

Weekend of February 2, 2025

Dear People of God

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a special time of renewal, reflection and grace celebrated every twenty-five years. The theme for this year is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it certainly needs to be a year of hope for a world suffering from the debilitating effects of war, violence, distrust, hatred, division, the on-going effects of the Covid pandemic, and a myriad of other concerns.

Pope Francis said in his papal bull. "My thoughts turn to all those 'pilgrims of hope' who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches."

The pope is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using St. Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope," said Pope Francis. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness.

"For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome,"

Events

**Wednesday:** March 05, 2025, Ash Wednesday

**Every Friday of Lent:** Stations of the Cross @7pm 7:00pm

**Friday:** April 11, 2025, Outdoor Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm

**Wednesday:** March 12, 2025, Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:30-9:00pm

**Saturday:** April 5, 2025, Lenten Day of Reflection

### HAPPY AND BLESSED DON BOSCO FESTIVAL WEEKEND!!!

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 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, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, 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.

#### 2025 Mass Intentions:

**Feb. 1, 2025—Feb. 9, 2025**

**Sat, February 1, 2025, 5:00pm:** + Deceased Salesian Priests & Brothers req. by Parish

**Sun, February 2, 2025, 10:00am:** Salesian Family req. by Parish

**Mon, February 3, 2025, 6:45am:** +Ted Turpin req. by Chet Shinko

**Mon, February 3, 2025, 7:00pm:** Bill & Kids Skelton req. by Nadine Skelton

**Tues, February 4, 2025, 6:45am:** Dan Morrisey req. by Anonymous

**Wed, February 5, 2025, 6:45am:** AnnMarie Morrisey req. by Anonymous

**Wed. February 5, 2025, 7:00pm:** +Mary Rosenberger req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

**Thurs, February 6, 2025, 6:45am:** +Marinka & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

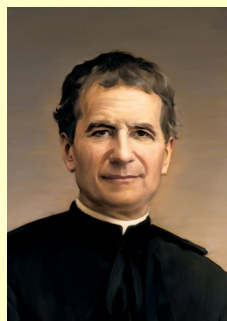
**Fri. February 7, 2025, 6:45am:** Living and Deceased member of the Shinko Family & Friends req. by Chet Shinko

**Sat, February 8, 2025, 5:00pm:** +Trina Brown, req. by Maggie Brown

**Sun, February 9, 2025, 8:00am:** For the health of Eugene McNichols req. by Joe Tomaino

**Sun, February 9, 2025, 11:00am:** +Mark Routen req. by Susanne Hathaway

**St. John Melchior Bosco**, (16 August 1815 – 31 January 1888), popularly known as **Don Bosco**, was an Italian Catholic priest, educator and writer 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. In 1859, inspired by the example of St. Francis de Sales, Don Bosco founded the Salesians to befriend, educate, and help these impoverished boys. Thirty years later, at the time of Don Bosco's death, the original group of 22 members had grown to more than 1,000 and had 57 foundations in Italy, Spain, France, England, Uruguay, and Brazil. The congregation continued to spread so rapidly that it soon became the third largest among men's orders. Its works expanded to include trade, agricultural, and academic schools; seminaries; recreational centers and youth clubs in large cities; summer camps; and parishes.



### February 2025

- 02/02** No Faith Formation Don Bosco Festival-Mass 10am Festival begins after Mass
- 02/05** Adoration 4-7pm silent/praise & worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm
- 02/06** Parish staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish council meeting 7pm
- 02/09** Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 02/11** Outreach meeting 7pm conference rm.
- 02/12** Adoration 4-7silent / praise & worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm
- 02/13** Mama Margaret meeting 7pm
- 02/15** Outreach 8am meet at basketball ct. / Corona Self Help group. Talk after all weekend Masses
- 02/16** Faith Formation 9:15am/ Adult 9:30am / Hospitality Sunday
- 02/19** Adoration 4-7 silent / 8-9pm praise & worship/ youth ministry

### 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

**FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS**  
**YOUTH - 9:30AM / ADULT -9:30AM**



Please join us we have something for everyone.

