

Weekend of January 12, 2025

Dear People of God,

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

I think it's safe to say that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. But nonetheless, He comes to John. Why do you think did He received baptism? (1)The Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. (2) By entering into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus sanctified water in general, and pours forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. (3) Finally, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was another moment of manifestation. The baptism of Jesus thus becomes a way in which the Father introduces His Son and His mission to the world.

Prayer: "Lord, I believe that you are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the world. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice". Jesus, I Trust in You.

Beginning Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm and ending January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00pm our parish will sponsor a 24 hour Adoration service to give thanks to God for the gift of human life. Mass will be offered at the conclusion of Adoration at 8:00pm on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please help us honor the request from the Pope and our Bishops to make the Day of the 22<sup>nd</sup> a special time of prayerful support for all of human life, especially the most vulnerable. A Sign-up sheet is available at the back of the Church.

"Bosco Bucks" will be sold outside the Church after all of our Masses for the next few weeks. Purchasing the "Buck" will go a long way to help make this years' Don Bosco Festival the success we hope it will be.

Please don't forget to sign up as a volunteer for our upcoming Don Bosco Festival. We need you!! Sign Up Sheets will be found at the back of the Church.

Bloodmobile is visiting again this weekend after our Masses. Please visit the big Red Bus while it is here.

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:

Jan. 11, 2025—Jan.19,2025

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, 2024, 11:00am: +Della Sarsfield req. by

Joan Carter

Mon, January 13, 2025, 6:45am : Special intention for all priest req.

by Chet Shinko

Mon, January 13, 2025, 7:00pm: Intentions for Khouzsam grand-

children, & spouse/significant others by Nadine Shelton

Tues, January 14, 2025. 6:45am: +Lottie B Taylor req. by Joann

Johnson

Wed, January 15, 2025, 6:45am: +Hrvoje & Family req. by Sanja

Cosic

Wed. January 15, 2025, 7:00pm +Dominic Murphy req. by Pete &

Mary Gallar

Thurs, January 16 ,2025, 6:45am +Anette Sirois & family req. by

Sanja Cosic

Fri. January 17, 2025, 6:45am: Lorena & Lillie Pugh req. by Joan

Carter

Sat, January 18, 2025, 5:00pm : For the Sick of our Parish req. by

Parish

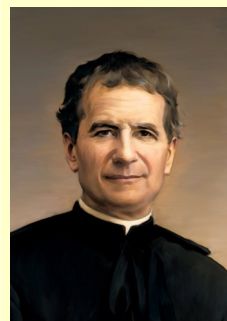
Sun, January 19, 2025, 8:00am : For Mary Help of Christians Parish-

ioners req. by Parish

Sun, January 19, 2025, 11:00am: Birthday Blessings for Maggie

Brown req. by Susan Picarro

**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

- 01/14 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/ Hospitality Sunday
- 01/20 Office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 01/21 24 hr. Adoration 8pm-Respect life
- 01/22 Continuation 24 hr Adoration 8pm/ Mass 8pm / Youth Ministry 7pm
- 01/24 Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
- 01/26 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 01/27 Financial Council meeting 5:30pm
- 01/28 K of C meeting 7pm
- 01/29 Adoration 4-7pm silent/ praise & worship

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

#### Bethlehem Christian Family

Will be here to sell their Olive Wood items on Jan. 18-19th after all the Masses.



A DAY OF PRAYER GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE.

JAN. 21 @8PM TILL JAN. 22 @8PM - Mass 8pm

THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.



#### March for Life Youth Rally

Sacred Heart Catholic Church -

Sat. Feb. 1, 2025

9am-1pm



#### 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

Solemnity of Mary December 31, 2024 to January 01, 2025

Attendance 134 Envelopes 9

Mass Offertory \$ 1,163.00

Weekend of January 04, 2025 to January 05, 2025

Attendance 1190 Envelopes 31

Mass Offertory \$ 2,493.00

Loose Checks \$ 590.00

Online Giving \$ 1,861.00

Candles \$ 142.00

TOTAL \$ 6,249.00

## 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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**Baptism of the Lord**  
January 12, 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.