

For the Weekend of March 9, 2025

Dear People of God

In the Gospel of this first week of Lent, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Temptation is never from God. But God does permit us to be tempted, but only so that we might grow in holiness. Temptation forces us to rise up and make a choice either for God or for the temptation. Though mercy and forgiveness are always offered when we fail, the blessings that await those who overcome temptation are numerous.

First, enduring a temptation and conquering it helps us to see the strength of God in our lives.

Second, temptation humbles us, stripping away our pride and our struggle of thinking we are self-reliant and self-made.

Third, there is a great value in completely rejecting the devil. This not only robs him of his ongoing power to deceive us but it also helps us to see more clearly our vision of who he is so that we can continue to reject him and his works.

Fourth, overcoming temptation clearly and definitively strengthens us in every virtue.

Fifth, the devil would not tempt us if he were not concerned about our holiness. Thus, maybe we should see temptation as a sign that the evil one is losing hold of our lives.

Let's reflect today, upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending forty days fasting.

Prayer: *Jesus, You allowed Yourself to be tempted by the devil. The evil one attacked You with all he had. You quickly defeated him, by rejecting all his lies and deceptions. Give me the grace I need to overcome every temptation I encounter and to completely rely on you without reserve. Jesus I trust in You.*

Wednesday, March 12th: 7:30-9:00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service in Church.

Please remember the sign up list at the back of the Church for the upcoming Parish Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Schedules for this day will be found in the Bulletin this week! Hope to see you all there.

Please keep in your prayerful remembrance the sick and homebound of our parish.

Please remember to pray for the health and intentions of Pope Francis.

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:

March 08, 2025 - March 16, 2025

Sat, March 08, 2025, 5:00pm: + Vivian Perez req. by Theresa Fitzgerald

Sun, March 09, 2025, 8:00am : +Mary Annett Gonzalez req. by Joe Tomaino

Sun, March 09, 2025, 11:00am: For Mary Help of Christians Parishioners req. by Parish

Mon, March 10, 2025, 6:45am : Susanna & Frank George's Family req. by Susanna George

Mon, March 10, 2025, 7:00pm: +Silvia Lee req. by Julianna Kim

Tues, March 11, 2025. 6:45am: Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, March 12, 2025, 6:45am: Scholastica & Clolid Jung's Family req. by Susanna George

Wed. March 12, 2025, 7:00pm +Raymond Gauvin req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, March 13 2025, 6:45am For all priest req. by Susanna George

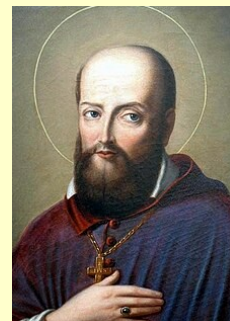
Fri. March 14, 2025, 6:45am: For Salesian community req. by Susanna George

Sat, March 15, 2025, 5:00pm : +Octavio Valdez req. by Theresa Fitzgerald

Sun, March 16, 2025, 8:00am : +Jose Burgos req. by The Family

Sun, March 16, 2025, 11:00am: 40th Anniversary for Tina & Ed Sleyzak req. by Family

Francis de Sales, C.O., O.M. (French: *François de Sales*; *Italian: Francesco di Sales*; 21 August 1567 – 28 December 1622) was a [Savoyard Catholic](#) prelate who served as [Bishop of Geneva](#) and is a [saint](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). He became noted for his deep [faith](#) and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the [Protestant Reformation](#). He is known also for his writings on the topic of [spiritual direction](#) and spiritual formation, particularly the [Introduction to the Devout Life](#) and the [Treatise on the Love of God](#).



The [religious institute](#) of the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#), founded by [John Bosco](#) in 1859 (approved by the [Holy See](#) in 1874), is also known as the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, and is placed under his patronage.

March 2025

03/09 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am /Blood Drive 8am-1pm

03/12 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm/ Penance Service 7:30-9pm

03/13 Mama Margaret meeting 7pm

03/14 Stations of the Cross 7pm /Korean 7:30pm

03/15 Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am / Don Bosco Gala 6pm

03/16 No Faith Formation / Adult 9:30am / Hospitality Sunday

03/19 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm

03/21 Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm

03/24 Financial Council meeting 5:30pm / Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

03/25 K of C meeting 7pm

03/26 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

Lenten Retreat April 05, 2025 9:30-2:30pm

Rosary - 9:30am

Mass -10am

Break -10:45am

Talk-11:15am

Lunch-Reflection 12:15pm -1:30

Adoration / Reconciliation 1:30-2:30pm



Sign up sheet on table in back of church. Donation welcomed

**FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS
YOUTH - 9:15AM
ADULT -9:30AM**



Please join us we have something for everyone.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!**
- 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 03/15/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us, come and

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 March 01, 2025 to March 02, 2025

Attendance 173 Envelopes 28

Mass Offertory	\$	2,894.00
Bank adjustment	\$	250.00
Online Giving	\$	951.00
Candles	\$	66.00

TOTAL \$ 4,161.00

STATION OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

7PM IN MHC CHURCH

Please join us.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry March 21, 2025 5-7pm

Fish, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Ice Tea, Desserts & Coffee



Rice Bowls - Remember to pick up a Rice Bowl and bring it back on Easter and drop off at the office or leave at the back of church.

Lenten Penance Service

March 12, 2025

8:00pm



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First Sunday in Lent
March 09, 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.