

For the Weekend of January 26, 2025

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.

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 weekend, February 1-2, 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 Has a Little Farm - to celebrate the wonderful charism and spirit that has been left us by our Salesian Founder and Father, St. John Bosco.

You can find the Novena posted online at our web page, and on the Mary Help of Christians Center webpage and in this letter as well.

Saturday: February 1st 8a-12:00p: Yard Sale
Sunday: February 2nd 10:00a Mass in Gymnasium
International Food Fest, Contests/Games, Yard Sale, Line Dancing, Farm Animals, 50/50 Raffle and more . . .

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. 25, 2025—Feb. 2, 2025

Sat, January 25, 2025, 5:00pm: + Ronald Taylor Sr. req. by Pam Brewer and Family

Sun, January 26, 2025, 8:00am : +Salvatore Midili req. by Josephine Rinaldi

Sun, January 26, 2024, 11:00am: + Fr Jose Moniz req. by Armstrong & Zeenat Monteiro

Mon, January 27, 2025, 6:45am : Br. David Iovacchini req. by Anonymous

Mon, January 27, 2025, 7:00pm: Papa and Mama Khouzam Req. by Nadine Skelton

Tues, January 28, 2025. 6:45am: Fr. Joe Hannon, SDB req. by Anonymous

Wed, January 29, 2025, 6:45am: Fr. Bill Keane, SDB req. by Anonymous

Wed. January 29, 2025, 7:00pm +Donovin Rodriguez req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

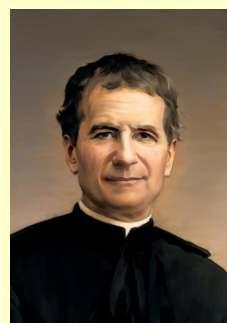
Thurs, January 30, 2025, 6:45am Fr, Lou Aineto, SDB req. by Anonymous

Fri. January 31, 2025, 6:45am: +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Sat, February 01, 2025, 5:00pm : +Deceased Salesian Priests & Brothers req. by Parish

Sun, February 02, 2025, 10:00am : Salesian Family req. by Parish

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

01/26 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 8-9pm

01/31 Commemoration of St John Bosco

February 2025

02/01 Don Bosco Yard Sale 8am-12pm

02/02 No Faith Formation Don Bosco Festival-Mass 10am

02/05 Adoration 4-7pm silent/praise & worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm

02/06 Parish staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish council meeting 7pm

02/09 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

02/11 Outreach meeting 7pm conference rm.

02/12 Adoration 4-7silent / praise & worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm

02/13 Mama Margaret meeting 7pm

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

Bake Good for Don Bosco Festival –Feb.2nd

We are in need of bake goods for the Don Bosco festival .Cakes, cookies, cupcakes or any bake goods are welcome. If you make cookies please wrap them individually. Bring them on the morning of the festival or you can drop them off at the office. Thank you for your support.



Outreach Meeting - Tues. Feb. 11, 2025 at 7pm

For anyone who helps out with Outreach and for anyone who is interested in helping out with Outreach please try to be here for the meeting.

DON BOSCO FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 02.2025 - MASS 10AM IN GYM

Come join us after Mass for all the festivities .

No 8am or 11am Mass on this date. There is still a 5pm Mass on Feb. 1st.

Volunteers - Needed Don Bosco Festival

We are in need of volunteers for the Don Bosco Festival yard sale Sat. & Sun / Games booths/ take down. Please call office@ 813-626-7588 or see Steve Jarosz of how you can be of help.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10
- Diapers sizes 5&6 - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly -
- Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant
- Canned tuna / Chicken

Our goal : To fill 50 blue bags with the listed items. Next Outreach is 02/15/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us, come and see.

GIVING THANKS

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support our parish outreach ministry. It is a blessing that we can help those in need beyond our property here at Mary Help. The above listed items are always a need to fill the blue bags, but anything that you send goes to the table for people to choose from. They are ever thankful for what they receive from us. Everyone is welcome to participate on the third Saturday of each month. .

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of January 18, 2025 to January 19, 2025

Attendance 178 Envelopes 23

Mass Offertory	\$	2,087.00
Loose Checks	\$	410.00
Online Giving	\$	1,473.00
Candles	\$	47.00

TOTAL \$ 4,017.00

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 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.