

Weekend of December 15, 2024

Dear People of God,

Once again, on this third Sunday of Advent, we are given the wonderful testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

John's question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?", is really the question for people of every age. More clearly than most places in the gospel, the writer places the question smack-dab in our own laps. What will we make of this Jesus? Is he indeed the Messiah? For us? If not, how will we be opened to hear and see him as Messiah in such a way that he becomes the very reality of God's blessing in our lives.

If this Jesus is really the good news of God, then why is there still so much suffering and pain, evil and destruction, or hurt and brokenness among God's creation? The answers lie in the follow-up question of Jesus. What do we expect to see in this Messiah? And what will we make of him?

If we are to receive this Jesus as God's Messiah "for us," then it will call for a dramatic shift and change in how we hear and what we see, and the choices and decisions we make each day of our lives.

If we are to answer "Yes" to John's exhortations, we are first called to experience what Luke means by living "the good news". It calls us to truly experience the Advent expectation and its promise to transform our vision and our hope.

Upcoming Pre Christmas events include:

- Dec. 15th: Children's Christmas Pageant @ 11:00am Mass
- Dec. 16th: Parish Staff Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 19th: Parish Christmas Party for Collaboratory Prep in MHC Hall
- Dec. 21st: Outreach, Mobile Home Park, Chelsea Street Christmas Giving

Remember to search our web page, www.mhctampa.org, to find the latest developments in our parish. Don't forget to watch *Wednesday Words from the Pastor* on our website each week!

Please take note of upcoming parish events listed elsewhere in this weekly bulletin. Do your best to participate and support them in any way you can.

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 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, MaKayla 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. 14, 2024 to Dec.22, 2024

- 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
- Mon, December 16, 2024 6:45am : Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George
- Mon, December 16, 2024 7:00pm: C. Park & D. Kim req. by Julianna Kim
- Tues, December 17, 2024 6:45am: Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, December 18, 2024 6:45am: +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed, December 18, 2024, 7:00pm: +John & Martha Quirke req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Thurs. December 19, 2024 10:00am +Tomislav & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Fri, December 20 2024, 6:45am Emmanuel –KimKi –Cheul & Family Req. by Susanna George
- Sat, December 21, 2024 5:00pm : +Mariano & Maria Pereira's 67 wedding anniversary req. Maria Diaz and family
- Sun, December 22, 2024,8:00am : +Luella Rockway req. by Ann & Sean Rockway
- Sun, December 22, 2024 11:00am: +Patricia Wilson & +Daniel Brown req. by Maggie Brown

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

- 12/15 Faith Formation Christmas Party / Faith Formation Paget 11am Mass /Hospitality Sunday
- 12/17 Don Bosco Festival meeting 7pm
- 12/18 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm
- 12/19 Collaboratory Christmas Party 12-2pm /
- 12/21 Outreach &Trailer Park for Christmas 8am
- 12/22 No Faith Formation youth or adult
- 12/24 Christmas Vigil 5pm / Christmas Caroling 11:30pm Midnight Mass / Office closed
- 12/25 Christmas Day Mass 11am / Office closed

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 9 th 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 2025 calendar year. Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Wed. Jan. 15, 2025

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.

LAST DAY TO PROVIDE NAMES IS DEC. 23RD.



Don Bosco Festival—Feb. 2, 2025

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Festival.

2nd meeting on Dec. 17th @ 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.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of December 07, 2024 to December 08, 2024

Attendance 180 Envelopes 24

Mass Offertory	\$	2,512.00
Loose Checks	\$	1,030.00
Online Giving	\$	1,951.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	120.00
Candles	\$	81.00
Special Collections	\$	1,143.00

TOTAL \$ 6,837.00

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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For information on joining the Mama Margaret Women's Guild.



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 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.