phyllis Ytuarte-Beth Strauss

11am **Perez-Walsh Families' Conversion**-Eliza Perez-Walsh

*Monday, March 8,*

6:45am † **Carmen & Reinaldo Gallar & Manuel and Mary Gallar**-Pete & Mary Gallar

7pm **Austin Avancena Bday Blessings**-Angie & Shane

*Tuesday, March 9,*

6:45am **Honoring St. Michael**-Chet Shinko

*Wednesday, March 10,*

6:45am † **Joanne Mary Schmidt**-Lili DeGrasse

7pm † **Cindy Faircloth**-Her Sisters

*Thursday, March 11,*

6:45am † **Sr. Mary Patricia Plumb**-Lili DeGrasse

*Friday, March 12,*

6:45am † **Grace Bartolotti**-Lili DeGrasse

*Saturday, March 13,*

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

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

**Prayer for Giving**

Loving and gracious God, I have given gold, But there is only so much gold. I have given blood, But I have only so much blood to give. I have given my time, But days have only so many hours. I have given my strength, But even that has its limits. So I give my love. Because love is gold, and love is blood. And love is time, and love is strength. But love is also so much more. Because love is God. And God is love. And only you, God, have no limits.

**Amen.**

A Prayer from Catholic Relief Services



**Next Week's Readings  
4th Sunday of Lent**

**5pm Mass**

**2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21**

**11am Mass**

**1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41**

**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.

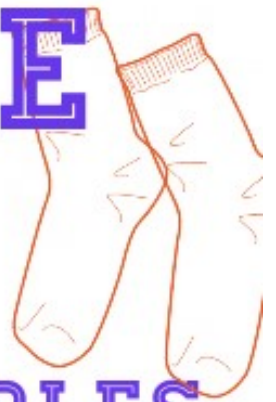


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# The Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 7, 2021

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

—John 6:68c



In today's first reading, we are reminded of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment do you struggle with the most? Aim for one small improvement this week.

## A Prayer for Pope Francis

On March 13th, we celebrate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election! Say a prayer for the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

~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 27/28	Attendance Envelopes Donations		
Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	191	17	1218
Online Giving Donations			110
Other Donations			1333
<b>Total Donations Collected</b>			<b>2661</b>

## DID YOU KNOW...

**Catholic Charities**  
has distributed **\$301,000**  
in Covid19 assistance  
for **305** clients



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## 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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## 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.



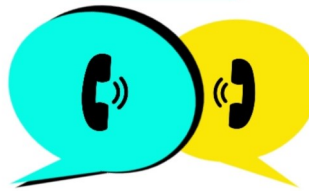
We need volunteers to take the Vocations Chalice home and pray for Vocations.

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](mailto: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](http://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:  
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**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 [crsricebowl.org/give](https://crsricebowl.org/give)**

**FOR LENT FOR LIFE**

“I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).”

—Pope Francis, *Message for Lent, 2020*



## March Saints

**March 12—Saint Luigi Versiglia Orione**

**March 17—Saint Patrick**

**March 19—Saint Joseph**



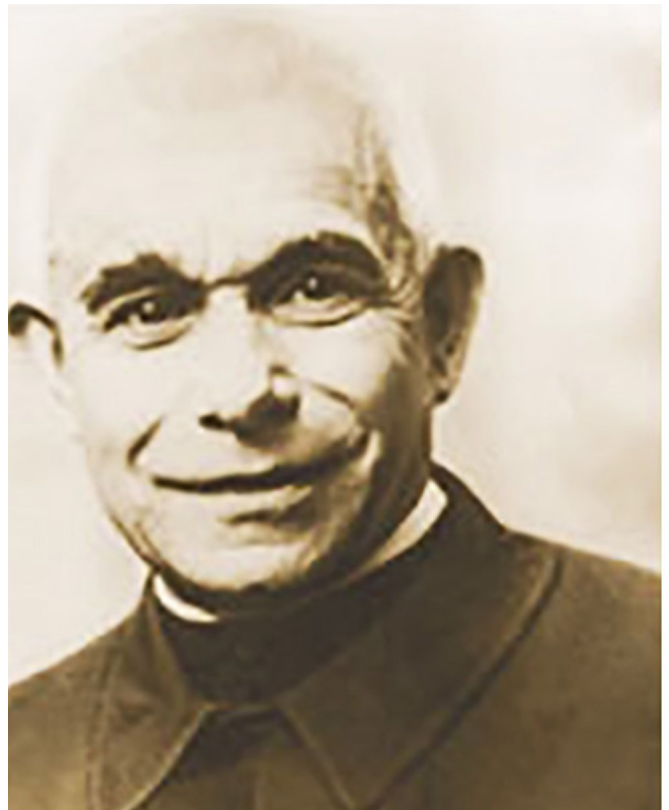
## Saint of the Week

### Saint Luigi Orione

**DATES: 1872-1940**

**FEAST DAY: MARCH 12**

**T**he founder of The Little Work of Divine Providence, which encompasses two active and two contemplative religious orders for men and women as well as a lay movement, was born in Italy's Piedmont. After early sojourns with Franciscans and Salesians, he entered the seminary of the Diocese of Tortona and was ordained in 1895. Always devoted to the care of others, especially the poor and sick, Don Orione established schools and learning centers, worker hostels, hospitals, and homes for the elderly, disabled, sick and blind. The members of his apostolate serve today in 300 foundations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. The dying words of this priest, who was canonized in 2004, were "Jesus ... Jesus... Jesus."



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