



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

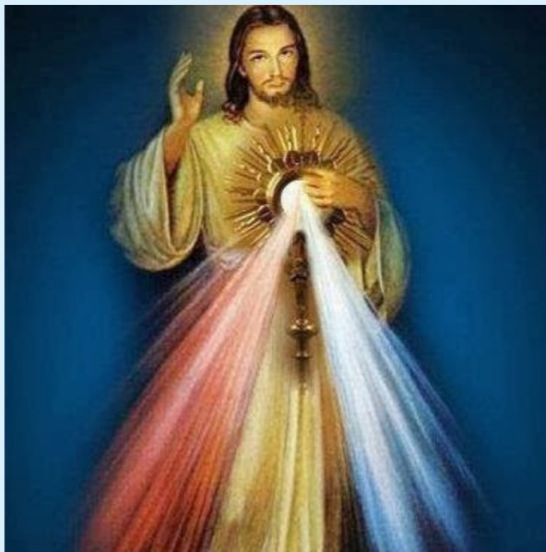
30 minutes prior to Weekend Masses

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

By appointment

**Contact the parish office for
information on how to prepare for
the Sacraments**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 11th



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

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 April 11, 2021

Dear People of God,

Today's feast of Divine Mercy reminds us that authority exercises power not only by judging, condemning and sentencing, but also by granting mercy.

When the priest's voice tells the penitent, "I absolve you from all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," guilt evaporates into thin air. The purest form and expression of power is the granting of mercy.

Mercy does not turn a blind eye to justice but fulfills its obligations to justice by going beyond them. After all, one cannot be absolved of having done nothing. Likewise, where there is no guilt, there is no need of mercy.

Because God is the seat of all authority, He is also the seat of all mercy.

St. Pope John Paul II first inserted this feast of Divine Mercy into the Roman Calendar on April 30, 2000, the canonization day of St. Faustina. St. Pope John Paul II was also canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2014.

And so, the Church's third millennium was launched with a new devotion, a new piety rooted in the most ancient truths. Divine Mercy is the new face of God for this third millennium. This is the God who waits for us with bated breath to acknowledge in the privacy of the confessional, "Forgive me Father for I have sinned." This is the God who, at the end of time, whether our time or all time, waits to hear from each of us those few prized words, "Lord, have mercy." Having received that we need not receive anything more.

Many thanks to so many wonderful helped make this Easter so special for all of us: David Garno, for once again polishing and making new all of our bronze, brass and silver; Pam Brewer and Margaret Brown for making the Church Easter beautiful with their flower arrangements; Leila Taghap for donating potted palms and greenery to complement our Easter flowers; Deacon Ed Anctil, for his attention to liturgical preparations, his constant presence and availability during a week full of high awareness, high attention, and high liturgy; our altar servers, especially Austin Avancena, Mac Calvino, Jorel DeGuzman, Ponleuraksmeay Ba, who made themselves, available when called on to do so; Angie Avancena and Shane Bergensten for their faithful presence in live streaming our services and assisting with our music program; Clara McCarthy, Susanne Hathaway Anthony Hong, and Alex Montoya, Ed O'Mara, Chioma Okoye, Angie, Agnes Suh, Cici Calvino and the entire music ensemble for helping to make so special all of our services; all of our Lectors throughout Holy Week and Easter; Tony Marinovich and the RCIA team, Willie Seago and his sponsors for their perseverance and commitment; - Perhaps, most importantly – all of you who have stood steadfast with us throughout this long and difficult year. How truly blessed we are that we are all together even now as we move forward with hope and optimism, knowing that together and with God as our pilot, we can and will overcome anything that comes our way.

Please continue to pray for our Salesian presence here at MHC especially for our brothers in St. Philip Residence...Be assured we'll be doing the same for you!

Peace and Easter Joy Always!



Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB.

