

Weekend of February 9, 2025

Dear People of God

Let me begin 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, February 1st and Sunday February 2nd. Your efforts and generosity in sharing time, talents, and treasure made it a blessed event for us all. I believe that Don Bosco was one happy Saint in those days.

Having celebrated our annual feast of St. John Bosco we now look forward to the fast-approaching season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, coming up on March 5th, should be another reminder to each of us of how we need to use this time of preparation for the Easter miracle in as wise a way possible.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be offered at 6:45am and 12:00pm 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 March 7th - April 11th In MHC Church. Korean Services will be held immediately following at 7:30pm.

Our annual Lenten Retreat Day will be held on Saturday, April 5th, 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.

Reflect today upon the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Duc in Altum - Put out into the deep. They have come to mean "Go deeper in your inner spiritual life," or "Take the risk and plunge into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.," or "Trust the Word of God as a guide for your daily life." Duc in Altum was a favorite expression of St. John Paul II. He used it often. Let's put it out into the deep! These words ring true for us today and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm and to look forward to the future with confidence: because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

As usual please remember to pray for all of 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, 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. 8, 2025—Feb. 16, 2025**

- 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
- Mon, February 10, 2025, 6:45am :** +Hrvoje & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Mon, February 10, 2025, 7:00pm:** Khouzsam 's family , past, & present. Req. Nadine Skelton
- Tues, February 11, 2025. 6:45am:** Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, February 12, 2025, 6:45am:** +Tomislav & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed. February 12, 2025, 7:00pm** +Paul Carney Rogers req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, February 13 2025, 6:45am** +Regina Sparks & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Fri. February 14, 2025, 6:45am:** + Anette Sirois & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Sat, February 15, 2025, 5:00pm :** +Marfelina Aguidan req. by Anna Belle Broad
- Sun, February 16, 2025, 8:00am :** +Herman Gretsck req. by Lisa Little
- Sun, February 16, 2025, 11:00am:** +Joseph & Dolores Anctil req. By Deacon Ed & Lorraine

**Luigi Versiglia, S.D.B.** (5 June 1873 – 25 February 1930) was an Italian **Catholic prelate** and professed member from the **Salesians of Don Bosco** who served as the first **apostolic vicar** of **Shaoguan** from 1920 until his murder. He was also a former **novice master** noted for his strict austerities and discipline but for his loving and compassionate care of the poor and defenceless. . **Callistus Caravario** (18 June 1903 — 25 February 1930) was a **Salesian** priest serving in **China**, who along with **Luigi Versiglia** was martyred in **China** on 25 February 1930. He



joined Salesians on the advice of Father Garelli and entered the Novitiate On 13 February 1930, Caravario was accompanying Versiglia on his pastoral visit to his mission in Lianzhou and there were some young boys and girls with them. Their boat was stopped by a group of **Bolshevik** pirates on 25 February 1930, the pirates wanted to take the girls. Versiglia and Callistus tried to stop them but they were hit by the guns by the pirates and fell unconscious. Versiglia and Callistus were taken ashore and shot by the pirates. Their bodies were found on 27 February 1930

**February 2025**

- 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 @ Julie Fameree House
- 02/15** Outreach 8am meet at basketball ct. / Corona Self Help group talk after all weekend Masses
- 02/16** No Faith Formation /Hospitality Sunday
- 02/19** Adoration 4-7 silent / 8-9pm praise & worship/ youth ministry
- 02/23** Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 02/24** Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians / Finance Committee meeting 5:30pm
- 02/25** K of C meeting 7pm
- 02/28** Commemoration of St John Bosco

**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.**

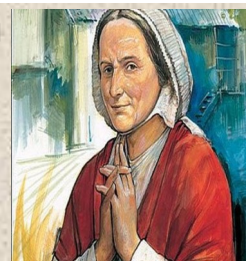
A program specialist is responsible for the coordination and provision of client services at Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center in Tampa. Services that are provided through the center include: pregnancy testing, incentive mentoring with access to free baby and maternity supplies, community resource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



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**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**



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- Cereal
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- 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 February 01, 2025 to February 02, 2025**

**Attendance 254 Envelopes 16**

Mass Offertory	\$	2,779.00
Loose Checks	\$	0
Online Giving	\$	1,002.00
Candles	\$	49.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,830.00**

**15th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference  
Being Catholic in a Broken World  
Saturday, March 1, 2025**

Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Tampa  
6:30 AM Rosary | 8:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Conference Program  
Adoration and Reconciliation opportunities and a Ministry Room throughout the day.

TICKETS: \$60 per person with a special 2 for 1 Father/Son combo offer.

\$30 for High School and College Students attending alone.

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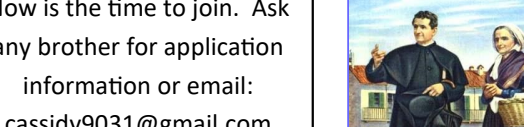


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For information on joining the Mama Margaret Women's Guild.



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 09, 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.