

For the Weekend of August 16, 2026

Dear People of God

If you truly desire to walk down the road of holiness, then , today’s gospel story is for you. It’s a story by which we come to understand that great faith comes as a result of purification and steadfast trust. This woman tells Jesus, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” In other words, she begged for mercy despite her unworthiness.

It is critically important for us to understand why God appears to be silent at times. This is an act of deep love on His part because it is actually an invitation to turn to Him on a very deep level. God’s silence allows us to move from a faith fed by praises and emotion to a faith fostered by pure trust in His mercy.

Be aware that all those children from Kindergarten through 12th Grade should consider applying to our Religious Education Program. **Those who go to Catholic School and are in line to receive the sacraments of First Penance, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation are still encouraged by the diocese to attend classes at their local parish as well. Please notify Alicia Newcomb through the parish office for any questions or for further information.**

A word of thanks for all those who planned, prepared or participated in this past Sunday’s annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus council. It seemed like everyone had a great time. We all need to rejoice and celebrate our sense of family every chance we get. Hopefully this event will spur others to join us for the next one . . . whenever it may be.

Remember in your prayers all those poor victims of the terrible wild fires out west. . . . and their families and loved ones as well. I wish we could get word to them in some way that they are being remembered in these most trying of times. Maybe someone has an idea. Please let me know at your convenience.

Please remember - Be strong in your faith; Be courageous and unfaltering in your knowledge and belief that Jesus loves you . . . and He always will!

As usual please remember to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab) an all of 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

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pete & Mary Gallar, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki, William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez, Liam Newcomb, MaKayla Jennings, Cheryl Christensen, Diane Desmond, Don Allen,

2026 Mass Intentions:

August 15, 2026 - August 23, 2026

Sat, August 15, 2026, 5:00pm: +Bob Fallon req. by Maggie Brown

Sun, August 16, 2026, 8:00am : +Robert Sweeney req. by Theresa And Nick Fitzgerald

Sun, August 16, 2026 11:00am: +Hubert Wilson req. by Kathy & Edwin Celeiro

Mon, August 17, 2026, 6:45am: Sue & Mike Pergolatti req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, August 17, 2026, 7:00pm: +Maureen Toy req. by Maggie Brown

Tues, August 18, 2026. 6:45am: +Marinie Adams req. by Joann Johnson

Wed, August 19, 2026, 6:45am: Special intentions for all priest Req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, August 19, 2026, 7:00pm: +Fred Hoyland req. by Grace Horvath

Thurs., August 20, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Fri. August 21, 2026, 6:45am : +Mary Bellia req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, August 22, 2026, 5:00pm : +Bob Fallon req. by Maggie Brown

Sun, August 23, 2026, 8:00am: +Jack Boyd req, by Joe Tomaino

Sun, August 23, 2026, 11:00am: +Manny & Phyllis Ytuarte req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Saint Maria Troncatti -Sr. Maria was born in Cortegno Golgi (Brescia) on February 16, 1883. She grew up happy and hardworking in her large family, dividing her time between the farm and caring for her little brothers and sisters, in the warm and loving atmosphere created by her exemplary parents. She regularly attended catechism in her parish, where as an adolescent Maria developed a deep Christian spirit and opened her heart to the values of a religious vocation. In obedience to her parish priest, however, she waited till she reached adulthood before asking to be admitted to the Institute of the Salesian Sisters. She made her first profession in 1908 at Nizza Monferrato. During the First World War (1915-18) Sr. Maria took a course in health care in Varazze and worked as a Red Cross nurse in the military hospital. This experience was to prove very valuable in the course of her long missionary life in the Amazon forests of Ecuador. Macas, Sevillia Don Bosco, Sucúa are some of the “miracles” of Sr. Maria Troncatti’s work that still flourish. She was nurse, surgeon, orthopedist, dentist, anesthetist... But, above all, she was catechist and evangelizer, rich in the wonderful resources of her faith, patience and fraternal love. Sr. Maria died in a tragic air crash at Sucúa on August 25, 1969. Her remains lie at Macas, in the Province of Morona (Ecuador).



