

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:

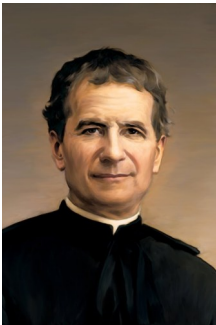
Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David 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 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  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.myspiritfm.com/WomensConference).

**BROCATO'S**  
Sandwich Shop  
A Tampa Tradition Since 1948  
**248-9977**  
OPEN Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 5:30pm Sat. 7:30am - 4:00pm Closed Sun.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**ANGIE BERGENSTEN**  
Contact Us for Your **FREE** Discovery Call!  
Ask about our MHC FAM Discount  
COACH/FOUNDER/CEO  
HELLO@AUTHENTICCADENCE.COM  
813-732-0537  
**AUTHENTIC CADENCE**  
Career/Business Coaching & Support  
www.authenticcadence.com

**SOUTH CEDAR REAL ESTATE**  
**MARYCHRIS DEAN**  
Real Estate Consultant  
813-310-1193  
mdean@southcedarre.com  
217 S. Cedar Ave. Tampa, FL 33606  
SouthCedarRE.com

**Joe Pullaro Inc.**

**Joe Pullaro INC.**  
Construction/Building & Parking Lot Maintenance/Painting  
813-999-1473

**Brandon 134-A BODY SHOP**  
(813) 685-1612

**Robert Schoppman,**  
www.branndonbodyshop.com

**CRISTO REY TAMPA**  
SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL  
Accepting Applications  
College Preparatory Curriculum and a Corporate Work study Program./  
Contact the Admissions Office at  
Admissions@crstoreytampa.org or  
813-621-8300 ext. 109

**WE'RE HIRING**  
~HELP SUBSIDIZE YOUR INCOME~  
PART-TIME HELP WANTED  
NIGHTS & WEEKENDS  
(DAY SHIFTS AVAILABLE AS WELL)  
HOURLY PLUS TIPS  
• BANQUET CAPTAINS • KITCHEN PREP  
• BANQUET SERVERS • STEWARDS  
• BARTENDERS • DELIVERY DRIVERS  
**APPLY NOW**  
Call 813-875-2000 or Fill Out an Application at:  
2322 W. Cypress St.  
Tampa, FL 33609  
www.cateringbythefamily.com

**SALESIAN Cooperators**

For information on how to become a cooperator, please contact Chris Yarnold at: [yarnolde7@gmail.com](mailto:yarnolde7@gmail.com) or call the center: 813-626-6191

**MAMA MARGARET WOMENS GUILD**  
Contact Julie Fameree at  
[Juliefam@aol.com](mailto:Juliefam@aol.com)  
For information on joining the  
Mama Margaret Women's Guild.

**Harold B. Welch D.M.D.**  
807 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Seffner, FL 33584  
Phone: (813)684-2279  
www.drharoldwelch.com  
Parishioner

**JMJ SITE DEVELOPMENT INC.**  
Clearing-Earthwork-Utilities-Paving All your development needs!  
Call or email Jeff Joaquin today!  
813-927-2484

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO COUNCIL 12746**  
Now is the time to join. Ask any brother for application information or email:  
[cassidy9031@gmail.com](mailto:cassidy9031@gmail.com)

**Realtor HomeXpress Realty, Inc.**  
**Kathy Celeiro**  
Direct: 813-918-2003  
Email: [kathyceleiro@gmail.com](mailto:kathyceleiro@gmail.com)  
Parishioner

Welcome to **Villa Madonna School**  
Home of the Eagles  
315 West Columbus Drive,  
Tampa, FL 33602  
Phone: (813) 229-1322  
[www.villamadonnaschool.com](http://www.villamadonnaschool.com)

**Bamboo Dog Resort**  
Temperature Controlled Rooms  
Dog Boarding  
Boutique Style  
Discounts to MHC Parishioners  
[www.BambooDogResort.com](http://www.BambooDogResort.com)  
813-294-5076 Debbie



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
6400 E. Chelsea Street, Tampa, FL 33610  
813 626 7588  
Email: [Parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:Parish@mhctampa.org)  
Website: [www.mhcptampa.org](http://www.mhcptampa.org)



### Administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco

Fr. Steve Dumais, S.D.B. Pastor

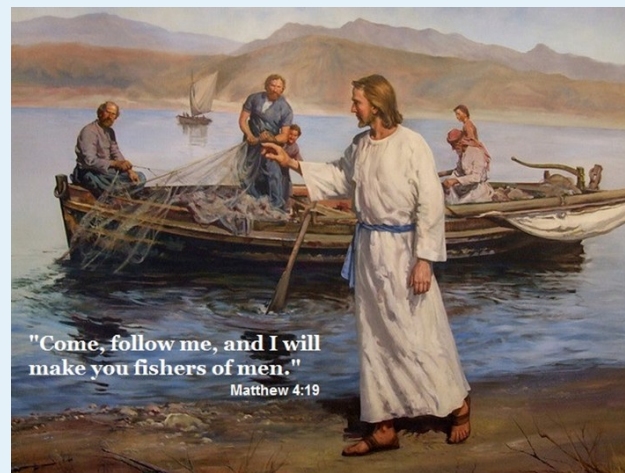
Fr. John Serio, S.D.B. MHC Center Director

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

Fr. Bill Keane, S.D.B. Assisting Priest

Deacon Edmond Anctil

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 25, 2026**



### Staff Directory and Ministry

**Adult Faith Formation:** Deacon Ed: [eanctil@mhctampa.org](mailto:eanctil@mhctampa.org)  
**Altar Servers/Readers:** Deacon Ed: [eanctil@mhctampa.org](mailto:eanctil@mhctampa.org)  
**Knights of Columbus:** Cassidy Simpson: [cassidy9031@gmail.com](mailto:cassidy9031@gmail.com)  
**Korean Catholic Mission:** Michelle Anderson : [hyonsuk67@yahoo.com](mailto:hyonsuk67@yahoo.com)  
**Livestream:** See website  
**Mama Margaret Guild:** Julie Fameree: [juliefam@aol.com](mailto:juliefam@aol.com)  
**Music:** Susanne Hathaway: [susanne.cellist@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.cellist@gmail.com)  
**Office:** Pam Brewer: [parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org)  
**Outreach:** Deacon Ed, [eanctil@mhctampa.org](mailto:eanctil@mhctampa.org)-Marge and Bob Fallon  
**Phone Ministry:** JoAnne Johnson [Parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:Parish@mhctampa.org)  
**OCIA:** Tony Marincovich: [MarincovichTony@gmail.com](mailto:MarincovichTony@gmail.com)  
**OCIA:** Mary and Peter Gallar [PGallar@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:PGallar@tampabay.rr.com)  
**Faith Formation:** Ann Marie Brummett : [CRE@mhctampa.org](mailto:CRE@mhctampa.org)  
**Young Adult:** Choima Okoye, [Cokoye@mchctampa.org](mailto:Cokoye@mchctampa.org)  
**Youth Ministry:** Steve Jarosz: [sjarosz@mhctampa.org](mailto:sjarosz@mhctampa.org)  
**Christmas Committee:** Maggie Brown; [Parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:Parish@mhctampa.org)

### 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