

For the Weekend of December 14, 2025

Dear People of God,

As we are entering into the third week of Advent, we get a sense of how quickly time is moving on us. If we have not yet done anything to prepare ourselves for the approaching Christmas Season we might find this time come and gone and ourselves still where we were when it first began. Repentance-forgiveness, and a willingness to transform ourselves should be hallmarks of this Advent time. Please make use of the confession time allotted by our parish - Saturday evenings from 3:45pm until 4:45pm; Sundays, 30 minutes before each Mass; Wednesday evenings, 7:45pm – 9:00pm. If someone cannot make theses times, please don’t hesitate to call the rectory to make an appointment to do so.

May our preparation for Christmas, this year, succeed in filling us all with a heightened sense of anticipation and expectation of the birth of the light of the world, Jesus Christ, next week.

Many thanks to you all for your generous response to our efforts on behalf of those less fortunate. In this season, while we are engaged in all the trappings of and preparations for Christmas, we would be remiss if we forgot to remember the poor. They continue to rely not only on your prayers, but your generosity and kind prayerful remembrance as well.

Events

- Saturday, December 20rd
- Outreach Food, Gift Card and Toy distribution
 - Christmas Caroling on Chelsea Street - after the 5:00pm Mass. Further details to come through Susanne.
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- Wednesday, December 24th: 5:00p Christmas Vigil Mass in MHC Church
 - Thursday, December 25th: 12:00a Christmas Midnight Mass in MHC Church 9:20a Korean Christmas Mass in MHC Church 11:00a Christmas Day Mass in MHC Church

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . and especially those of our other 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:

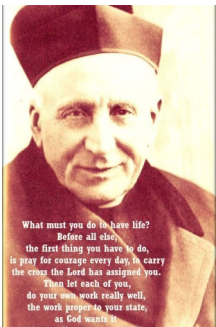
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2025 Mass Intentions:

December 13, 2025 - December 21, 2025

- Sat, December 13, 2025, 5:00pm: +Josie & 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
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- Mon, December 15, 2025, Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko
- Mon, December 15, 2025, 7:00pm: +Aveliz Perez req. by Elizabeth Sanchez
- Tues, December 16, 2025. 6:45am: +Fr Sid Figlia, SDB & Family req. by Anonymous
- Wed, December 17, 2025, 6:45am: +Fr Ken Germaine SDB, & Family req. by Anonymous
- Wed. December 17, 2025, 7:00pm +Patricia Biry req. by Maggie Brown
- Thurs, December 18, 2025, 6:45am : +Fr John Masiello, SDB req. by Anonymous
- Fri. December 19, 2025, 6:45am : +Fr Jeremiah Reen req. by Anonymous
- Sat, December 20, 2025, 5:00pm : +Rose Spano req. by Cynthia Spano
- Sun, December 21, 2025, 8:00am : +Joe Piniella req. by Joe Tomaino
- Sun, December 21, 2025, 11:00am: +Ronnie Fritz req by Betsie & Harold Welch

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

- 12/14 OCIA 9:15am / Faith Formation Christmas party 9:15am Faith Formation Christmas pageant 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 8am /Chelsea St afterwards / Christmas Caroling after 6pm Mass
- 12/21 No Faith Formation
- 12/22 Church cleaning & decorating 9am / No Financial meeting this month
- 12/24 No adoration / Christmas Vigil 5pm /Christmas Caroling 11:30pm
- 12/25 Midnight Mass, Korean Christmas Mass 9:20am Christmas Day Mass 11am,

Save the date - Upcoming events for the holidays

- 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

Angel Tree ornaments

Please consider taking an ornament or two from the back table 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. and generosity.



Heavenly Father, as we enter this Third Sunday of Advent, we pause in joyful anticipation of the coming of Your light into our lives. May our hearts be filled with hope and love, guiding us to spread Your peace to all. Help us to prepare our souls for the joy of Your presence. Amen.

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 December 03, 2025 to December 04, 2025
Attendance 165 Envelopes 22

Mass Offertory	\$	2,763.00
Loose checks	\$	175.00
Online Giving	\$	370.00
Candles	\$	61.00
Flowers	\$	300.00

TOTAL \$ 3,669.00

Children’s Christmas Party
Dec. 14th @ 9:15am in the Don Bosco Hall please come join the children and Santa. At 11am Mass we will have the Christmas Pageant 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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Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 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.

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