August 2026

08/16 Faith Formation’s 1st class 9:15am / OCIA 9:15am

Adult Formation 9:30am / Hospitality weekend

08/17 Monday Mass 7pm

08/18 Altar server meeting 7pm in church

08/19 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

Youth Ministry 7pm

08/22 Altar server appreciation day @ Chuck E Cheese with families @11-1:30pm

08/23 Faith Formation / OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am

08/24 Monday Mass 7pm / Financial Council 5:30pm/

Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

08/25 K of C meeting 7pm

08/26 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

ALTAR SERVER MEETING TUESDAY AUG. 18TH @ 7PM

If your child is interested or is an altar server now ,please attend the meeting,

Altar server appreciation Sat. Aug. 22nd @ Chuck E Cheese from 11am-1pm please let Fr Steve or Deacon Ed Know If you are able to attend with your family.



Faith Formation for youth and adults.

If you have a child that you would like to learn more about their faith. We have Faith Formation classes for *children from 3 –15 years old*. Registration forms are in the back of church or you can stop by the office or email office at parish@mhctampa.org.



Classes will be starting this Sunday August 16th @ 9:15am.

The Adult classes will start this Sunday August 16th @ 9:30am.

Heavenly Father, As a new school year begins, we pause to thank You for the gift of learning, the opportunity to grow, and the people who guide us along the way. Lord, we lift up every student stepping into classrooms, whether in person or online, Grant them wisdom to understand, focus to learn, and courage to ask questions. Fill their hearts with kindness toward classmates respect for teachers, and patience with themselves when challenges arise. Protect them from harm, guide their choices, and surround them with friends who encourage and uplift. When they feel overwhelmed, remind them that they are never alone-that You walk beside them in every hallway, every lesson and every test. May they grow not only in knowledge but also in character, compassion, and faith.

Ministry Fair Sunday September 27th from 9am - 1pm

How can you serve Your parish community?

Check out some of the ministries that we have here at Mary Help. The upcoming bulletin will give you a idea what some of the ministries are about.

Outreach Ministry New Members Knights of Columbus, Mama Margaret Women’s Guild, Religious Education ,Adult Faith Formation, Salesian Cooperators, Youth Ministry, Hospitality, Social Committee, Prime Timers, Lectors/Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Vocations, Registrations, Music Ministry, Christmas Committee, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Blankets and Blessings, Volunteers, Bereavement Committee, Respect Life., . . . to name a few.



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!!!
- Diapers - Sizes 5, 6 &7 - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly needed
- Canned tuna / Chicken
- Fruit Cups

Our goal : To fill 65 blue bags with the listed items.

Next Outreach is 09/19/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

Outreach

Have you ever heard the term-controlled chaos? To an outsider that is what it may look like when we arrive at the vacant lot each month. Upon arrival, our people rush into action by setting up tables behind their vehicles and emptying their trunks and within 15 minutes all the stations are set and ready to go. After a quick welcome, instruction, and prayer, the people who have been patiently watching this set up, begin to file through. It is an awesome sight to watch as many hands make light work. Thanks to all of you, we are able to do this each month and everyone is invited to come and be a part any third Saturday of the month. The reward is tremendous. God bless.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of August 08, 2026 to August 09, 2026
Attendance 187 Envelopes 30

Mass Offertory	\$	2,609.00
Loose checks	\$	495.00
Online Giving	\$	2,000.00
Candles	\$	92.0

TOTAL \$ 5,196.00

Join us in celebrating the life of Sr. Nivia Arias, FMA

Memorial Mass

Saturday Aug 29th @ 2pm

St Joseph Catholic Church

3012 W Cherry St

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Celebration of Life

August 29th @ 3pm

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026



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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.

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 on Annulments, Baptisms, Weddings, Home Visits, Hospital Visits. Sacrament of the Sick or Reconciliation. We are available Mon thru Friday, from 9am to 3pm. 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

