

Dear People of God

The season of Lent continues to move forward at blazing speed. There is literally no time for us to waste if we are to become a "new creation" at the end of this Lenten season.

In the Gospel today, we see Jesus' ministry continuing to evolve. His forty days in the desert lead him in a new direction. He begins a public ministry - announcing that God is near, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Shortly before he leads Peter, James and John up the mountain, Jesus alerts them to the fact that his ministry is turning from preaching and healing in Galilee to confronting religious authorities in Jerusalem. Jesus anticipates that he will suffer, die, and rise after three days. This is the conversation the disciples continue after the Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration challenges us to prayer, vision, and heart for encountering life with Christian commitment.

- How has deep change happened in your life?
- What vision for your future surfaces when you pray and reflect on who you are and want to be?
- What experiences of God's presence have opened your future?
- In what activities do you see transfiguring visions for our society today?

Prayer: If we seek God, we will find God. May people everywhere experience the transforming power of God's nearness. May the earth and all people rejoice in Sacred Presence, and may this Sacred Presence bring us energy for the work ahead. Jesus, I trust in You.

Join us for the Stations of the Cross in our Church on Fridays during Lent, at 7:00 pm, in English or at 7:30 pm in Korean.

Please consider participating in our annual Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday, March 7th, from 9:30am until 2:30pm - Lunch included. 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass 11:15am Conference 12:15pm Lunch / Reflection 1:30pm Adoration/ Reconciliation 2:30pm Close with Adoration Blessing May this opportunity prove to be a graced time for you all.

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4:15 pm.; 10:30 am every Sunday; Mondays at 6:30 pm; Wednesdays - during evening Adoration from 7:45 pm -9:00 pm; by appointment or by drop in when available during the rest of the week.

Please remember to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB still in rehab, and all of the other Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially those at St. Philip Residence. Be assured that we will be doing the same for you.

Do not worry! Do not fear! Rejoice and be glad for the Lord our God is with us!
Peace and Joy 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, 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:

February 28 , 2026 - March 01, 2026

Sat, February 28,2026, 5:00pm: +Rudy Toth req. by Edwin & Kathy Celeiro

Sun, March 01 2026, 8:00am : +Ray Salomon Mendoza req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

Sun, March 01, 2026 11:00am : +Tyler Norman req. by Dean Family

Mon, March 02, 2026, For the living Benefactors req. by Susanna George

Mon, March 02, 2026, 7:00pm: +Janice Murphy req. by Pam Brewer

Tues, March 03, 2026. 6:45am: Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George

Wed, March 04, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Wed, March 04, 2026, 7:00pm: In Thanksgiving req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, March 05, 2026, 6:45am : +Lucy & John Costa req. by AnnMarie, Tom, Carl, Shane

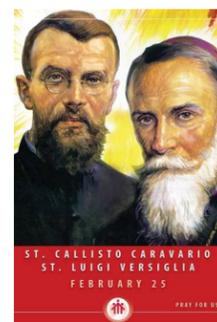
Fri. March 06, 2026, 6:45am : Living & deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, March 07, 2026, 5:00pm : +Rudy Toth req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Sun, March 08, 2026, 8:00am: For the intentions of the parishioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Parish

Sun, March 08, 2026, 11:00am: +Joe Garcia req. by Joe Tomaino

St. Louis Versiglia: Louis Versiglia was born in Oliva Gessi (Pavia) on June 5, 1873. From his earliest years, he used to serve Mass, so much so that the people already thought he would be a priest. At the time, Luigi never wanted to hear talk of that, because he wanted to be a vet. However, he wanted to change his mind after he was taken in by Don Bosco at the age of 12. In 1888, soon after Don Bosco's death, Luigi was much taken by the ceremony, where seven missionaries received their mission cross, and he decided to become a Salesian with the hope of going to the missions.



St. Callisto Caravario: Callisto Caravario was born at Cuorné, in the province of Turin, on June 18, 1903. From his earliest years, everyone thought of him as an excellent child for his meek and reflective nature. He seemed naturally inclined to prayer and loved his mother very much, as witnessed by the many letters he wrote. At five years of age, he and his family moved to Turin close to the Porta Nuova Oratory.

March 2026

- 03/01** Faith Formation / OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am
- 03/02** Mass 7pm
- 03/04** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 03/05** Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm
- 03/06** Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm
- 03/07** 1st Sat. Marian Devotions 9:30am / Lent Retreat 9:30-2:30
- 03/08** Faith Formation /OCIA 9:15am /Adult 9:30am / Blood Mobile 8:am-1pm
- 03/09** Mass 7pm
- 03/11** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Parise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 03/13** Antioch weekend Retreat starts 6pm / K of C Fish Fry 5:30-7pm / Stations of the Cross 7pm/ Korean 7:30pm
- 03/14** Bethlehem Christian Mission speak at all Masses
- 03/15** No Faith Formation spring break

Antioch Retreat 2026- Come a Rock and leave a Rose

What is Antioch? Antioch is a Christian youth retreat for teens and young adults (13+) led by faithful teens. This weekend is an opportunity to focus on connecting with others while learning more about our faith, away from distractions and anxieties of our normal routines.

Where?	When?	How Much ?
Mary Help of Christians Center 6400 E Chelsea St Tampa, Fl. 33610	March 13th Thru 15th 2026	\$80.00 (Scholarships available) No one denied for financial reasons!

Where Can I sign up?

www.antiochretreat.com

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Blood Mobile Sunday March 8th

8am -1pm

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K of C Fish Fry March 13th 5:30-7pm
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Desserts provided by Mama Margaret.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS
YOUTH - OCIA -9:15AM
ADULT -9:30AM
Please join us we have something for Everyone



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

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

Our goal : To fill 60 blue bags with the listed items.
Next Outreach is 03/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

Outreach update

Today's bulletin insert reflects how all the different entities fulfill and complete our outreach ministry each month. We are blessed as a parish that all of you are part of this ministry to serve our brothers and sisters from prayers, food, alms giving, and distribution. Christ said the poor will be with us always, which means our work continues and we will be there every third Saturday of the month. Thanks, and blessings.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of February 21 2026 to February 22, 2026
Attendance 221 Envelopes 27

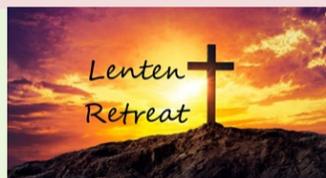
Mass Offertory	\$	2,668.00
Loose checks	\$	280.00
Online Giving	\$	1,862.00
Candles	\$	87.00

TOTAL \$ 4,897.00

Stations of the Cross is said every Fri. during Lent @7pm in the church on 3/27 the stations will be outdoors, weather permitting.
Korean 7:30pm



Lent Retreat March 7th from 9:30-2:30pm
9:30-Rosary
10:00-Mass
10:45-Break
11:00-Conference
12:00-Lunch
1:15-Adoration & Reconciliation
2:15-Benediction



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Deacon Edmond Anctil
Second Sunday of Lent
March 01, 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