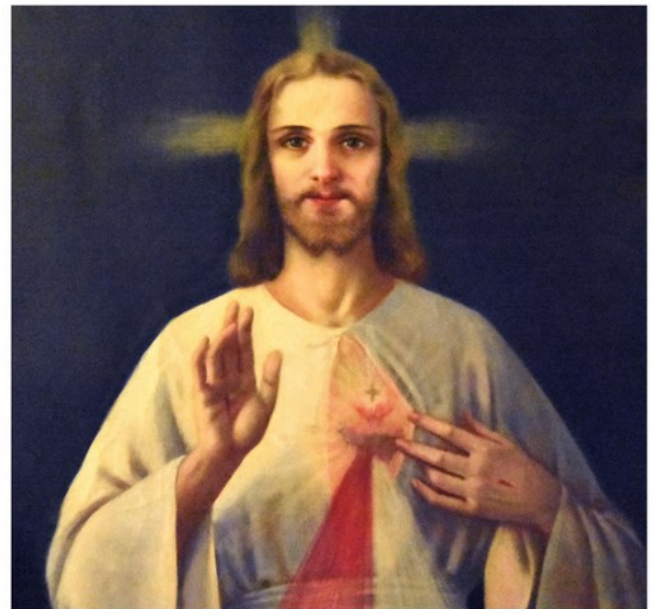
Pastor



Divine Mercy Sunday- The Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 11, 2021

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



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Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

Mercy and Healing

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](https://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org).

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us throughout the month as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10,
5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKitrick

Sunday, April 11,
11am † **Edward Hauser**-Patricia Hauser
11am † **Mary Ellen Gabriel**-Paul Gabriel

Monday, April 12,
6:45am **Intentions of Avari-Cooper & Statz Families**-Deacon Ed & Lorriane Anctil
7pm † **Gene Bartolotti**-Katie Bartlotti & Family

Tuesday, April 13,
6:45am **Intentions of Raymond Family**-Deacon Ed & Lorraine Anctil

Wednesday, April 7,
6:45am **Thanksgiving to God**-Angie & Shane
7pm † **Welena Gauvin**-Pete & Mary Gallar

Thursday, April 14,
6:45am **Fr. Rob Cadrecha**-Angie, Shane & Austin-

Friday, April 9,
6:45am † **Mate (Matthew) Cosic**-Sanja Cosic

Saturday, April 15,
5pm † **Harold Gilliam**-Ann McKitrick

PRAYER LIST

Beverly Wiebeld, Lew Swick, Ofelia Posada, Nick Piesco, Lorraine Anctil, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Josie Martinez, Alice Gabriel, 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 HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

<i>God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:</i>	<i>who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spir- its with faith.</i>
<i>You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.</i>	<i>Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.</i>
<i>Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffer- ing</i>	<i>Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds</i>
<i>the pain of all who have been hurt</i>	<i>and transform broken- ness into wholeness.</i>
<i>in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.</i>	<i>Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.</i>
<i>Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed,</i>	<i>Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.</i>
<i>and the cries of those</i>	

