

Dear People of God

January 24th is the annual Feast Day of St. Francis De Sales. St. John Bosco chose him as a model for the Salesians of Don Bosco, and we are named in his honor. Francis was born into the noble family of the Duchy of Savoy in the Chateau De Sales on August 21, 1567. He was the first of six children and enjoyed a privileged education at the best schools possible. His spiritual education was entrusted to the Jesuits. In 1592, Francis ended his studies with the title of "Doctor", certified in both law and theology. He chose the priesthood over an arranged marriage and a military career chosen for him by his father. This was a difficult choice for his father to accept.

In 1602 Francis was consecrated Bishop of Geneva in Switzerland, which was a hotbed of Calvinist control. He acquired a reputation as a spellbinding preacher. He was known as a friend of the poor, and a man of almost supernatural kindness and understanding. In his "Introduction to the Devout Life" he counseled charity over penance as a means of progressing in the spiritual life. He reminded people that holiness was possible not just for the few - but for everyone!

We Salesians of St. John Bosco are proud to have St. Francis as our namesake and model. As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco next Sunday, may we all prepare to draw closer to Christ through continued random acts of kindness and charity to and for others.

For us here in Tampa, the Don Bosco Festival provides an opportunity for all us here at Mary Help of Christians Center - St. Philip Residence, Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School, Mary Help of Christians Parish, the Retreat Center, Camp Mary Help, Mary Had a Little Farm - to celebrate the wonderful charism and spirit that has been left us by our Salesian Founder and Father, St. John Bosco.

Please plan on joining us for the activities planned for January 29, 2023. You can find them posted online at our web page, in our bulletin and on the Mary Help of Christians Center webpage and in this letter as well.

- January 31/February 1 Saturday/Sunday Yard Sale
- Feb. 1: Sunday: 10:00a Mass in Gymnasium (No 8:00am/11:00am Mass in MHC Church)
- International Food Fest, Contests/Games, Bingo, Yard Sale, Line Dancing, Farm Animals, 50/50 Raffle and more ...
- Feb. 21: Saturday 6:00pm-10:00pm Don Bosco Gala Fundraisings Dinner in Gymnasium

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially Br. George Marquis, SDB, Fr. Ruce Craig, SDB and all 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, Janice Murphy, 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, 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.

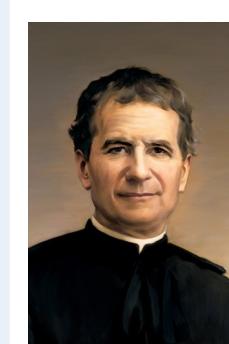
2026 Mass Intentions:

January 24, 2026 - February 01, 2026

Sat, January 24, 2026, 5:00pm: +Barbara R. Dahl req. by Chirstopher 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
Mon, January 26, 2026, +Stella Elizabeth Shinko req. by Chet Shinko
Mon, January 26, 2026, 7:00pm: +Fr. Eugene Hasson req. by Maggie Brown
Tues, January 27, 2026, 6:45am: Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko
Wed, January 28, 2026, 6:45am: Pete & Mary Gallar req. by Nichola Murphy
Wed, January 28, 2026, 7:00pm: +Donovin Rodriguez req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
Thurs, January 29, 2026, 6:45am : Special intentions for all priests req. by Chet Shinko
Fri. January 30, 2026, 6:45am : Susanna & Frank George & family req. by Susanna George
Sat, January 31, 2026, 5:00pm : Salesian Family req. by Parish
Sun, February 01, 2026, 10:00am: Feast of Don Bosco – Deceased Salesian priest & brothers.

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

01/25 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
01/31 Flea Market 8am-12pm

February 2026

02/01 Don Bosco Festival-Mass in gym @ 10am-Festival 11-3pm
02/02 Rudy Toth funeral 3pm / Mass 7pm
02/04 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 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](#).

This weekend each family is asked to make a sustaining gift or pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various ministries that help thousands of people in our diocese. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a commitment that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each gift is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds.



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 17, 2026 to January 18, 2026

Attendance 173 Envelopes 31

Mass Offertory	\$	2,671.00
Loose checks	\$	100.00
Online Giving	\$	1,150.00
Candles	\$	42.00

TOTAL **\$ 3,963.00**

2026 Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference

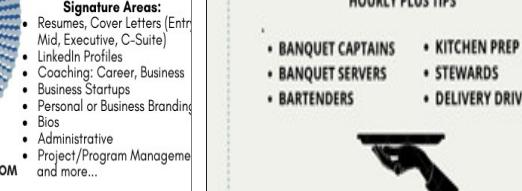
Christ the King Catholic Church – Tampa

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 [MySpiritFM.com/WomensConference](#).

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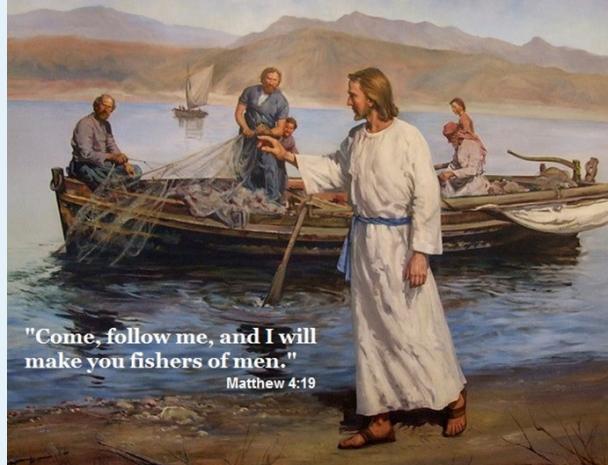
Fr. John Jaejun Chong, S.D.B. Korean Ministry

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 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