

Weekend of April 20, 2025

Dear People of God

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cool water after having been out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

For many of us, the joy of Easter means returning to the things we gave up during Lent. It's Back to chocolate, sweets, soft drinks, ice cream, etc. Yes, we do have to "celebrate and rejoice" on Easter, and these treats can help us to do that, but if we find our joy simply in returning to the old life we lived before Lent, we will have missed Easter. Let's make sure we don't do that.

Easter is a time when we must cling to Jesus who is alive and well. We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Be assured that we will indeed still struggle, just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the Way of the Cross, but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope today . . . and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! May we decide today to be always, an Alleluia people, a Hosanna people, a people with Easter in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. Happy and Blessed Easter to you all!

Prayer: Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let You transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!!

Please join us for our **Divine Mercy Mass schedule and Chapel next week in the Church after the 11:00am Mass.** 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!

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 19, 2025 - April 27, 2025

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

Mon, April 21, 2025, 6:45am : Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, April 21, 2025, 7:00pm: Alex & Family req. by Nadine Skelton

Tues, April 22, 2025. 6:45am: Lillian & Leo Letourneau req. by Maria Sarsfield

Wed, April 23, 2025, 6:45am: Health of Paulette Bakke req. by Nadine Skelton

Wed. April 23, 2025, 7:00pm +Henrietta Hlinka req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, April 24, 2025, 6:45am + Guy Late Lawson req. by Nadine Skelton

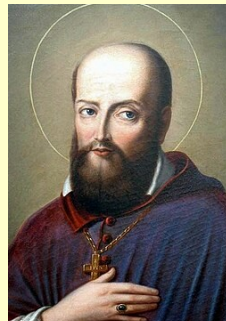
Fri. April 25, 2025, 6:45am : Healing for Bill Skelton req. by Nadine Skelton

Sat, April 26, 2025, 5:00pm : +Jose Burgos req. by Family

Sun, April 27, 2025, 8:00am : +Edward & Patricia Hauser req. by Hauser family

Sun, April 27, 2025, 11:00am: +Lumena Monteiro req. by Armstrong & Zeenat Monteiro

Francis de Sales, (French: François de Sales; Italian: Francesco di Sales; 21 August 1567 – 28 December 1922 was a Savoyard Catholic prelate who served as [Bishop of Geneva](#) and is a [saint](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). He became noted for his deep [faith](#) and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant [Reformation](#). He is known also for his writings on the topic of [spiritual direction](#) and spiritual formation, particularly the [Introduction to the Devout Life](#) and the [Treatise on the Love of God](#). **Beatified** 8 January 1661, Rome, Papal States, by Pope Alexander VII. **Canonized** 8 April 1665, Rome, Papal States, by Pope Alexander VII. Feast Day 24 January 1969. **Attributes**-Heart of Jesus, Crown of Thorns. The [religious institute](#) of the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#), founded by [John Bosco](#) in 1859 (approved by the [Holy See](#) in 1874), is also known as the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, and is placed under his patronage.



April 2025

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

04/23 Adoration 4-7 silent/ Mass 7pm / praise & worship 8-9pm/ Youth Ministry 7pm

04/24 Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

04/26 First Communion retreat 9-12pm

04/27 First Communion @ 11am Mass

04/30 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / praise & worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm/Commemoration of Don Bosco

Happy Blessed Easter

On behalf of Fr Steve Dumais, Deacon Ed, and our parish staff we wish all of you a very Blessed Easter. Be assured of our prayers this day as we offer our Mass intentions for you, our parish family. May you shine with joy as Alleluia

Feast of Mary Help of Christians

Save the date of Saturday, May 24, 2025 to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 5:00pm, followed by a rosary procession and the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7:00pm in the conference room. All are invited to attend and assist.

Rice Bowls

Please return your rice bowls. Either give them to an usher or put them in the back of church or turn them into the parish office. Thanks

First Communion

April 27, 2025 @ 11am Mass - Join us in celebrating our children receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

Dalia Espinosa

John Luke Vishovic

Lill Dean

Jesus Ventura

Michael Ventura

Miguel Perez

Gabriel Perez

Elvis Lake



Car Wash April 27, 2025 @ 11am

Korean youth fundraiser - to raise money for a Catholic seminary and the people they serve in Northern Uganda.



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 05/17/2025. 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 May 17 2025. We can use anything that you can provide from the list above. All of us working together will help bring some comfort to the people we serve. Many thanks and blessings as always as we minister beyond the boundaries of our church.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of April 12, 2025 to April 13, 2025
Attendance 296 Envelopes 25

Mass Offertory	\$	1,927.00
Loose checks	\$	1,065.00
Online Giving	\$	1,001.00
Candles	\$	82.00
Flowers	\$	120.00

TOTAL \$ 4,195.00

home school church playground

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Camp Mary Help

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

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
 *Discounts and extended hours available

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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.