Readings for Next Week

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April

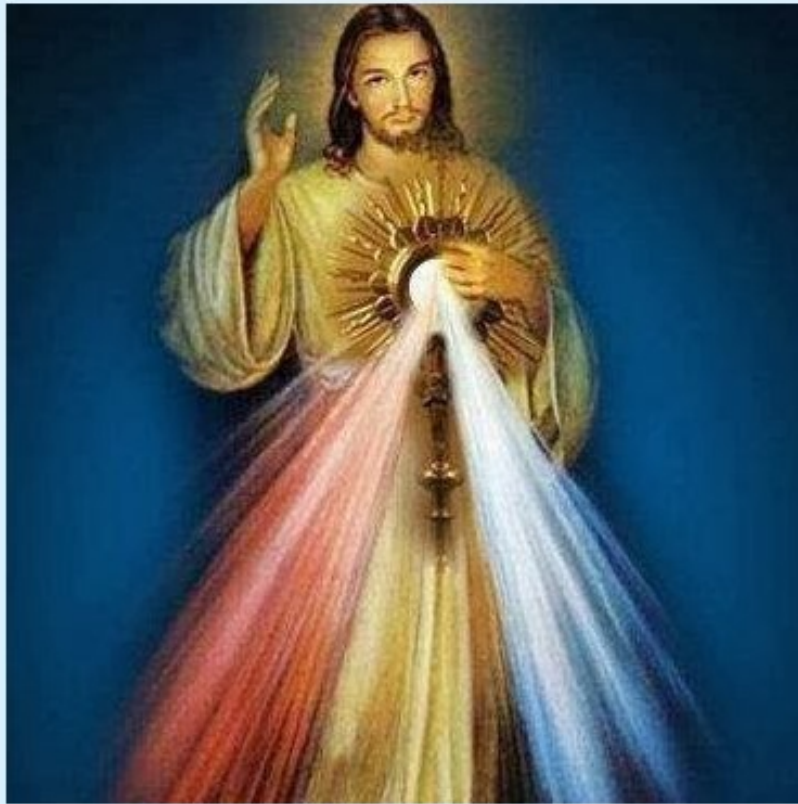


Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11th



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Divine Mercy Chaplet

Adoration

Benediction

Following 11am Mass

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

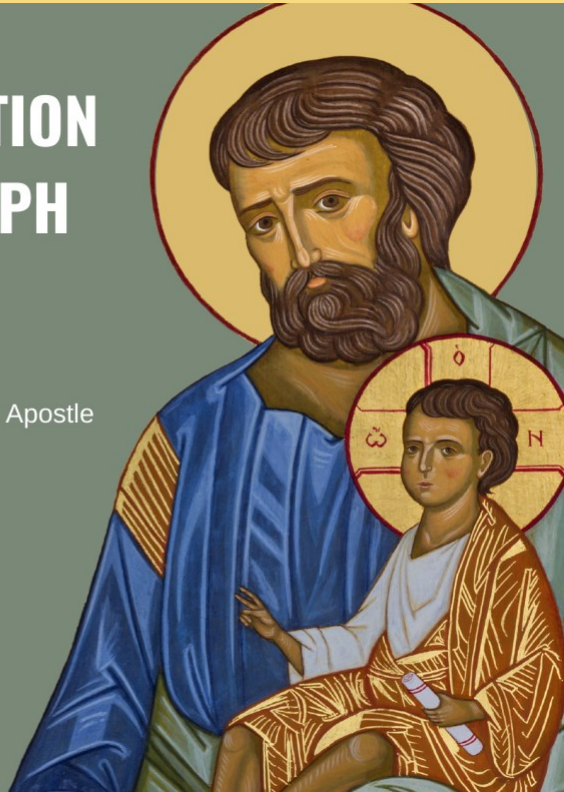
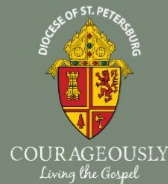
May 1, 2021

12 noon

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

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Consecration to St. Joseph

Pope Francis recently announced a “Year of St. Joseph,” to help us learn more about this heroic member of the Holy Family, an ordinary man who fulfilled his purpose through obedience, love and trust in God. St. Joseph is the patron and protector of the Catholic Church and the patron saint of fathers.

Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate parishes, schools, ministries and the people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ. This will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 1, the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker.

The consecration will take place during Midday Prayer and it will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. Participants will fulfill part of the Plenary Indulgence requirements established by Pope Francis for the Year of St. Joseph, which began on December 8, 2020.

As one community, we will entrust our activity to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke the intercession of St. Joseph for those who are unemployed. We will also pray the Litany to St. Joseph.

We will be following CDC guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For more information visit: www.dosp.org/joseph.

“When you consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you entrust yourself to his fatherly care, and you ask him to help you live the holy virtues that strengthen families, churches and communities.” ~Bishop Parkes.

Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection Divine Mercy Sunday

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.
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 April 3/4

Attendance Envelopes Donations

Mass Offertory (In Person Attendance)	143	15	1279.00
Online Giving Donations			1778.00
Other Donations			390.00
Total Donations Collected			3447.00

DID YOU KNOW...