**Outreach Meeting - Tues. Feb. 11, 2025 at 7pm**

**For anyone who helps out with Outreach and for anyone who is interested in helping out with Outreach Pizza and Drinks will be served.**

A program specialist is responsible for the coordination and provision of client services at Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center in Tampa. Services that are provided through the center include: pregnancy testing, incentive mentoring with access to free baby and maternity supplies, community resource referral and more. Training is provided. Please contact Laura: lramos@ccdosp.org or 813-631-4393

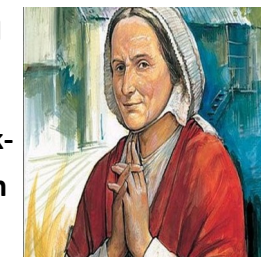


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Bi-Lingual Program Specialist

**Mama Margaret Meeting Feb. 13th @ 7PM**

**Meeting at Julie Fameree's house 906 Retriever Ave Seffner, Fl 33584. We will be making baskets for the Don Bosco Gala for March 15, 2025**



### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
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- Diapers sizes 5&6 - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly -
- Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant
- Canned tuna / Chicken

Our goal : To fill 50 blue bags with the listed items.

Next Outreach is 02/15/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us, come and see.

### GIVING THANKS

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our parish outreach ministry. It is a blessing that we can help those in need beyond our property here at Mary Help. The above listed items are always a need to fill the blue bags, but anything that you send goes to the table for people to choose from. They are ever thankful for what they receive from us. Everyone is welcome to participate on the third Saturday of each month. .

### Weekly Gift Giving

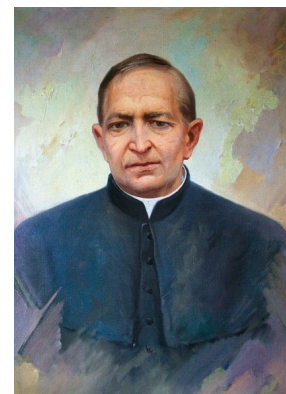
**Weekend of January 25, 2025 to January 26, 2025**

**Attendance 172 Envelopes 25**

Mass Offertory	\$	2,193.00
Loose Checks	\$	100.00
Online Giving	\$	1,491.00
Candles	\$	38.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,822.00**

**Bronisław Markiewicz** was born in **Poland** in 1842 as the sixth of eleven children to John Markiewicz and Marianna Gryszciecka. Although he received religious training at home, his faith wavered temporarily in his youth, during high school. Markiewicz began his studies for the **priesthood** in 1863 in Przemysl and was **ordained** as a priest on 15 September 1867. After his ordination he was appointed as a parish priest at Harta and at the Cathedral of Przemysl and remained there from 1867 until 1873.. Through his parish work, he developed an interest in working with marginalized youth, particularly as a teacher. Markiewicz decided that he wanted to join the **Salesians of Don Bosco** and embarked for **Turin** in November 1885 where he commenced his period of formation with the Salesians. He became attracted to the spirituality of Don Bosco and made his final vows in the order on 25 March 1887 to Bosco himself. Markiewicz died from complications from his tuberculosis in 1912.





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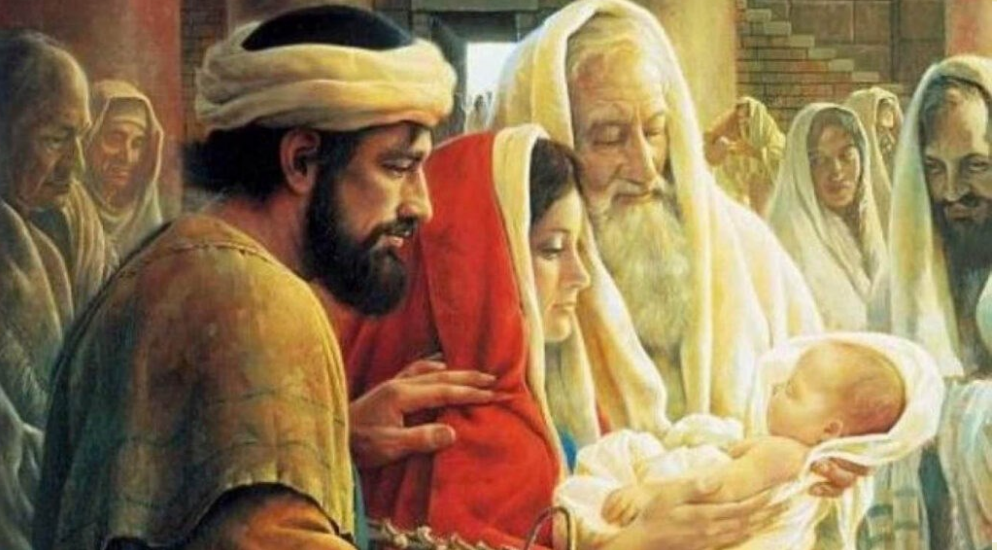
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Presentation of the Lord  
February 02, 2025



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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

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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.