

Weekend of February 8, 2026

Dear People of God

I want to begin this letter today by trying to express my heartfelt gratitude for everyone who planned and helped bring about such a wonderful Feast of St. John Bosco. . . both on Saturday and Sunday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st. Your efforts and generosity in sharing time, talents, and treasure made it a blessed event for us all – in spite of the weather! I believe that Don Bosco was one happy Saint on those days.

Having celebrated our annual feast of St. John Bosco we now look forward to the fast-approaching season of Lent. With Ash Wednesday coming up on February 22nd, it is another reminder to each of us of how we need to prepare for this time of preparation for the Easter miracle.

Reflect today upon the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.". In our world today that seems to be so full of darkness, we are all called to be light by what we say and do. Don't let the darkness overwhelm us. Fear not! Courageously live the Gospel and the words of Jesus himself. May He continue to inspire us. Give God the glory due His name simply because it is due His name and not ours. May you become more faithful by being faithful when it's very difficult to do so.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be offered at 6:45am and 12:10pm in Good Shepherd Chapel, and at 7:00pm in Mary Help of Christians Church. Ashes will be available at all of these services.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00pm from February 20th - March 27th in MHC Church. Korean Services will be held immediately following at 7:30pm.

Our annual Lenten Retreat Day will be held on Saturday, March 7th, from 9:30am -2:30pm. Please consider joining us for this event. Donations will be accepted – but not mandatory - to help defray the cost of the lunch that will be provided.

Let's plan on having a blessed Lenten Season that will lead us all to an Alleluia Easter.

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, , Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

2026 Mass Intentions:

February 07, 2026 - February 15, 2026

Sat, February 07, 2026, 5:00pm: +Rudy Toth req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, February 08 2026, 8:00am : Parish OCIA Catechumens req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Sun, February 08, 2026 11:00am : +Tyler Norman req. by Taghap family

Mon, February 09, 2026, Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, February 09, 2026, 7:00pm: Leila Taghap req. by Dean Family

Tues, February 10, 2026, 6:45am: +Janice Murphy req. by Nichola Murphy

Wed, February 11, 2026, 6:45am: +Francis Bratayenovitc req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, February 11, 2026, 7:00pm: +Janice Murphy req. by Maggie Brown

Thurs, February 12, 2026, 6:45am : +Marinka Nikolic &family req. by Sanja Cosic

Fri, February 13, 2026, 6:45am : Healing for Dr Blazena Nekic req. by Sanja Cosic

Sat, February 14, 2026, 5:00pm : Health of Dr. Lilian Oguejiofor req. by Vivian Endaya

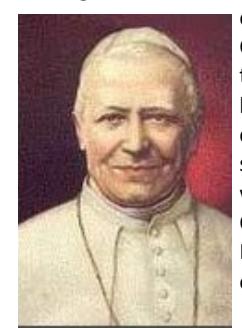
Sun, February 15, 2026, 8:00am: Parish OCIA Candidates req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Sun, February 15, 2026, 11:00am: +Rodrigo Cendana Jr req. by

Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti (Pio IX) was the ninth child of Count Giro-lamo and Caterina Sollazzi. He was born in Senigallia 13 May 1792.

St John Bosco had his first audience with Pius IX on 9 March 1858. Both of them had the feeling they had encountered a Saint. Pius IX supported and guided Don Bosco in the founding of the Salesian Congregation. It was he who suggested calling it a "Society" in step with the times, of having vows, but not solemn vows, and he suggested a simple habit and an intense but not too complicated practices of piety. He convinced Don Bosco to write his memoirs to leave the Salesians a spiritual legacy.

During his Pontificate he approved the Constitutions and the Salesian Society, the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the Pious Union of Salesian Cooperators, and was amongst the first to enroll as a member. Don Bosco had great love for Pius IX and accepted all his advice, even when it cost him great sacrifice: "I am ready to face any difficulty", he would say, "when dealing with the papacy and the Church". But the Pope too had great esteem for Don Bosco and called him to Rome often to ask his help on delicate issues.



