

Weekend of January 7, 2024

Dear People of God,

January brings with it a list of significant celebrations. We began with the feast of Mary the Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>; then the feast of the Epiphany on January 7<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (and for the Salesian Family, we remember Bl. Titus Zeman, SDB), and the end of the Christmas season. On January 15<sup>th</sup> we remember Bl. Fr. Luis Variara, SDB; Later this month, we hope to have a Service for Life, (or its equivalent) here at MHC; on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month we remember St. Francis de Sales, the namesake of our Salesian Society; on January 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate Bl. Laura Vicuna and also begin the novena to St. John Bosco. whose feast will be marked with the Don Bosco Festival from Feb. 3rd to the 4th. On January 30<sup>th</sup> we remember Bl. Bronislaw Markiewicz, SDB; and finally, the feast of St. John Bosco on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Get ready, it's going to be another busy and exciting month.

Many people think that because of the government's latest ruling affecting the pro-life/pro-choice debate in our country, there is little need to continue to show our collective support for life. With that in mind, I am thinking of offering a service of prayer, reflection, adoration and mass for us here at Mary Help of Christians. More details will be given after our parish council meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Think about it. Reflect on it. Pray on it. . . .and let me know what you think.

The schedule for the Feast of Don Bosco will be widely publicized throughout the month. Please mark the dates on your calendars, and plan on joining us for any and all of the dates listed below.

- Saturday - February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Yard Sale
- Sunday - February 4<sup>th</sup>: Mass in gymnasium, Yard Sale, Games, International Food Fest etc.
- Saturday - February 10<sup>th</sup>: Don Bosco Gala Dinner 6:00p-10:00p

Once again, I was deeply moved and grateful for the kind thoughts and generous gifts received from so many during this season. I've determined – even if it takes me to next Christmas – to respond to all of you and let you know how much you inspire and challenge me to do better and to be better.

As usual please remember to pray for 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*

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB.  
Pastor

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Sandra Oliva, 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. Patricia Hauser, Ricky Dixon, Bernadette Schoppman, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Dennis Bender, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, Jack Walsh, Joann Bliss, Joshua Keleske, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Paytin Hampton.

For those who have asked you to pray for them.

**2024 Mass Intentions:**  
**January 06, 2024 to January 14, 2024**

**Sat, January 06, 2024 5:00pm:** For the health of Peter and Mary Gallar Req. by Angie, Shane, and Austin

**Sun, January 07, 2024, 8:00am:** Special intentions for priests and brothers at Mary Help of Christians req. By Parish

**Sun, January 07, 2024, 11:00am:** +Vonda Pralle req. by Jody and Julie Fameree

**Mon, January 08, 2024 6:45am:** Living and Deceased members and friends of Shinko Family req. by Chet Shinko

**Mon, January 08, 2024 7:00pm:** Birthday Blessings for Maggie Brown req. by Susan Picarro

**Tues, January 09, 2024 6:45:** Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

**Wed January 10, 2024 6:45am:** Thanksgiving to God req by Bergensten Family

**Wed, January 10,2024, 7:00pm:** +Dominic Murphy req. by Peter and Mary Gallar

**Thurs, January 11,2024, 6:45am:** For Peace in the world req. by Parish

**Fri, January 12,2024,6:45am:** intentions of Salesian priests and brothers, req. by Parish


**Sat, January 13,2024 5:00pm** Intentions of Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians Parish req. by Parish

**Sun, January 14,2024 8:00am:** +Lottie B Taylor req. by Joann Johnson

**Sun, January 14,2024,11am :** +Joanne M Farland req. by Linery Pichardo-Burgos

**WHO IS DON BOSCO**

*John Melchior Bosco, SDB, popularly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, writer and saint of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.*



**January 2024**

**01/07 Religious Ed starts back**

**01/10 Adoration silent 4-7pm praise & worship 8-9pm**

**01/11 No Mama Margaret meeting on this date**

**01/14 Religious Ed classes**

**01/17 Adoration silent 4-7pm praise & worship 8-9pm**

**01/17 Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm**

**01/20 Outreach 8am meet at basket ball court**

**01/21 Religious Ed Classes**

**01/22 Don Bosco Novena—30th**

**01/22 Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm**

**01/23 K of C Meeting 7pm**

**Don Bosco Festival Annual flea market/yard sale.**

**February 3rd & 4th 2024**

We are accepting clothes, shoes, books, household items, furniture, home décor, games, toys and much more! We will NOT accept TVs and electronics!

Watch for a trailer near the church starting in January to place your Items or for more information please contact:

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Thanks, and God Bless! Mark your calendar for the Don Bosco Family Festival Sunday 2/4/24 with the Flea Market both Saturday 2/3/24 and Sunday 2/4/24!



**Don Bosco Festival**

**Sunday Feb 4th, 2024**

10 am Mass in the Gym

11 am to 3 pm International Food Festival

Concessions

Line Dancing

Contests / Games

Petting farm

Dragon Boat Rides

50/50 Raffle

Yard Sale

Saturday 8 am to 12 pm

Sunday 11 am to 3 pm

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**FUN FOR ALL**

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH**

- Chef Boyardee, spaghetti, ravioli, canned food
- Peanut butter and Jelly any flavor
- Tuna Fish canned, Soup (any kind)
- Ramon Noodles
- Gift Cards are very important \$15

Next Outreach is 01/20/2024 meet at Mary Help at 8am to load Cars and trucks.

Take advantage of those BOGO'S one for YOU, one for MHCP!

**Weekly Gift Giving**

**Weekend of December 23, 2023 To December 25, 2023**

Attendance	142	Envelopes	30
Mass Offertory	\$	2,412.00	
Loose Checks	\$	325.00	
Online Giving	\$	1,391.00	
Candles	\$	30.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$	20.00	
Christmas Masses	\$	4,781.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,959.00</b>	

**Weekend of December 30, 2023 To December 31, 2023**

Attendance	160	Envelopes	26
Mass Offertory	\$	2,528.00	
Loose Checks	\$	0	
Online Giving	\$	2,852.00	
Candles	\$	30.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,380.00</b>	

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 11th at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th anniversary as well as those celebrating 50 or more years of marriage during the 2024 calendar year. **To RSVP, please call our parish office by Tuesday January 16th**

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### The Epiphany of the Lord January 07, 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) *livesreamed*

### 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.

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

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.

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