## For the Weekend of April 27, 2025

## Dear People of God,

What a wonderful gift and opportunity that we have during this Easter season to share with everyone the good news of salvation. There seem to be a good many of us Catholics who do not regularly take advantage of God's incredible mercy. How do we rekindle the hearts of lukewarm Catholics and urge them to be faithful again and to receive pardon for their sins?

There is a way that can be used to melt hardened hearts and to bring them into full communion with the Church. Divine Mercy Sunday offers us a wonderful opportunity to bring this to fruition.

How about if everyone was offered something very special - something so special that no one would be able to refuse? The Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday that the Church issued could be just the enticement.

The official Vatican explanation of the Feast of Mercy is as follows: According to Jesus, the Feast of Mercy is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter (Second Sunday of Easter). Jesus is showing to us the close connection between the Easter mystery of man's redemption and this feast. The Feast of Mercy is to be not only a day designated for the worship of God's mercy, **but also a day of grace for all people, particularly** for sinners. Jesus attached great promises to this feast. One is the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. In other words, this grace is equal to the one we receive in the sacrament of baptism. It offers a completely new beginning. The image is to be blessed and venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Blessings to our entire faith community. As Jesus's resurrection is once again a reminder to each of us of who and why we believe, may we also become a new creation, and be renewed in faith, hope, love and service to God and each other.

Put aside all those things that separate us from God and commit ourselves to becoming that Hosanna people, that Alleluia people, the people with Easter always in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts - the people that we are all called and invited to be!

## Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. A prayer of gratitude for all that he has given our Church; and a prayer that the Holy spirit will guide the minds and hearts of the College of Cardinals as they decide who best to guide the Church of Christ in the years to come.

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 26, 2025 - May 04, 2025 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
- Mon, April 28, 2025, 6:45am : + Elizabeth (Betty) Shinko req. by Chet Shinko
- Mon, April 28, 2025, 7:00pm: Healing for Bill Skelton req. by Nadine Skelton
- Tues, April 29, 2025. 6:45am: Intention of Deacon Ed req. by Family
- Wed, April 30,2025, 6:45am: +Florence Skobedzinski req. by Chet Shinko

Wed. April 30, 2025, 7:00pm +Deceased members of Gallar & Silva families req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

- Thurs, May 01, 2025, 6:45am +Leo & Lillian Letourneau req. by Maria Sarsfield
- Fri. May 02, 2025, 6:45am : Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko
- Sat, May 03, 2025, 5:00pm : +Lenora Stark req. by Joann Johnson
- Sun, May 04, 2025, 8:00am : + Joe Brocato req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine
- Sun, May 04, 2025, 11:00am: Confirmand's req. by Parish

**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 <u>Bishop of Geneva</u> and is a <u>saint</u> of the <u>Catholic</u> <u>Church</u>. He became noted for his deep <u>faith</u> and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant <u>Reformation</u>. He is known also for his writings on the topic of <u>spiritual direction</u> and spiritual formation, particularly the <u>Introduction to the Devout Life</u> and the <u>Treatise</u> on the Love of <u>God</u>. **Beatified** 8 January 1661, Rome, Papal States, by Pope Alex-



ander 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 <u>religious institute</u> of the <u>Salesians of Don Bosco</u>, founded by John Bosco in 1859 (approved by the <u>Holy See</u> in 1874), is also known as the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, and is placed under his patronage.

### April 2025

- 04/27 First Communion @ 11am Mass
- 04/28 Mass for the Pope 7pm
- 04/29 Mary Help of Christians Feast Day meeting 7pm
- 04/30 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / praise & wors 9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm/Commemoration of Don May 2025
- 05/01 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council meeting 7:00
- 05/03 1st Sat. Marian Devotion/Confirmation Retreat 9am
- 05/04 Confirmation @ 11am Mass
- 05/07 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Wors 9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm
- 05/08 Mama Margaret meeting 7pm last meeting till fall
- 05/11 Mothers Day
- 05/14 Adoration 4-7pm silent/ Mass 7pm /Praise & Worsh 9pm/ Youth Ministry 7pm

A Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be obrated on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Feast of Mary Help of Christians

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

# **Rice Bowls**

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

## **First Communion**

April 27, 2025 @ 11am Mass - Join us in celebrating our 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

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	In the last couple of months, we have had a few fami-
of Mary 0pm, ed Moth- 7:00pm	lies come out to outreach with children. We have as- sisted them with food, diapers, and toiletries and they have asked if we have any clothes. If those of you with children can spring clean some of your children's unused and outgrown clothing, we will gladly dis- pense them at our next outreach. Blessings and thanks.
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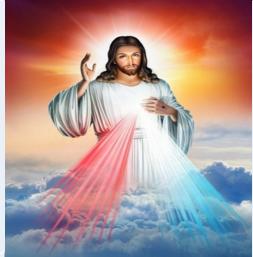
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Fr. Steve Dumais, S.D.B. Pastor Fr. John Serio, S.D.B. MHC Center Director

Fr. Francis De Sales La, S.D.B. Korean Ministry

Deacon Edmond Anctil

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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.

Parishioner, Alumnus



# 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