February 2026

02/08 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am

02/09 Mass 7pm

02/11 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm
Youth Ministry 7pm

02/12 Mama Margaret 7pm meet at Julie Fameree's house

02/14 Happy Valentines Day / Corona Self Help will talk at Mass

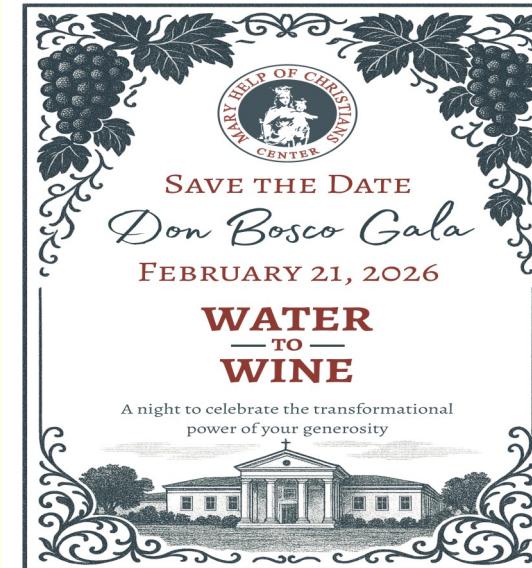
02/15 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am / Corona
Self Help will talk at Masses.

02/16 Office Closed Presidents Day / Mass 7pm

02/18 Adoration 4-7pm silent /Ash Wednesday Masses 6:45am
12:10pm in GS Chapel /7pm in church/ Youth Ministry 7pm

02/20 Stations of the Cross 7pm

02/21 Outreach meet at basketball ct 8am /Hospitality after Mass



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Invitation to follow



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The 16th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 14, 2026**, beginning with Mass with Bishop Parkes at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa. The theme for this year's conference is "Finding Hope and Healing in a Broken World." More information and registration details may be found at [link. andre.mccarroll@gmail.com](mailto:andre.mccarroll@gmail.com) or (813) 459-9813.

Many thanks to all of you who completed the pledge card last weekend. As we serve in our small way our local community, The Catholic Ministry

Appeal serves so many

various ministries in our

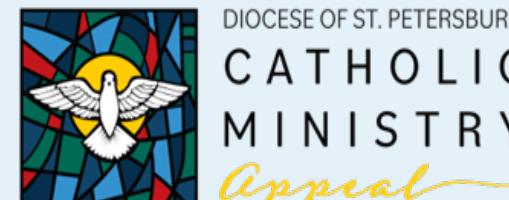
diocese from the unborn

to our seniors and all of us

in between. There are

pledge envelopes availa-

ble on the back table if you have not filled one out and mail it yourself or give it to an usher or Deacon Ed and we will mail it for you, or use the QR code and do it on line. Together we can attain our assigned goal and increase our parish participation.



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!
- Diapers - Sizes 6 & 7 - 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 02/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to

Outreach update

We emptied our shelves at our January Outreach and once again it is time to restock for our February 21st outing. We are in need of everything that is on the above list and in particular we need diapers sizes 6 and 7 and wipes. Thank you as always for your generous donations.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of January 31, 2026 to February 01, 2026

Attendance 309 Envelopes 7

Mass Offertory	\$ 2,508.00
Loose checks	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,090.00
Candles	\$ 37.00

TOTAL \$ 3,835.00

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026

Masses 6:45am / 12:10pm in Good Shepherd Chapel

Mass 7pm in Church

Knights of Columbus presented their
Knight of the Month award to
Thomas "Tommy" Marincovich
Congratulations.



Don Bosco Festival was a great success even though we had winter weather. Thanks to all who worked and who came and supported the different entities of the Festival. The Mass in the church was amazing.

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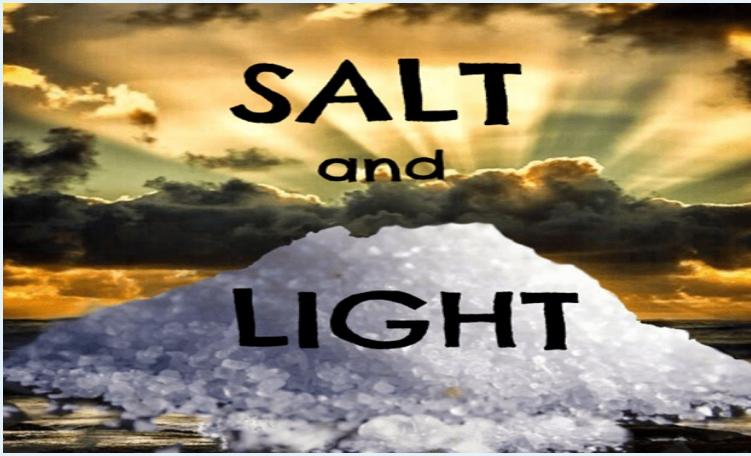
Fr. John Jaejun Chong, S.D.B. Korean Ministry

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 08, 2026



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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