

Weekend of April 13, 2025

Dear People of God

In today's liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. As we gathered outside the Church today, we saw Jesus treated as He should have been. People were excited to see Him and there was great celebration at His presence.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into the readings. The Gospel of Luke ends with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".? "and when he had said this he breathed his last."

How could the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified just a short time later? I guess you could say the simplest answer might be that the Father willed it. I think this is an important concept to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Let this week give us all divine hope. Nothing can steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden, and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Prayer: Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

Please consider participating in our Easter Triduum Services and our Easter Sunday Services as you see posted on our bulletin board, on line and in our weekly bulletin.

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 Always!

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB
Pastor

PRAYER LIST
Please keep the following in your prayers:
Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Fernando Romero, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, , Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, , Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Esther Savio, Lucy Clemons, Lauren Lynch, Clarissa Roberson, Katherine Conrad, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Rae Godbout, Penny Love , Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles, Dave Anshutz.

2025 Mass Intentions:
April 12, 2025 - April 20, 2025
Sat, April 12, 2025, 5:00pm: +Jose Burgos req. by Beth Strauss
Sun, April 13, 2025, 8:00am : + Joe Brocato req. by Janice Murphy
Sun, April 13, 2025, 11:00am: + Colleen Brown req. by Maggie Brown
Mon, April 14, 2025, 6:45am : Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko
Mon, April 14, 2025, 7:00pm: +Julian Weglarz req. by Anonymous
Tues, April 15, 2025. 6:45am: +Jose Burgos req. by The Family
Wed, April 16,2025, 6:45am: Healing for Leila Taghap req. by Anonymous
Wed. April 16, 2025, 7:00pm +Welena Gauvin req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
Thurs, April 17, 2025, 7:30pm For all Priest req. by Parish
Fri. April 18, 2025, 3:00pm : Good Friday Services
Sat, April 19, 2025, 8:00pm : For the Parishioners of Mary Help req. by Parish
Sun, April 20, 2025, 7:00am : For the Parishioners of Mary Help req.by Parish
Sun, April 20, 2025, 11:00am: For the Parishioners of Mary Help req. by Parish

Laura del Carmen Vicuña was born on April 5, 1891, in [Santiago, Chile](#), to José Domingo Vicuña and Mercedes Pino. The Vicuña family were Chilean aristocrats, the father in military service and the mother working at home. Forced out of Santiago by the revolution, the family took refuge in Temuco, but soon after José Domingo died suddenly and Mercedes went to live with her two daughters in Argentina. She was a child who was noted for her religious devotion. She was [beatified](#) by Pope John Paul II in 1988 as the



patron of abuse victims, having herself experienced physical abuse. The primary shrine for Laura Vicuña is located at [Renca Hill](#), a park of 30 hectares lying between the communes of Quilicura and Renca in Santiago, Chile. The chapel has a capacity of 100. On December 9, 1999 a shrine in the city of Junin de los Andes was inaugurated and dedicated to her memory.

April 2025
04/13 Palm Sunday 8/11am Mass/Last Class Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
04/14 Mass 7pm
04/15 Chrism Mass 11am at the Cathedral of St Jude
04/16 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
04/17 Holy Thursday 7:30pm
04/18 Good Friday Services 3pm / office closed
04/19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8pm
04/20 Sunrise Mass 7am / Easter Egg hunt/Continental breakfast after Mass / Easter Day Mass 11am
04/21 Easter Monday office closed
04/22 K of C meeting 7pm

Celebrate Saint Carlo Acutis viewing the Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles He Created.

Come hear Carlo's inspiring life story, view his relic & relics of other Youth Saints attend Eucharistic Adoration. Events Schedule April 9th-16th . Check [mhctampa.org](#) and scroll to the bottom and see upcoming events and it is listed there and will give you all the information about the event.

CHRISM MASS APRIL 15TH @ 11AM CATHEDRAL OF ST JUDE

At the Mass the priests renew their commitment to their priestly ministry and those celebrating significant ordination anniversaries are recognized including our own.
Fr Steve Shafran, SDB 40yrs
Fr Richard Crager, SDB 40yrs
Fr Tom Gwozdz , SDB 50yrs
All are invited to attend.



Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies is a great way to honor or remember someone special in your life. There's a suggested donation of \$10 per Lilly. All flowers will be placed around the altar during our Easter Masses and your loved ones will be remembered during the Easter season. Return to office by April 14, 2025.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Sat. April 12th -5pm Mass
Sunday April 13th 8/11am
Holy Thursday-April 17th -7:30pm Mass
Good Friday-April 18th-3:00pm service
Easter Vigil- April 19th-8pm Mass
Easter Sunrise Mass- April 20th 7am /with continental breakfast.
Easter Egg hunt after Mass. Easter Day Mass 11am



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!**
- Diapers - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly -
- Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant
- Canned tuna / Chicken

Our goal : To fill 50 blue bags with the listed items. Next Outreach is 04/19/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us.

Outstanding Need

Our outreach shelves are in a need of a refill for our next outing on April 19, 2025. We can use anything that you can provide from the list above. All of working together will help bring some comfort to people to have a meal on Easter. Many thanks and blessings as always as we minister beyond the boundaries of our church.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of April 05, 2025 to April 06, 2025
Attendance 186 Envelopes 30

Mass Offertory	\$	2,962.00
Loose checks	\$	585.00
Online Giving	\$	1,250.00
Candles	\$	174.00
Flowers	\$	10.00
Special Collections CRS	\$	1,763.00

TOTAL \$ 6,744.00

home school church playground

CAMP MARY HELP

We are a Catholic day camp serving children 5-15 years old

7 Weeks Week 1: June 9-13 Week 2: June 16-20 Week 3: June 23-27 Week 4: June 30- July 3 Week 5: July 7-11 Week 6: July 14-18 Week 7: July 21-25	Camp Activities Daily Mass Swimming Kayaking Tubing Archery Arts & Crafts Farm Education
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Open House
Sunday, April 6: 12:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 23: 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 3: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

\$300 per week
8:00AM - 4:00PM
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April 13, 2025



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Mass Schedule
Daily: Monday-Friday
6:45am(Chapel)
12:10 (Chapel)
Monday & Wednesday
7pm (Church)
Saturday Vigil
5pm-(Church)
Sunday
8am (Church)
11am (Church) *livestreamed*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday
◇ 4:00pm-6:45pm Silent Adoration
◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration
Sacrament of Reconciliation
30 minutes prior to Weekend Masses
Korean Ministry
Sun 9:20am Mass

Contact the parish office 813 626 7588 for information Annulments, Baptisms, Weddings, Home Visits, Hospital Visits. Sacrament of the Sick or Reconciliation. We are available Mon thru Friday, from 9am to 4pm. Call for appointments.

For information on the various venues, use of the Church and any areas of our property available contact Mary Sverko at 813 297-4872

MISSION STATEMENT
Our Parish here in Tampa, FL, is 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 working with 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.