

For the Weekend of December 8, 2024

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 things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared 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 you 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 8th.

Monday: December 9th Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday: December 11th: Parish Advent Penance Service 8:00pm-9:00pm in MHC Church

Thursday: December 12th: 5:30pm MMWG Christmas Party for St. Philip in MHC Hall

Thursday: December 19th: 12:30p Parish Christmas Party for the Collaboratory School

Saturday: December 21st: 10:00am Outreach and Mobile Home Christmas

Saturday: December 21st: 6:15pm Christmas Caroling on Chelsea Street

Tuesday: December 24th: 5:00p Christmas Vigil Mass in MHC Church

Saturday: December 25th: 12:00am Midnight Mass 11:00am Mass during the day

Sunday: December 29th: 8:00am Mass 11:00am Mass (Feast of the Holy Family)

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . and 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, Vivian Diaz, Joe Brocato, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Patricia Hauser, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Ma-Kayla Jennings, Esther Savio, Lucy Clemons, Lauren Lynch, Clarissa Roberson, Katherine Conrad, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Rae Godbout, Penny Love, Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles.

2024 Mass Intentions:

Dec. 07, 2024 to Dec.15, 2024

Sat, December 07 2024 5:00pm: +Francisco Cunanan req. by Marilyn & Antonio Torres

Sun, December 08, 2024 8:00am : +Francisco Cunanan req. by Deguzman Family

Sun, December 08, 2024 11:00am: +Dominic Murphy req. by Nicola & Janice Murphy

Mon, December 09, 2024 6:45am : Living and Deceased members of Shinko Family & Friends req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, December 09, 2024 7:00pm: Fr Francis La,SDB req. by Julianna Kim

Tues, December 10, 2024 6:45am: +Helen Lee Chong req. by Lorrie & David Anshutz

Wed, December 11, 2024 6:45am: +Fr Dennis Donovan req. by Lorrie & David Anshutz

Wed, December 11, 2024, 7:00pm: +Donna Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs. December 12, 2024 10:00am +Paul & Amelia req. by Lorrie & David Anshutz

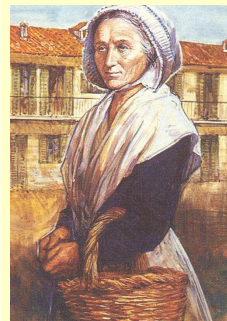
Fri, December 13 2024, 6:45am For Salesian Priest, Brothers, Sisters req. by Parish

Sat, December 14, 2024 5:00pm : Pelagia De Guzman req. by Antonio & Marilyn Cunanan

Sun, December 15, 2024,8:00am : +Tony Glassman req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

Sun, December 15, 2024 11:00am: +Conception Rodriguez req. by Roxanna Rodrigues

Margherita Occhiena was born on 1 April 1788 in [Capriglio](#) in [Asti](#), the sixth of ten children. At the age of 24 she married 27 year old Francesco Bosco, a family friend and widower whose wife and infant daughter had died shortly after childbirth, leaving him with a three-year-old son, Anthony. The family settled in Becchi, a hamlet of [Castelnuovo d'Asti](#) (today Castelnuovo Don Bosco). Francesco died of pneumonia in May 1817, leaving the 29-year-old Margherita a single mother with three sons: Antonio, Giuseppe and Giovanni (John).^[1] A strong woman with clear ideas, Occhiena raised her sons with a regimen of sober living, strict but reasonable. The boys were quite different in temperament. Still, Occhiena made sure she presented them with the beginnings of a Christian education. She gave them the example of faith, wisdom, and courage in facing the difficulties of life.^[1]



December 2024

12/09 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Masses

6:45am/12:10 GS chapel / 7pm Church

12/11 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Parish Penance service 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm

12/12 Mama Margaret Christmas Party for Salesians 5:30pm.

12/15 Faith Formation Christmas Party / Hospitality Sunday

12/18 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm

12/19 Collaboratory Christmas Party 12-2pm / Don Bosco Festival meeting 7pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Escalating healthcare cost and a lack of traditional retirement plans have created financial challenges for many religious communities. Please be generous.

PART TIME COOK NEEDED AT ST PHILIPS

St Philips is in need of a part time cook you can contact

Mary Sverko @ 813-297-4872 for more information

Christmas Gift Wrapping

Mon. 9am-3pm / 6pm-8pm

Tues. 9am-3pm

Wed. 6pm-8pm

Thurs. 9am-3pm

Fri. 9am - 3pm

We have lots of toys that need to be wrapped please help if you can any of the times above.



CHRISTMAS POISETTIA'S

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.

The Sheets are on the table in the back of church.



Don Bosco Festival—Feb. 2, 2025

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Festival. 2nd meeting on Dec. 19th @ 7pm in the conference rm.



GIVING THANKS

Each month, you as a parish fulfills the needs of the poor and needy through your generous giving to Outreach. It is amazing the number of items that we take out each month to these folks. We are small in number, but strong in deeds. We give thanks to all of you for your generous hearts. Happy Thanksgiving and many blessings.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of November 30, 2024 to December 01, 2024

Attendance 180 Envelopes 24

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| Mass Offertory | \$ | 1917.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$ | 730.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ | 991.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ | 355.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 85.00 |

TOTAL \$ 4,078.54

2025 DB Yard Sale Now Accepting Donations for Our Annual Flea Market/ Yard Sale

We are accepting clothes, shoes, books, household items, furniture, home decor, games, toys, etc. We are NOT accepting electronics.

Items dropped off before January 3rd and or during the week in January, please visit the Parish office.

Items brought in on or after Friday, January 3rd will be stored in the BLUE ROOM. **Preferable drop off : The trailer wagon located outside the Church every Sunday in January.

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 08, 2024



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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 Annulments, Baptisms, Weddings, Home Visits, Hospital Visits. Sacrament of the Sick or Reconciliation. We are available Mon thru Friday, from 9am to 4pm. 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.