

Dear People of God,

St John Bosco believed that true happiness consisted in living according to Christian virtues and building an environment of hope. Here are some tips, based on Don Bosco's teachings, for having a full and happy year.

1. **Cultivate charity in your relationships** -Don Bosco said that love for one's neighbor was the key to transforming society. For him, charity was not just a material donation but the ability to welcome, understand, and help others in their needs. This year, try to treat people with kindness, listen carefully, and offer your time to help those who need you.

2. **Be patient in your daily struggles** -Patience was a fundamental virtue in Don Bosco's work with young people. He faced many difficulties but he never lost his cool. Use this example to remind yourself that patience is essential for facing challenges and achieving your goals. Be patient with yourself and others, and don't give up on your dreams, even if the path seems difficult.

3. **Trust in Divine Providence** -Don Bosco had an unshakeable faith in Divine Providence. He believed that God always provided what was necessary to accomplish his mission. When you face uncertainty, trust that God has a plan for you. Pray, entrust your concerns to Him, and move forward with confidence.

4. **Keep hope alive** -Even in the face of great difficulties Don Bosco was an example of hope. He believed that a heart full of hope could overcome any obstacle. This year, avoid sadness, face challenges with optimism, and believe that good things will come.

5. **Value prayer in your life** -For Don Bosco, prayer was an inexhaustible source of strength. Dedicate time each day to connecting with God, whether through formal prayers or simple moments of reflection. Prayer helps you find peace and make wise decisions.

6. **Cultivate joy in everyday life** -Joy was an essential element in Don Bosco's pedagogy. He said that holiness is achieved through happiness. Find reasons to smile every day, even in difficult times. Celebrate small victories, share moments of joy with the people you love, and spread good cheer around you.

7. **Persevere in your goals** -Don Bosco never gave up, even in the face of great adversity. Perseverance is the key to achieving your goals. This year, set clear goals and work diligently to achieve them. Remember that the greatest successes are achieved through perseverance and constant commitment.

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially Br. George Marquis, SDB and Fr. Bruce Craig, SDB and all 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, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bob- by Ryder, David Netel, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, 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:

January 17, 2026 - January 25, 2026

Sat, January 17,2026, 5:00pm: Ofelia Lita Posada req. by Cynthia Spano

Sun, January 18 2026, 8:00am : +Jerry Wayne Morcom req. by Edwin & Kathy Celeiro

Sun, January 18, 2026, 11:00am: For the health of Midge Kovac req. by Yvonne Blackbum

Mon, January 19, 2026, Innocents of Kim Ki Hong & Family req. by Susanna George

Mon, January 19, 2026, 7:00pm: Graciela Marin De Munoz req. by Marela Marin

Tues, January 20, 2026. 6:45am: Healing for Dr. Blazenska Nekic req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, January 21, 2026, 6:45am: +Anastatia Kim Soon Wonl req. by Susanna George

Wed, January 21, 2026, 7:00pm: +Christian Wever & family req. by Dean Family

Thurs, January 22, 2026, 6:45am : +Sheila Werne & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

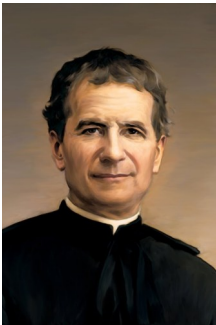
Fri. January 23, 2026, 6:45am : Living & deceased members of the Shinko's & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, January 24, 2026, 5:00pm : +Barbara R. Dahl req. by Christopher Fellerhoff

Sun, January 25, 2026, 8:00am : +John Michael Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

Sun, January 25, 2026, 11:00am: +Michael Newcomb req. by Newcomb family

John Melchior Bosco, ([Italian](#): *Giovanni Melchiorre Bosco*; [Piedmontese](#): *Gioann Melchior Bòsch*; 16 August 1815 – 31 January 1888), popularly known as **Don Bosco** (was an [Italian Catholic](#) priest, educator and writer. 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](#). A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of [Francis de Sales](#), Bosco was an ardent devotee of the [Virgin Mary](#) under the title [Mary Help of Christians](#). He later dedicated his works to de Sales when he founded the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#), based in Turin. Together with [Maria Domenica Mazzarello](#), he founded the [Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians](#), now commonly known as the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls.



January 2026

- 01/18 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am / Rosary for life procession after 11am Mass / Hospitality Sunday**
- 01/19 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday office closed / Mass 7pm**
- 01/21 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 01/24 Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians**
- 01/25 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am**
- 01/26 Financial Council meeting 5:30pm / Mass 7pm/Don Bosco Festival meeting 7pm**
- 01/27 K of C meeting 7pm**
- 01/28 Adoration 4-7 silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 01/29 Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion Meeting 7pm**

SAVE THE DATE– DON BOSCO FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 01, 2026

Mass in the gym @ 10am with the festival to follow with flea market, games, international food , concessions, and lots of fun.

What are Bosco Bucks? Bosco Bucks is the currency used at our Don Bosco Festival on February 1st to purchase international food, concessions, drinks, and games. Purchasing them now will allow you to go directly to the food court after Mass instead of standing in the long line waiting to purchase them.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, if you are interested in going to one of the nursing homes that the parish takes care of spiritually you will need to attend a meeting on Jan. 29th @ 7pm and you will need to have Salesian Safe environment training, diocese safe environment and finger printing .

The 16th Annual Tampa Bay Men’s Conference will be held on ***Saturday, February 14, 2026***, beginning with Mass with Bishop Parkes at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa. The theme for this year’s conference is “Finding Hope and Healing in a Broken World.” More information and registration details may be found at [link](#). andre.mccarroll@gmail.com or **(813) 459-9813**.



Mary Help of Christians
6400 E Chelsea St.
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Now accepting donations for our yard sale on Jan. 31st and Feb. 01st 2026.

We are accepting clothes, shoes, books, household items, furniture, home décor, games, toys and much more! **[we will NOT accept TVs and electronics!](#)**

Watch for a trailer near the church starting in January to place your Items or for more information please contact:

Pam Brewer or AnnMarie Brummett @ parish@mhctamp.org the office at 813-626-7588

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!**
- Diapers - Sizes 5&6 - 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 02/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to

Outreach update

Thank you all for the blessings in 2025 for we were able to assist everyone who requested aid from us. The winter season is here and the request has been made if we can provide sweatshirts, sweatpants, reflective blankets, sleeping bags, etc. If you have anything extra in your closet that you can drop off at church, we will be honored to take them with us at our next outreach. We are always in need of food, especially those items listed in our bulletin.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of January 10, 2026 to January 11, 2026

Attendance 173 Envelopes 29

Mass Offertory	\$	2,313.00
Loose checks	\$	480.00
Online Giving	\$	1,860.00
Candles	\$	40.00

TOTAL \$ 4,693.00

2026 Spirit FM Catholic Women’s Conference

Christ the King Catholic Church – Tampa

February 7th 2026 8:30 AM -3:00 PM

Women from across the Diocese are invited to a day of faith, fellowship, and renewal at the Spirit FM Catholic Women’s Conference. The event includes Mass, inspiring speakers, uplifting music, and time for prayer and reflection. Vendors and ministries will also be present. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Tickets are now available. Join us as we grow together in faith! Learn more at

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026



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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.

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 on Annulments, Baptisms, Weddings, Home Visits, Hospital Visits. Sacrament of the Sick or Reconciliation. We are available Mon thru Friday, from 9am to 3pm. 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