

Weekend of January 5, 2025

Dear People of God,

On a month that begins with the feast of Mary the Mother of God, and ends with the feast of St. John Bosco, we cannot help but look forward to a new year filled with hope, joy, peace, and love for all of us.

Today we celebrate the wonderful feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means manifestation. The "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to the Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

The Feast of the Epiphany always used to fall twelve days after Christmas on January 6th. It was Little Christmas – when the Magi brought their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to give to the Christ child. Today, the feast no longer automatically falls on January 6th. . . . but it is still a rather special day nonetheless. This "Feast of Lights", commands us to "rise up in splendor," to put the light of our lives in Christ on the lampstand to give light to all in darkness. We are called in essence to "let our little light shine" and let the world know the true message of Christmas that Jesus became a human being, was born, died on a cross, and rose from the dead to save us.

The Magi (Wise Men), understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star they realized that something special was happening. Be aware that God will and does use things familiar to us to call us closer to Him. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

Lastly the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from our sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die.

What gifts are we going to bring to Christ this New Year? The most precious gift is the surrender of our hearts!

Heartfelt thanks to so many of you who were so kind, gracious and generous over this Christmas Season and for making Christmas a bit brighter for so many families in need. May God bless you all abundantly and always!

BLESSED & JOY-FILLED NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

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:

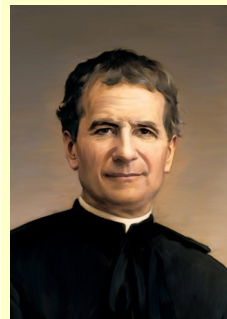
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2025 Mass Intentions:

Jan. 04, 2025—Jan.12,2025

- Sat, January 4 2025, 5:00pm:** + Tony Glassman req. by Sean & Ann Rockway
- Sun, January 5, 2025, 8:00am :** +Della Sarsfield req. by Janice Murphy
- Sun, January 5, 2024, 11:00am:** +Leona Pruchniewski req. by Jim Pruchniewski
- Mon, January 6, 2025, 6:45am :** Living & deceased members of Shinko's family & friends req. by Chet Shinko
- Mon, January 6, 2025, 7:00pm:** +Dominic Murphy req. by Janice & Nicola Murphy
- Tues, January 7, 2025. 6:45am:** +Tomislav & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed, January 8, 2025, 6:45am:** +Marinka & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed. January 8, 2025, 7:00pm** +Helen Lee Chong req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, January 9 ,2025, 6:45am** Honoring St. Michael req. by Chet Shinko
- Fri. January 10, 2025, 6:45am:** +Regina Sparks & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Sat, January 11, 2025, 5:00pm :** Fr. Steve Dumais,SDB req. by Anonymous
- Sun, January 12, 2025, 8:00am :** +Della Sarsfield req. by Edwin & Kathy Celeiro
- Sun, January 12, 2025, 11:00am:** +Della Sarsfield req. by Joan Carter

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.



January 2025

- 01/05** Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 01/08** Adoration 4-7 silent/ Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm/ Youth Ministry 7pm
- 01/12** Blood Drive 8am-1pm / Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 01/14** Don Bosco Festival meeting @ 7:00pm
- 01/15** Adoration 4-7pm silent / Praise & Worship 8-9pm/ Youth Ministry 7pm
- 01/18** Outreach meet at Basketball ct. 8am
- 01/19** Faith Formation 9:15am/ Adult 9:30am
- 01/20** Office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 01/22** Adoration 4-7pm silent / 8-9pm praise & worship / 7pm Youth Ministry
- 01/26** Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

The **Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving** will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on **Sunday, February 9th at 3:00pm**. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their **25th or 50th anniversary** as well as those celebrating **51** or more years of marriage during the 2025 calendar year. Please **RSVP by calling our parish office by Wed. Jan. 15, 2025**

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

Don Bosco Gala Jan. 18, 2025—has been postponed to March 15, 2025.

Mama Margaret Monthly meeting has been canceled for Jan. 9th. Next meeting will be Thurs. Feb. 13,

BLOOD MOBILE - JAN. 12TH 8AM-1PM
Please consider donating if you are able .Sign up sheet is in the back of the church.



Outreach: Sweatshirts & Blankets

In the December outreach we gave away our supply of sweatshirts and blankets. As you put away your Christmas decorations, please check to see if you have additional winter items that we can distributed at the January 18th outreach. Thanks, and blessings.

Don Bosco Festival—Feb. 2, 2025

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Festival. 2nd meeting on Jan. 14th @ 7pm in the conference rm.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- **Box of Pasta -**
- **Ramen Noodles**
- **Gift Card-\$10**
- **Diapers - Baby Wipes**
- **Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese**
- **Peanut Butter & Jelly - great need**
- **Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant**
- **Canned tuna**

Our goal : To fill 50 blue bags with the listed items. Next Outreach is 01/18/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us, come and see.

GIVING THANKS

Each month, you as a parish fulfills the needs of the poor and needy through your generous giving to Outreach. It is amazing the number of items that we take out each month to these folks. We are small in number, but strong in deeds. We give thanks to all of you for your generous hearts.

Weekly Gift Giving

Christmas Masses December 24, 2024 to December 25, 2024
Attendance 272 Envelopes 20

Mass Offertory	\$	3,027.00
Online Giving	\$	330.00

Weekend of December 28, 2024 to December 29, 2024
Attendance 145 Envelopes 20

Mass Offertory	\$	1,411.00
Loose Checks	\$	735.00
Online Giving	\$	991.00
Candles	\$	111.00

TOTAL \$ 6,605.00

2025 DB Yard Sale Now Accepting Donations for Our Annual Flea Market/ Yard Sale

We are accepting clothes, shoes, books, household items, furniture, home decor, games, toys, etc. We are NOT accepting electronics. **Items dropped off before January 3rd and or during the week in January. please visit the Parish office.**

Items brought in on or after Friday, January 3rd will be stored in the **BLUE ROOM**. ****Preferable drop off : The trailer wagon located outside the Church every Sunday in January.**

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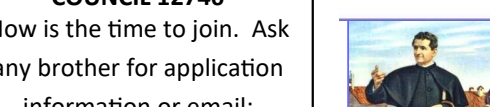


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Epiphany of the Lord
January 05, 2025



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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.