

For the Weekend of December 7, 2025

Dear People of God

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to consider. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that “among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist”. What a compliment!

What is it that made John so great? We can point to two special things. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

First, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared everyone for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great.

But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And this gift is what we are called to reflect on at this time. John’s particular virtue was that of humility.

He saw himself as nothing more than a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the Word he spoke was Jesus.

Reflect today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that John the Baptist chose and it is the path we must also strive for each and every day.

Please remember that the Novena to the Immaculate Conception runs through December 7th.

December 8th: Immaculate Conception = - Holy Day of Obligation - 6:45am Mass in GSC - 8:00am School Mass in MHC Church - 12:10pm Mass in GSC - 7:00pm Mass in MHC Church

- **December 10th: Parish Advent Penance Service 7:30pm – 9:00pm**
- **December 11th: 5:30p MMWG St. Philip Residence Christmas Party in MHC Hall**
- **December 18th: 12:00p Parish Christmas Party for the Collaboratory School**
- **December 20th: 8:00 - 10:00am Outreach and Mobile Home Christmas Gift Giving**
- **December 20th: Chelsea Steet Christmas Caroling after the 5:00pm Mass**
- **December 24th: 5:00p Christmas Vigil Mass**
- **December 25th: 12:00am Midnight Mass 11:00am Mass**

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially those of our other Salesian brothers 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, Janice Murphy, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bob-by Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Fernando Romero, Jay Sam-man, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, George Hernan-dez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Lauren Lynch, Clarissa Roberson, Katherine Conrad, Rosa E. Alvarez, Va-lerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles, Roseanne Ferrante Waters, David Russell, Maria De Guz-man, Addy, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly

2025 Mass Intentions:

December 06, 2025 - December 14, 2025

Sat, December 06, 2025, 5:00pm: + Earle & Agnes Christ req. by Jody Keleske

Sun, December 07, 2025, 8:00am : +John Thomas Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

Sun, December 07, 2025, 11:00am: +Phil Gamgort req. by Maggie Brown

Mon, December 08, 2025, Marina & Living & deceased members of Nikolic Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Mon, December 08 2025, 7:00pm: + Joe & Mary Brocato req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Tues, December 09, 2025. 6:45am: Healing for Dr Blazenka Nekic Req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, December 10, 2025, 6:45am: +Martha Burgess req. by Tam-pa Cooperators at Mary Help

Wed. December 10, 2025, 7:00pm +Donna Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs, December 11, 2025, 6:45am : Graciela Marin De Munoz req. by Marciale Marinde Munoz

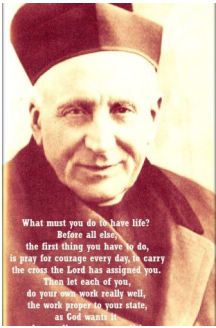
Fri. December 12, 2025, 6:45am : +Diogo Pinto req. by Anonymous

Sat, December 13, 2025, 5:00pm : +Jose & Joseph Martinez req. by Cynthia Spano

Sun, December 14, 2025, 8:00am : +Kevin Spring req. by Betsie & Harold Welch

Sun, December 14, 2025, 11:00am: +Jose Burgos req. by Family

BL.PHILIP RINALDI -Born on May 28, 1856 at Lu Monferrato (Alessandria), Philip was won over by Don Bosco at the age of twenty-two. As a priest, he was entrusted with the formation of the aspirants and novices. In 1899 Fr. Rua sent him as Director of the community of Sarriá, Spain and later as provincial leader. In this role he contributed greatly to the development of Salesian Spain. Nominated Vicar General of the Congregation, his gifts as father and the wealth of his initiatives became even more evident. He set up formation centres to offer spiritual and social assistance



to young working women, planned printing works and guided and supported the Salesian Sisters through a particularly sensitive period in their history. He gave great encouragement to the Cooperators, and set up the World Federations of Past-Pupils (male and female). He was elected Rector Major in 1922. "All that is lacking to Fr. Rinaldi is Don Bosco's voice: he has everything else" said Fr. Francesia.

December

- 12/07 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am**
- 12/08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses-6:45am, 12:10pm, 7pm**
- 12/09 Outreach team meeting 7pm in conference rm.**
- 12/10 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Penance Service**
- 12/11 Mama Margaret Christmas Party for St Philips 5:30pm**
- 12/14 OCIA 9:15am / Faith Formation Christmas party 9:15am Adult Formation 9:30am / Faith Formation Christmas Skit 11am Mass**
- 12/15 Staff Christmas Luncheon 12pm**
- 12/16 Christmas Novena Starts—12/24**
- 12/17 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 12/18 Collaboratory School party 12-2:30**
- 12/20 Outreach 8am /Trailer Park 9am /Chelsea st afterwards /**

Save the date - Upcoming events for the holidays

Advent retreat Dec. 6th 9:30-2:30pm

Penance Service Dec. 10 7:30-9pm

Food bags and gifts for Christmas due back Dec. 14th

Christmas Poinsettia’s offering & names due by Dec. 19th

Outreach and Trailer Park Dec. 20th 8am

Cleaning Church & Decorate Dec. 22nd 9am-12pm

Christmas Masses - Dec. 24th Vigil 5pm

Christmas Caroling Dec. 24th 11:30pm / Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Dec. 25th 11:00 am

Please check the bulletin for further information

Angel Tree ornaments

Please consider taking an ornament or two from the Angel Tree for our annual toy collection distributed to those in need. This year we are also continuing to request Fast Food gift cards. These will be distributed to our teen-age youth as gifts. Donated toys need to be UNWRAPPED and placed under the tree. Donated gift cards need to be deposited in the GIFT CARD BOX, located at the back of the church. Please, NO clothing and NO toy guns or weapons. Thank you for your kindness.



Christmas Wrapping is starting Dec. 1st –Dec. 17 Hours below

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 9am-3pm

Mon, Wed. 6pm-8pm - see office to have the room unlocked.

The Christmas season is a special time of the year! Flowers around the altar of Mary Help of Christians can mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage or death, or may be used as an expression of joy, thanksgiving, or gratitude. This year please consider donating \$10.00 per plant to our Christmas flower fund. Simply list the names of your loved ones you'd like remembered at all our Masses during the Christmas Season and return it in the collection plate or send it to Mary Help of Christians via email to parish@mhctampa.org.



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

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

Our goal : To fill 60 blue bags with the listed items.

Next Outreach is 12/20/25 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us.

In Thanksgiving

What a blessing that we have had this past month. You, our parish family, came through like you always do to assist our brothers and sisters in need. Everyone who entered our office and asked for food and assistance in utilities was helped thanks to your generosity. Thirty-five members of our parish family journeyed to our monthly outreach at 22nd St and Busch Blvd giving away everything that we had brought and afterwards some members assisted Fr Steve in distributing Thanksgiving bags to our neighbors on Chelsea St. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others..

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of Nov. 29, 2025 to Nov. 30, 2025
Attendance 160 Envelopes 24

Mass Offertory	\$	2,060.00
Loose checks	\$	70.00
Online Giving	\$	2,515.00
Candles	\$	56.00
Flowers	\$	100.00
Jamaica collection	\$	570.00
TOTAL	\$	5,371.00

Children’s Christmas Party
Dec. 14th @ 9:15am in
the cafeteria please come join
the children and Santa.
At 11am Mass we will have the
Christmas Skit from the children.



BULLETIN ANOUNCEMENT

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year. **Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Thursday January 15th.**

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Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 2025



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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