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Sacraments

There are Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

The sacraments of initiation into the Body of Christ are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The sacraments of healing and peace are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

The sacraments of vocation are Marriage and Holy Orders.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Are you interested in having your baby/child Baptized? Through baptism, your child will receive new life in Christ and become a son or daughter of God! We look forward to welcoming your precious child into our parish family and the Holy Catholic Church. Contact the Parish Office for information on how to begin.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. Eucharist means thanksgiving. We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the consecrated host and wine. With profound thanksgiving, we consume the Body and Blood of Christ and remember the sacrifice He made for our sins. The Eucharist nourishes us spiritually, providing food for our faith journey. If you are interested in enrolling your child in preparation for this sacrament, contact the parish office for a registration packet.

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Recently engaged? Congratulations!

The Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred covenant made by the bride and groom with God. It is a Sacrament of Vocation. We care about you and your marriage, and we look forward to sharing the journey with you! Contact the Parish Office for information on how we can help you with preparing for your wedding.

Van Mueller presents



Faith, Family and Financial Security

Join us for an informative online presentation by Van Mueller, one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry.

Van Mueller is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies. He is a global speaker that has presented in all 50 states and every province in Canada, inspiring his audience to take control over their financial future.

Van will ask a series of tough questions to help you think about how ready you are for whatever may come next, such as:

- What is the easiest and safest way to make retirement money last longer?
- What if you suddenly died – Wouldn't you rather leave a loved one with your hard-earned money rather than the Internal Revenue Service?

Join us as Van helps us think through our answers to these questions, and many more!

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Parish News

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.
- Helps you stay connected - Providing your contact information is important so we can provide you updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc.
- Eligibility for sponsor/godparent validation.

Email the parish office to fill out a simple form or start your registration on our website.

We are glad you are here!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Join us on

Sunday, May 16th

**for a celebration of
the Feast of Mary Help of Christians
More details to come soon...**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday (Church)*

- ◇ 4:00pm-7:00pm Silent Adoration
not livestreamed
- ◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration
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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.

Mother's Day Remembrance

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th We are accepting donations for remembrance offerings for both living and deceased loved ones. Our remembrance flyer will be posted online and sent via email. A suggested donation is \$10 per name.



There are 3 ways to make a donation:

1. Website/Online Giving: Go to our website and click on online giving, and use the drop down 'Mother's Day'.
2. Mail: Send a check with all remembrance names to us in the mail.
3. Text Giving/Phone: Text the shortcode MOTHERS to 813-669-7588 and indicate your donation amount (Ex: MOTHERS 20). Then email us with your remembrance names.

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.

2021
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Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal helps us courageously live the Gospel.
Learn more at www.dosp.org.



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Rejoice in the resurrection! Thank you to the many households that have responded generously to the 2021 Annual Pastoral Appeal, bringing hope to those in need throughout our diocese.

For all who have not yet participated, the invitation is still open to participate in the mission of our Church with a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Please prayerfully consider sharing a portion of the blessings you have received to help to advance our mission of love and mercy in Jesus' name to uphold His kingdom here in our local Church. Every gift is needed and changes a life. You can make a one-time gift, or you can pledge an amount that is payable over several months.

Thank you for your generosity!

Looking for Religious Gifts or Books?

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Wednesdays from 2-7 PM
or

By Appointment: (813) 465-9565

Healing Mass for Victims of Abuse

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Staff members from our diocesan Safe Environment Office and Victim Assistance Ministry are planning a “Healing Mass for Victims of Abuse,” to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, 5815 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg. This Mass is open to the public and is intended for anyone who has suffered any type of abuse, either as a child or during adulthood. Bishop Gregory Parkes will be the main celebrant. Additional details will be forthcoming.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Michael Craig, Safe Environment Program Coordinator at (727) 344-1611 or mjc@dosp.org.

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Americans’ tax dollars are in real danger of being used to pay for abortion. The [Hyde Amendment](https://bit.ly/3fo387l) (<https://bit.ly/3fo387l>), contained in the federal government’s annual appropriations legislation, prohibits federal funding of most domestic abortions. It is a bipartisan provision that has been part of federal appropriations for 45 years and has been credited with saving 2.5 million lives.

Despite having supported this bipartisan provision prohibiting federal funding, President Biden, Speaker Pelosi and House Appropriations Chair Rosa DeLauro are now committed to its repeal. The USCCB is working to mobilize a largescale response to meet this threat. **Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion!** www.notaxpayerabortion.com



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