

Weekend of February 22, 2026

Dear People of God

In the Gospel of this first week of Lent, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Temptation is never from God. But God does permit us to be tempted, but only so that we might grow in holiness. Temptation forces us to rise up and make a choice either for God or for the temptation. Though mercy and forgiveness are always offered when we fail, the blessings that await those who overcome temptation are numerous.

- First, enduring a temptation and conquering it helps us to see the strength of God in our lives.
- Second, temptation humbles us, stripping away our pride and our struggle of thinking we are self-reliant and self-made.
- Third, there is great value in completely rejecting the devil. This not only robs him of his ongoing power to deceive us, but it also helps us to see more clearly our vision of who he is so that we can continue to reject him and his works.
- Fourth, overcoming temptation clearly and definitively strengthens us in every virtue.
- Fifth, the devil would not tempt us if he were not concerned about our holiness. Thus, maybe we should see temptation as a sign that the evil one is losing hold of our lives.

Let's reflect today, upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending forty days fasting.

Prayer: *Jesus, You allowed Yourself to be tempted by the devil. The evil one attacked You with all he had. You quickly defeated him, by rejecting all his lies and deceptions. Give me the grace I need to overcome every temptation I encounter and to completely rely on you without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.*

- **Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent 7:00pm in MHC Church.**
- **Stations of the Cross for KCMT will take place immediately afterwards**
- Please remember the sign-up list at the back of the Church for the upcoming Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday, March 7, 2026. Schedules for this day will be found in this Bulletin!
- **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church**
- Please keep in your prayerful remembrance the sick and homebound of our parish.

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 that 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.

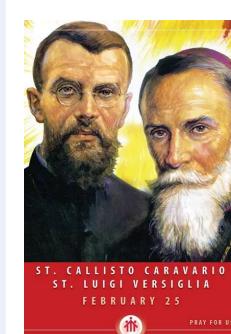
#### 2026 Mass Intentions:

##### February 21, 2026 - March 01, 2026

Sat, February 21, 2026, 5:00pm: +Rudy Toth req. by Mama Margaret Women's Guild  
Sun, February 22 2026, 8:00am : +Janice Murphy req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine  
Sun, February 22, 2026 11:00am : +Lois Bowersox req. by Newcomb Family  
Mon, February 23, 2026, Emmanuel & Gabriele Kim & Family req. by Susanna George  
Mon, February 23, 2026, 7:00pm: +Janice Murphy req. by Pam Brewer  
Tues, February 24, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req by Leila Taghap  
Wed, February 25, 2026, 6:45am: For World Peace req. by Parish  
Wed, February 25, 2026, 7:00pm: +Joe Brocato req. by Pete & Mary Gallar  
Thurs, February 26, 2026, 6:45am : For the intentions of Salesian priests, brothers & sisters req. by Parish  
Fri. February 27, 2026, 6:45am : +Sujm Nonna Prindle req. by Susanna George  
Sat, February 28, 2026, 5:00pm : +Rudy Toth req. by Edwin & Kathy Celeiro  
Sun, March 01, 2026, 8:00am: +Ray Salomon Mendoza req. by Sean & Ann Rockway  
Sun, March 01, 2026, 11:00am: +Tyler Norman req. by Dean Family

**St. Louis Versiglia:** Louis Versiglia was born in Oliva Gessi (Pavia) on June 5, 1873. From his earliest years, he used to serve Mass, so much so that the people already thought he would be a priest. At the time, Luigi never wanted to hear talk of that, because he wanted to be a vet. However, he wanted to change his mind after he was taken in by Don Bosco at the age of 12. In 1888, soon after Don Bosco's death, Luigi was much taken by the ceremony, where seven missionaries received their mission cross, and he decided to become a Salesian with the hope of going to the missions.

**St. Callistus Caravario:** Callistus Caravario was born at Cuorgn  , in the province of Turin, on June 18, 1903. From his earliest years, everyone thought of him as an excellent child for his meek and reflective nature. He seemed naturally inclined to prayer and loved his mother very much, as witnessed by the many letters he wrote. At five years of age, he and his family moved to Turin close to the Porta Nuova Oratory.



ST. CALLISTO CARAVARIO  
ST. LUIGI VERSIGLIA  
FEBRUARY 25  
PRAY FOR US

#### February 2026

- 02/22** No Faith Formation for youth only/OCIA 9:15am /Adult 9:30am / Hospitality  
**02/23** Financial Council 5:30pm / Mass 7pm  
**02/24** K of C meeting 7:30pm / Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians  
**02/25** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth ministry 7pm  
**02/27** Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm  
**02/28** Mass 7pm / Commemoration of St John Bosco

#### March 2026

- 03/01** Faith Formation / OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am  
**03/02** Mass 7pm  
**03/04** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm  
**03/05** Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm  
**03/06** Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm

#### Antioch Retreat 2026



Come a Rock and Leave a Rose!

Age 13 to 21  
Teens and Young Adults

^^ SCAN ME ^^^

#### What is Antioch?

Antioch is a Christian youth retreat for teens and young adults (13+) led by faithful teens. This weekend is an opportunity to focus on connecting with others while learning more about our faith, away from distractions and anxieties of our normal routines.

Where?  
Mary Help of Christians Center  
6400 E Chelesa St.  
Tampa FL 33610

When?  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
thru 15<sup>th</sup>  
2026

How Much?  
\$80.00  
(Scholarships available)  
No One denied for financial reasons!

#### Where Can I sign up?

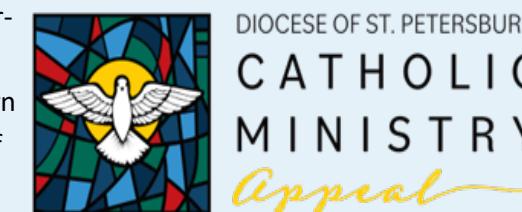
[www.antiochretreat.com](http://www.antiochretreat.com) (scan code above)

[antiochampa@gmail.com](mailto:antiochampa@gmail.com)

Steve (813)404-9658

Many thanks to all of you who completed the pledge card . 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

available 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 03/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to

#### Outreach update

We emptied our shelves at our February Outreach and once again it is time to restock for our March 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 February 14, 2026 to February 15, 2026  
Attendance 188 Envelopes 24

Mass Offertory	\$ 1,686.00
Loose checks	\$ 345.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,060.00
Candles	\$ 38.00

**TOTAL** \$ 3,129.00

**Stations of the Cross every**  
Fri. from  
02/20 - 03/27 @7pm in  
church except 3/27 will be  
outside.  
Korean 7:30pm



Lent Retreat March 7th from  
9:30-2:30pm  
9:30-Rosary  
10:00-Mass  
10:45-Break  
11:00-Conference  
12:00-Lunch  
1:15-Adoration & Reconciliation  
2:15-Benediction



Donations accepted  
Lunch included  
Sign up sheet is at the  
back of church.

