

Weekend of March 24, 2024

Dear People of God

In today's liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. Jesus was treated as He should have been. People were excited to see Him and there was great celebration at His presence.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel ends with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last." At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death.

How could the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified just a short time later? I guess you could say the simplest answer might be that the Father willed it. I think this is an important concept to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Let this week give us all divine hope. Nothing can steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden, and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

*Prayer: Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*Many thanks to all those who participated and/or planned in last weekend's events - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Antioch Retreat, Outreach. It gave a wonderful testimony of the faith life of our little parish community.*

Please consider **participating in our Easter Triduum Services** and our **Easter Sunday Services** as you see posted on our bulletin board, online 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!

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB  
Pastor

### PRAYER LIST

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Joe Brocato, Imogene Rodrigues, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Mylyssa Forenczy Zampano, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Patricia Hauser, Bernadette Schoppman, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Dennis Bender, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, Jack Walsh, Joann Bliss, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Paytin Hampton, Barrett & Colton Christensen, Esther Savio.

#### 2024 Mass Intentions:

##### March 23 2024 to March 31, 2024

- Sat, March 23, 2024 5:00pm:** + Pedro & Edna Gallar req. by Pete Mary Gallar
- Sun, March 24, 2024 8:00am:** Birthday Blessings for Jackie & Danny Brewer req. by Pam Brewer
- Sun, March 24, 2024, 11:00am:** + Mr. & Mrs. Geromino Torres req. by Marilyn Torres
- Mon, March 25 2024 6:45am:** Special intentions for all priest, req. by Chet Shinko
- Mon, March 25, 2024 7:00pm:** Birthday Blessing for Joe Brocato req. by Edwin and Kathy Celeiro
- Tues, March 26, 2024 6:45am:** + Mate Cosic and family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed March 27, 2024 6:45am:** Regina and Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed, March 27, 2024, 7:00pm:** Perez-Walsh Family req. by Elisa Perez-Walsh
- Thurs. March 28, 2024 7:30pm,** Salesian Priest req. by Parish
- Fri, March 29,2024, 3:00pm** Good Friday Services
- Sat, March 30, 2024 5:00pm:** Mary Help of Christians Parishioners Req. by Parish
- Sun, March 31 ,2024,7am:** Thanksgiving for Godwin & Ifeoma & God's continued guidance & grace in the family Req. by Okoye family
- Sun, March 31, 2024, 11am:** + Dallion Corbett Lewis req. by Chrissy Taylor



**Titus Zeman** (4 January 1915 – 8 January 1969) was a [Slovak Roman Catholic priest](#) and a professed member of the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Zeman studied in Italian cities prior to his [ordination](#) and worked in [Slovakia](#) to protect fellow Salesians after the communist regime outlawed religious orders.<sup>[2]</sup> He was arrested after attempting to send Salesians out of the nation and was imprisoned from 1952 until 1964 and died due to poor health sustained from the prison conditions. He has been acclaimed as a defender of religious liberties.<sup>[3]</sup> Zeman was acclaimed a [Servant of God](#) in 2010 under [Pope Benedict XVI](#) after the canonization process commenced in [Bratislava](#) – the cause was taken with ascertaining whether Zeman had died "in odium fidei" (in hatred of the faith).<sup>[4]</sup> [Pope Francis](#) approved his beatification on 27 February 2017; the beatification occurred in Bratislava on 30 September 2017.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

### March 2024

- 03/23 Palm Sunday at all Masses**
  - 03/23 Sandra Oliva Funeral 11am**
  - 03/24 Faith Formation Classes 9:15am**
  - 03/24 Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians**
  - 03/25 Finance Council meeting 5:30pm**
  - 03/27 Adoration silent 4-7pm / praise & worship 8-9pm**
  - 03/27 Youth Ministry 7pm**
  - 03/28 Holy Thursday Mass 7:30pm**
  - 03/29 Good Friday Services 3:00pm / Office Closed**
  - 03/30 Cleaning of the church for Easter 9am**
  - 03/30 Easter Vigil 8pm**
  - 03/31 Sunrise Mass 7am with continental breakfast & Easter Egg hunt. / Easter Mass 11am**
  - 03/31 Korean Mass 9:20**
  - 03/31 Commemoration of St. John Bosco**
- ### April
- 04/01 Easter Monday Office Closed**
  - 04/03 Adoration silent 4-7pm / praise & worship 8-9pm**
  - 04/06 Marian Devotions 1st Sat 9am**
  - 04/07 Divine Mercy / Faith Formation classes 9:15**

Thank you ,Thank you ,Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Mama Margaret Guild who helped make the Fish Fry this pass Friday a great success with good food and good company and donation to the Parish we are so fortunate to have such great parishioners who are always there to support the Parish Thank you Thank you.

## 33 Days to Morning Glory

Mama Margaret Guild will be starting this on Thurs. April 11th, 18th,25th, May 2nd and end on May 9th with consecration, Mass and reception. **ALL ARE WELCOME**, and the only cost is the book @ \$6. We will start at 7pm-9pm.



**Cleaners needed: We would like to have a clean fresh church for Easter. If you have time on Sat March 30th we will be cleaning the church and can use all the help we can get. We have plenty of rags and cleaning supplies, please join us at 9am to make our church beautiful for Easter. Community service hours available for those who need them.**

### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

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  - Canned tuna
- Needed—Work boots new & used size—9 or larger.

Next Outreach is 04/20/2024 meet at Mary Help at 8am to load Cars and trucks. All are welcome to join us, come and see. Our Goal : To fill 60 Blue Bags with listed items.

### Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of March 16, 2024 to March 17, 2024  
Attendance 186 Envelopes 33

Mass Offertory	\$	2,244.00
Loose Checks	\$	260.00
Online Giving	\$	1,448.00
Candles	\$	39.00

TOTAL \$ 3,952.00

### Easter Lilies for our loved ones.

Please fill out the form that was included in the bulletin last week or from the back of church and donate a Easter Lily for a loved one either deceased or living. Please have form into the office by March 25th .



Reverend Kevin Yarnell - Pastor at St Anne in Ruskin please keep in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Roar of the Rosary Event – Friday, May 10, 2024 The “Roar of the Rosary” is an evening of worship that will take place on Friday, May 10, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in Morsani Hall at the Straz Center, in Tampa. Speakers will include His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke, Bishop Gregory Parkes, Mother Adela, and Gus Lloyd. Additional details and information on registration for this free event may be found at the following link: <https://www.dosp.org/roar/>.



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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 24, 2024**



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**Mass Schedule**

**Daily: Monday-Friday**  
6:45am(Chapel)  
12:00 Noon (Chapel)  
**Monday & Wednesday**  
7pm (Church)  
**Saturday Vigil**  
5pm-(Church)  
**Sunday**  
8am (Church)  
11am (Church) *livestreamed*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Wednesday (Church)\*  
◇ 4:00pm-6:45pm Silent Adoration  
◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration  
\*Note that 1st Wed of month Adoration is continuous from 4-9pm, 7pm Mass is in the Chapel

**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 Thursday, from 9am to 3pm. Call for appointments.

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