

For the Weekend of August 23, 2026

Dear People of God

Though we are all called to proclaim Jesus openly and continually in our day and age. His true identity still can only be understood and believed through a personal encounter. When we hear Him proclaimed, we must be open to His divine presence, coming to us and speaking to us in the core of our being. He, and He alone, is able to “convince “ us of who He is. He is the one and only Messiah, the Son of the Living God, as St. Peter professed. We must come to this same realization through our personal encounter with Him in our hearts.

Reflect, today, upon the depth of your faith and knowledge of the Messiah. Do you believe in Him with all your might? Have you allowed Jesus to reveal his divine presence to you? Seek to discover the “secret” of His true identity by listening to the Father speak to you in your heart. It is only there that you will come to have faith in the Son of God.

- **Those who go to Catholic School and are in line to receive the sacraments of First Penance, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation are still obliged by the diocese to attend classes at their local parish as well.**
- **Adults still needing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or are seeking to discern entrance into the Catholic Faith please consider our OCIA program being offered every Sunday beginning @ 9:15am in the Conference room next to the parish offices. The class is led by Tony Marincovich and our OCIA team. Please notify the office if you have further questions concerning this matter (813-626-7588).**
- **Catholic Adults seeking to deepen the understanding of their faith, please consider attending the parish Adult Religious Education Class offered every Sunday @ 9:30am in the TECO conference room – Main Building. Deacon Ed leads this informative class.**
- **We are still looking for Altar Servers for our weekend and weekday Masses. Any young people who might be interested please contact either Deacon Ed or Fr. Steve at the parish office.**
- **I hope that many of our parishioners will be thinking about participating and assisting in one or more of our parish ministries being offered again this year. You can find a full list of them on our parish website (www.mhcptampa.org).**

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) and 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, Susana, Mckenzie, Stephanie, Mark Spencer

2026 Mass Intentions:

August 22, 2026 - August 30, 2026

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

Mon, August 24, 2026, 6:45am: Sue & Mike Pergolatti req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, August 24, 2026, 7:00pm: Milagros and Ballon Family req. by Pilar Heid

Tues, August 25, 2026. 6:45am: +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, August 26, 2026, 6:45am: +Francis Bratayenovic & Family Req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, August 26, 2026, 7:00pm: Milagros and Ballon Family req. By Pilar Heid

Thurs., August 27, 2026, 6:45am: Sue & Mike Pergolatti req. by Chet Shinko

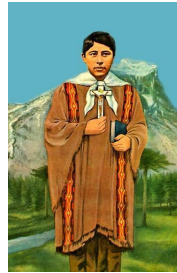
Fri. August 28, 2026, 6:45am : Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Sat, August 29, 2026, 5:00pm : +Tom & Barbara Meikle req. by Bob & Ellen Savage

Sun, August 30, 2026, 8:00am: Blessings upon Chioma and her Ministry req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, August 30, 2026, 11:00am: +Manny & Phyllis Ytuarte req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Ceferino Namuncurá was a **Mapuche-Argentine seminarian** who aspired to become a Salesian priest and is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Born in 1886 in Chimpay, Río Negro Province, his father Manuel Chief of the Mapuches decided that his son would study in Buenos



Aires to prepare him to be useful to his people. He was only there for 3 months, being the only native Indian in the school, he was mistreated by the other students and fell ill. His father asked the former Argentine president Luis Saenz Pena’s advice as to what to do, He recommended that he send the boy to the Salesians of Don Bosco. He studied with the Salesians in Buenos Aires and later in Italy, where he met Pope Pius X. Manuel,

his father wanted him back home to serve as interpreter and secretary when he finished his studies. However, Ceferino was already enthusiastic about becoming a Salesian priest. Known for his deep faith and humility, he died of tuberculosis in 1905 at age 18. Declared venerable in 1972, he was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007 after a recognized miracle.

August 2026

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 Youth Ministry 7pm

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

08/31 Monday Mass 7pm / Commemoration of St John Bosco

September 2026

09/02 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

09/03 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm

09/05 1st Sat. Marian Devotions 9:30am

09/06 Faith Formation/OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

09/07 Labor Day Office Closed / Mass 7pm

09/09 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

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 are at 9:15am, students and parents are to meet at the Dominic Savio bust next to the church.

The Adult Faith Formation on the Sunday Scriptures is every Sunday at 9:30am in the TECO board room. Come join Deacon Ed and your brothers & sisters as we break open the Word together.

Christmas Committee meeting

Come join us in getting things ready for Christmas, such a exciting time of year. Thurs. August 27th at 7pm in the conference room.



Mama Margaret Women's Guild Meeting Sept 10th with the St Philips Ice Cream Social meet at St Philips in the Lobby at 5:45pm.



Ministry Fair Sunday September 27th from 9am - 11am

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 16, 2026 to August 17, 2026
Attendance 179 Envelopes 14

Mass Offertory	\$	1,561.00
Loose checks	\$	500.00
Online Giving	\$	1,117.00
Candles	\$	33.00
Assumption Mass	\$	150.00

TOTAL \$ 3,361.00

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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Please RSVP to Theresa Anderson at (813)205-3195



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Fr. Bill Keane, S.D.B. Assisting Priest
Deacon Edmond Anctil
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"
Matthew 16:13-20

Staff Directory and Ministry
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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

