

Weekend of July 12, 2026

Dear People of God

The Gospel reading today should pose a question to you on a personal level. In what way are you drawn to Jesus? I guess when we look into ourselves we can say that we are drawn to many different things. It may be some hobby, or particular interest, perhaps it's your job or some other aspect of your life. But what about Jesus and His holy Word? How drawn to Him are you?

Ideally, we should discover within our hearts a burning desire to be with Jesus, to know Him, to love Him, and to encounter His mercy more fully in our lives. There should be a tug in our hearts placed there by Jesus Himself. From this attraction we respond to Him, listen to Him, and give our lives more fully to Him. This is a grace given to those who are open and are ready and willing to hear and respond.

Reflect today, upon the divine mercy of the Lord calling you to turn to Him with all the powers of your soul. Allow Him to draw you in and respond by giving your time and attention to Him. From there, He will lead you where He wants you to go. Jesus, I trust in You.

Remember to search our web page, [www.mhcptampa.org](http://www.mhcptampa.org), to find the latest developments in our parish. Don't forget to listen to *Wednesday Words from the Pastor* on our website each week! Please pray for our Summer campers, our counselors, and staff. May this summer experience continue to be one of grace, safety and happiness for one and all.

Please also pray for our Cristo Rey students during these months off from school. May they be blessed in wisdom, grace and joy. As we remember the students, may we also remember the teachers and staff who have worked so hard to get ready for the new year and the new students as well.

As usual please remember to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab) and all the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially those at St. Philip Residence, in a special way. Be assured we will be doing the same for you.

Please take note of upcoming parish events listed elsewhere in this weekly bulletin. Peace Always!

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB  
Pastor

### PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pete & Mary Gallar, 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, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez, Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki, William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez, Liam Newcomb, MaKayla Jennings, Cheryl Christensen, Diane Desmond, Don Allen,

### 2026 Mass Intentions:

July 11, 2026 - July 19, 2026

Sat, July 11, 2026, 5:00pm: +Jose R Espinosa Sr. req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Sun, July 12, 2026, 8:00am : +Angel Oliva Jr. req. by Joe Tomaino

Sun, July 12, 2026 11:00am: Leila & Eddie Taghap req. by The Dean Family

Mon, July 13, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Mon, July 13, 2026, 7:00pm: Birthday Blessings for Nicole Blanco req. by Pam Brewer

Tues, July 14, 2026. 6:45am: Birthday Blessings for Pam Brewer req. by Family

Wed, July 15, 2026, 6:45am: Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, July 15, 2026, 7:00pm: +Pedro & Edna Gallar req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs., July 16, 2026, 6:45am: For Salesian priest and brothers req. by Susanna George

Fri. July 17, 2026, 6:45am : For people in Venezuela req. by Parish

Sat, July 18., 2026, 5:00pm : +John Ytuarte req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Sun, July 19, 2026, 8:00am: For the parishioners of Mary Help of Christians Parish req. by Parish

Sun, July 19, 2026, 11:00am: +Theresa Graves req. by Betsie & Harold Welch

Maria Romero Meneses was born on January 13, 1902, in Granada, Nicaragua, into a wealthy but charitable family. Her father, a government minister, instilled in her a sharp awareness of the needs of the poor, and from early childhood she learned the meaning of practical charity. While her family wished her to pursue accomplishments in music, studying piano and violin, Maria soon discovered a deeper vocation. At twelve, she entered a college run by the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, where she embraced Don Bosco's charisma with enthusiasm. Gifted and joyful, she taught music during her novitiate and encountered the stark poverty of young girls for the first time. After her perpetual profession, she was



sent to San José, Costa Rica, which would become her lifelong mission field. Her faith and deep devotion to Mary Help of Christians inspired others to support her charitable enterprises. One of her most lasting works was the founding of the ciudadelas de María Auxiliadora—homes for the homeless that remain active today, supported by the lay Association "Ayuda a los Necesitados."

### July 2026

- 07/13 Monday Mass 7pm
- 07/15 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 07/16 Mama Margaret serving snow cones to campers 1:50-2:50
- 07/18 Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am / Mass 5pm
- 07/20 Monday Mass 7pm
- 07/22 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 07/23 Mama Margaret serving snow cones to campers 1:50-2:50
- 07/24 Fr Steve returns from his family visits/Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
- 07/27 Monday Mass 7pm / Financial Council meeting 5:30pm
- 07/29 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

Are you willing to give one Sunday a month at 11am Mass to run the livestreaming we have for all the homebound . Sunday Mass at 11am is needing someone to run the camera for the livestream Mass, you do not need to be a technical person to do this. If we can get 4 volunteers then you will just have to run it once a month, Please contact the office if you are interested at 813-626-7588 or email to [parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org) .

Monday June 29th though Friday July 24th there will be no 12:10pm Mass in the Good Shepherd Chapel. The 12:10 Mass will begin again on July 27th.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CENTER PRESENTS

# The Youth Leaders Toolbox

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026 9AM- 3PM

A practical training to make you the leader young people want to follow

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST

SPOTS ARE LIMITED LUNCH INCLUDED \$25

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FR. JOHN SERIO, SDB

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

DESIGNED FOR

- TEACHERS
- YOUTH MINISTERS
- CORE TEAM MEMBERS
- CATECHISTS
- DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS
- CAMPUS MINISTERS
- ANYONE WHO WORKS WITH

### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!!!
- Diapers - Sizes 5, 6 & 7 - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly needed
- Canned tuna / Chicken
- Fruit Cups

Our goal : To fill 65 blue bags with the listed items. Next Outreach is 07/18/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

### Outreach: urgent need

This summer has been very lean in food and supplies at Nativity Food Bank which aides us in supplementing our outreach. We are currently in great need for the following items: **cereal, jelly, mac and cheese, Ramin noodles, toilet paper, and diapers sizes 5, 6, and 7.** Every little bit helps. As always, we thank you for all that you can give in supplying our outreach to serve others.

### Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of July 04, 2026 to July 05, 2026  
Attendance 168 Envelopes 25

Mass Offertory	\$ 1,710.00
Loose checks	\$ 200.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,432.00
Candles	\$ 72.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,269.00**

Faith Formation for youth and adults. If you have a child that you would like to learn more about their faith. We have Faith Formation classes for children from 5 –15 years old. Registration forms are in the back of church or you can stop by the office or email office at [parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org). There will be a teachers meeting on Aug. 9th at 9:15am. Classes will be starting on Aug. 16th at 9:15am. The Adult classes will start Aug. 16th at 9:30am. OCIA classes will start on Aug. 9th at 9:15am.

Are you interested in sharing Gods message to others. We are in need of Faith Formation teachers for the next school year. If you are interested please see Alicia Newcomb at [cre@mhctampa.org](mailto:cre@mhctampa.org) or reach out to the parish office at 813-626-7588 or [parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org).



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Contact Julie Fameree at [juliefam@aol.com](mailto:juliefam@aol.com)  
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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
July 12, 2026

**The Sower, the Seed, and the Soil**  
A Mystery from Matthew 13:1-23

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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

