

For the Weekend of August 30, 2026

Dear People of God

In today’s gospel, Peter was shocked and concerned and simply could not accept what Jesus was saying. He couldn’t accept that Jesus would soon “go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised”. So, Peter expressed his concern, and it was met with a rather strong rebuke from Jesus.

If this had been spoken by anyone else but the Lord, it might be seen that the words of Jesus were too harsh. It makes us pause and reflect that God’s thinking is far beyond our own. The fact is that Jesus’ pending suffering and death was the greatest act of love ever known. His willing embrace of suffering and death was the most awesome gift God could give to the world. When Peter expressed his concern about Jesus’ plan, he was actually allowing his fear and human weakness to interfere with the divine choice of the Savior to lay His life down for the salvation of the world.

Maybe we could and should all reflect today, upon the ways in which we find ourselves resisting the call to sacrificial love. Love is not always easy and often may demand great sacrifice and courage on our part. Are we ready and willing to embrace the crosses of love in our life? Are we willing to walk with others, encouraging them along the way, when they too, are called to embrace the crosses of life?

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.

We still find ourselves in the midst of our annual Hurricane Season. Please try and prepare (as best we can), for whatever storm might be approaching - and pray for whoever might find themselves in the paths of those storms.

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), Fr. Thomas McGahee, SDB (recently hospitalized) and all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially those at St. Philip Residence. Be assured that 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 29, 2026 - September 06, 2026

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

Mon, August 31, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Mon, August 31, 2026, 7:00pm: + Ed Sleyzak req by Maggie Brown

Tues, September 01, 2026. 6:45am: Sue & Mike Pergolatti req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, September 02, 2026, 6:45am: +Marinka Nikolic & Family req By Sanja Cosic

Wed, September 02, 2026, 7:00pm: Thanksgiving to God req. by Bergensten Family

Thurs., September 03, 2026, 6:45am: Birthday Blessings for Ken Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

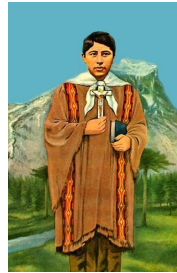
Fri. September 04, 2026, 6:45am : +Regina Sparks & Family req. By Sanja Cosic

Sat, September 05, 2026, 5:00pm : +Bob Fallon req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, September 06, 2026, 8:00am: Blessings upon Chioma and her Ministry req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, September 06, 2026, 11:00am: +Polly Say req. by Maggie Brown

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. 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

08/30 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

09/10 Mama Margaret meeting at St Philips Ice Cream Social 5:45pm

09/13 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am / Blood Mobile 8-1pm

09/14 Monday Mass 7pm

09/16 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 –18 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.

DON BOSCO FESTIVAL MEETING

Tuesday September 8th @ 7pm in the conference room.

All are welcomed.



Mama Margaret Women's Guild Meeting on 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 bulletins will give you an idea of 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.



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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

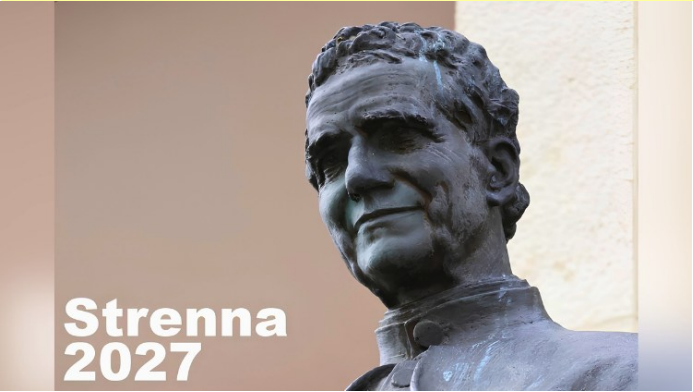
Have you ever heard the term-controlled chaos? To an outsider that is what it may look like when we arrive at the vacant lot each month. Upon arrival, our people rush into action by setting up tables behind their vehicles and emptying their trunks and within 15 minutes all the stations are set and ready 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 22, 2026 to August 23, 2026
Attendance 181 Envelopes 23

Mass Offertory	\$	1,740.00
Loose checks	\$	175.00
Online Giving	\$	2,437.00
Candles	\$	50.00
Mass Stipend	\$	35.00

TOTAL \$ 4,437.00



The new Strenna, **“Charity is patient, charity is kind – ‘Dedicated’ to the integral good of young people,”** is rooted in St. Paul’s hymn to charity and in the pedagogical legacy of Don Bosco’s Preventive System. It invites every member of the Salesian Family to a renewed educational and pastoral commitment to young people, especially those most in need.

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026

Take Up Your Cross

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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

