

Weekend of February 23, 2025

Dear People of God

At the time of the Old Testament, the introduction of the concept of “an eye for an eye” was seen as great progress in regard to civil peace. This is because it was very common for vengeance to take the form of going beyond the crime committed. This only led to constant fighting and unrest among tribes and communities.

But Jesus comes along and takes this practice to a whole new level. He takes the practice of “strict justice” and transforms it into mercy and forgiveness. Jesus introduces the new concept of forgiveness rather than equal justice.

While mercy and forgiveness can, at times, appear to be contrary to justice and common sense, they’re really not. This law can only be understood when we see the sacredness and dignity of every person, including the sinner and criminal.

Reflect upon this very challenging thought. God’s justice is, first and foremost, accomplished by His mercy. If you can understand that and live it, you will see great things happen in your life and in the lives of those around you.

The annual **Don Bosco Gala usually** benefits us all here at MHC. This year it will be held on **Saturday evening, March 15th**. Please do your best to support this fund-raiser. Be present and enjoy an evening of fun and friendship. If you have not received a ticket to this event in the mail as yet, please contact the office and we will make sure that someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ash Wednesday will be on March 5, 2025. It is a reminder to each of us how important it is to prepare ourselves for the Easter miracle that will be upon us faster than we realize. Masses will be at 6:45am and 12:10pm in Good Shepherd Chapel and at 7:00pm in MHC Church. Adoration will only be available from 4:00pm until the start of evening Mass.

Please consider the **Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00pm in MHC Church (followed at 7:30pm) by Korean Stations of the Cross), Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service (March 12th)** and our **Lenten Parish Retreat Day, (April 5th)**, as part of your Easter preparation. These events will be promoted at Mass and in this, and successive, weekly bulletins as we draw closer to the season.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Br. Michael Brinkman, SDB**. Brother Mike was a fixture of St. Philip Residence here at MHC for the last 11 years. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord! Let perpetual light shine upon him. Funeral services: Viewing 8:30am: Mass @ 10am in church on Wednesday morning **February 26th**.

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:

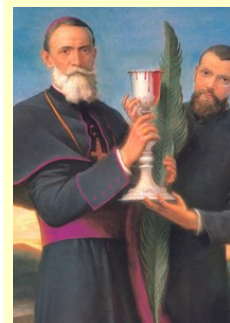
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2025 Mass Intentions:

Feb. 22, 2025—March 02, 2025

Sat, February 22, 2025, 5:00pm: +Vivian Perez req. by Cynthia Spano
Sun, February 23, 2025, 8:00am : +Della Sarsfield req. by Tom & Marylou Shersty
Sun, February 23, 2025, 11:00am: +Patricia Hauser req. By Deacon Ed & Lorraine
Mon, February 24, 2025, 6:45am : For the Benefactors req. by Susanna George
Mon, February 24, 2025, 7:00pm: Nestor Perez & Nora Perez req. by Elisia Perez-Welch
Tues, February 25, 2025. 6:45am: Health of Elaine & Alan Jones req. by Maggie Brown
Wed, February 26, 2025, 6:45am: +Nancy Rinaldi Romine req. by Josephine Rinaldi
Wed. February 26, 2025, 7:00pm +Della Sarsfield req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
Thurs, February 27 2025, 6:45am For those suffering from Accidents req. by Susanna George
Fri. February 28, 2025, 6:45am: +Antonia Midili req. by Josephine Rinaldi
Sat, March 01, 2025, 5:00pm : +Octavio Valdez req. by Cynthia Spano
Sun, March 02, 2025, 8:00am : +Carmela Midili req. by Josephine Rinaldi
Sun, March 02, 2025, 11:00am: Kate Casale req. by Lisa Little

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

02/23 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

March 2025

03/01 1st Sat Marian Devotions 6:30am / Cooperators Meeting
03/02 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am
03/05 Ash Wednesday 6:45am/12:10pm in GS Chapel 7pm in Church. Adoration 4-7 silent no adoration after Mass. Youth Ministry 7pm.
03/06 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm
03/07 Station of the Cross 7pm
03/09 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am /Blood Drive 8am-1pm

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 - 9:15AM
ADULT –9:30AM

Please join us we have something for everyone.



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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- 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 03/15/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us, come and

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 15, 2025 to February 16, 2025

Attendance 184 Envelopes 28

Mass Offertory	\$	4,395.00
Bank adjustment	\$.80
Online Giving	\$	1,108.00
Candles	\$	44.00

TOTAL \$ 5,547.80

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. Free admission for clergy and other religious. *Ticket prices include a box lunch and breakfast snack.*

If you would like to go and need help paying for the ticket please see Fr Steve or call the office 813-626-7588.

Flyers are on the table in the back for registering.



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In 2025, we will work together to raise \$9.5 million to ensure ministries in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg can continue bringing ministry to life with every dollar donated toward our goal directly funding our ministries, outreach, and programs.

Our goal assigned to us by the diocese is \$32,827.00. Deacon Ed and Edwin Celeiro will explain more about this at Masses on Feb. 22 & 23th.

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 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

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.