

For the Weekend of March 16, 2025

Dear People of God

On this second week of Lent, Luke presents the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, John and James. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus' face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable

Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And, again, why do we reflect on this scene at the beginning of the season of Lent?

I guess we can say that Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It's a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to reexamine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard. It can even be depressing and can tempt us to depression, hopelessness, and despair. But this temptation has to be overcome. It is not overcome by ignoring our sin. Rather, it is overcome by turning our eyes to the power and the glory of God.

The Transfiguration is an event that is given to these three Apostles to give them hope as they prepare to face the suffering and death of Jesus.

May we reflect upon our sins today but do so as we also reflect upon the transfigured and glorious nature of our divine Lord. May our hearts be filled with hope in the midst of acknowledging our weakness of faith. May we all be transformed ourselves and empowered to courageously live and witness to the gospel every day of our live

Sunday, March 16th: Hospitality Sunday

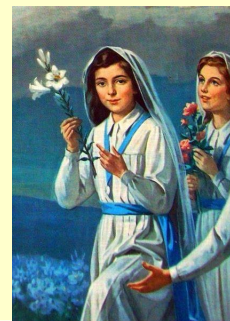
As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially for those at St. Philip Residence, Be assured we will be doing the same for you. Peace and Joy Always!

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB.
Pastor


PRAYER LIST
Please keep the following in your prayers:
Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, 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 15, 2025 - March 23, 2025
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
Mon, March 17, 2025, 6:45am : Health of Rosie & David Gratz req. Maggie Brown
Mon, March 17, 2025, 7:00pm: Fr Joseph Chong req. by Julianna Kim
Tues, March 18, 2025. 6:45am: Health of Georgene & Dennis Bender req. by Maggie Brown
Wed, March 19, 2025, 6:45am: +Jay Fameree req. by Jody & Julie Fameree
Wed. March 19, 2025, 7:00pm + Roger Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
Thurs, March 20 2025, 6:45am Special intentions for all priests req. by Chet Shinko
Fri. March 21, 2025, 6:45am: + Br. Mike Brinkman, SDB req. by Beth Strauss
Sat, March 22, 2025, 5:00pm : Brzozowske Family req. by Amore Family
Sun, March 23, 2025, 8:00am : Birthday Blessing for Jackie & Danny Brewer req. by Pam Brewer
Sun, March 23, 2025, 11:00am: +Jose Burgos req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Laura del Carmen Vicuña was born on April 5, 1891, in [Santiago, Chile](#), to José Domingo Vicuña and Mercedes Pino. The Vicuña family were Chilean aristocrats, the father in military service and the mother working at home. Forced out of Santiago by the revolution, the family took refuge in Temuco, but soon after José Domingo died suddenly and Mercedes went to live with her two daughters in Argentina. She was a child who was noted for her religious devotion. She was [beatified](#) by Pope John Paul II in 1988 as the patron of abuse victims, having herself experienced physical abuse. The primary shrine for Laura Vicuña is located at [Renca Hill](#), a park of 30 hectares lying between the communes of Quilicura and Renca in Santiago, Chile. The chapel has a capacity of 100. On December 9, 1999 a shrine in the city of Junin de los Andes was inaugurated and dedicated to her memory.



March 2025
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 / Youth Ministry 7pm
03/28 Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm
03/30 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
03/31 Commemoration of St Don Bosco

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

Easter Lilies
Easter Lilies is a great way to honor or remember someone special in your life. There's a suggested donation of \$10 per Lilly. All flowers will be placed around the altar during our Easter Masses and your loved ones will be remembered during the Easter season.


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.

**DIocese of SAINT PETERSBURG CATHOLIC MINISTRY Appeal**

In 2025, we will work together to raise \$9.5 million to ensure ministries in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg can continue bringing ministry to life with every dollar donated toward our goal directly funding our ministries, outreach, and programs. Go to [dosp.org](#) under Catholic Ministry Appeal and make a pledge or take an envelope in the back of church.

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 04/19/2025. 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 08, 2025 to March 09, 2025
Attendance 186 Envelopes 22

Mass Offertory	\$	1,804.00
Loose checks	\$	665.00
Online Giving	\$	1,736.00
Candles	\$	72.00
Flowers	\$	328.00
TOTAL	\$	4,605.00

STATIONS 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


Funeral for Joe Brocato
Sunday, March 23rd: visitation 4-7pm at Garden of Memories Funeral Home, with prayer service at 6pm.
Monday, March 24th: funeral liturgy at Mary Help starting at 11:15 am with rosary followed by Mass at 11:30am..
Grave side service to follow immediately after the Mass at Myrtle Hill Cemetery with reception afterwards at Garden of Memories Funeral Home.

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Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 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.