

Weekend of March 22, 2026

Dear People of God,

This Fifth Sunday of Lent brings us some dramatic events in the life of Christ, a dramatic line by one of His Apostles, and, hopefully, some dramatic impact on the lives of us all today. Let me begin with a dramatic line uttered by Thomas, of all people, when Jesus decided to go to Jerusalem because His friend Lazarus was ill and close to death. In fact, Lazarus actually did die before Jesus arrived at his house. We all know the end of the story, that Lazarus was raised up by Jesus. But the Apostles tried to keep Jesus from going to Jerusalem because they knew that there were many who were quite hostile to Him there and wanted to put Him to death. But Jesus decided to go anyway. It was in this context that Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go to die with him." What a great line!

Thomas, who is well known to be the doubter, appeared to say this with a certain resolve to accept whatever was waiting for them in Jerusalem. He appeared to know that Jesus was going to be met with resistance and persecution. He also appeared to be ready to face that persecution and death with Jesus.

This passage should help us all to reflect on our own willingness to go forth with Jesus to face any persecution that awaits us. This might be one of those times! Being a Christian has always required courage, no more so today than ever before. Are we ready to be strong for and with Jesus today?

As we all draw near to the end of this Lenten season, and liturgically approach the conclusion of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, may we join our resolve to that of Thomas in the Gospel today and commit ourselves to **go with Him not just to die with Him but that we might also rise together with him as well.**

Please continue to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab), and 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, , 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, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

2026 Mass Intentions:

March 21 , 2026 - March 29, 2026

Sat, March 21, 2026, 5:00pm: +Lt. Col. John Butler II req. by John Butler

Sun, March 22, 2026, 8:00am : For the intentions of Mary Help of Christians Parishioners req. by Parish

Sun, March 22, 2026 11:00am : + Hubert Wilson req. by Deancon Ed & Lorraine

Mon, March 23, 2026, Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Mon, March 23, 2026, 7:00pm: Birthday blessings for Jackie & Danny Brewer req. by Mom

Tues, March 24, 2026. 6:45am: For peace in the World req. by Parish

Wed, March 25, 2026, 6:45am: Fr Joseph Chung req. by Julianna Kim

Wed, March 25, 2026, 7:00pm: + Joe Brocato req. by Brocato Family

Thurs, March 26, 2026, 6:45am : The Living Benefactors req. by Susanna George

Fri. March 27, 2026, 6:45am : For the Elect as they prepare for their sacraments of initiation req. by Parish

Sat, March 28, 2026, 5:00pm : +Pedro & Edna Gallar req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Sun, March 29, 2026, 8:00am: For the intentions of Mary Help of Christians Parishioners req. by Parish

Sun, March 29, 2026, 11:00am: Tony D. Hampton Jr. req. by Joann Johnson

St Joseph – According to the [canonical Gospels](#), Joseph was a 1st-century [Jewish](#) man of [Nazareth](#) who was [married](#) to [Mary, the mother of Jesus](#), and was the legal father of [Jesus](#). Joseph is venerated as **Saint Joseph** in the [Catholic Church](#), [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), [Oriental Orthodox Church](#), [Anglicanism](#) and [Lutheranism](#). In Catholic traditions, Joseph is regarded as the [patron saint](#) of workers and is associated with various [feast days](#). The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. [Pope Pius IX](#) declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church, in addition to his patronages of the sick and of a holy death, due to the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary. Joseph has become patron of various [dioceses](#) and places. Being a patron saint of virgins, he is venerated as "most chaste". The veneration of the pure and most [Chaste Heart of Joseph](#) has, in contrast to the [Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) and the [Immaculate Heart of Mary](#), no liturgical *cultus*, but is a private devotion.



March 2026

03/22 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am/ Adult 9:30am

03/23 Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm /Mass 7pm

03/24 K of C meeting 7pm / Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

03/25 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

03/26 Mama Margaret meeting in conference rm 7pm

03/27 24 HR. Adoration 5pm /Stations of the Cross 7pm outside / Korean 7:30pm

03/28 Palm Sunday 5pm

03/29 Palm Sunday 8am/11am/ Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am

Second Collection this weekend : Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching.



Holy Week Schedule March 28– April 5th

Palm Sunday - Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8am /11am

Holy Thursday-7:30pm

Good Friday - 3pm

Easter Vigil 8pm

Sunrise Mass 7am

Easter Sunday Day Mass 11am



Easter Lilies are 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. Please turn into office by March 30th.



Plastic eggs & wrapped candy

We are in need of medium plastic eggs and wrapped candy for the Easter Egg hunt at Sunrise Mass. Please turn in to the office by March 25th



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.

Spring cleaning time

Spring is in the air which means this is a good time to clean and rearrange your cupboards and remove those pantry items you had good intentions of using. We are very happy to bring those unopened items at our next outreach and place them on the miscellaneous table. They are ever so grateful with everything that we bring and all food items are taken by the end of our day. Many thanks and blessings

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of March 14,2026 to March 15, 2026

Attendance 181 Envelopes 31

Mass Offertory	\$	3,375.00
Loose checks	\$	300.00
Online Giving	\$	1339.00
Candles	\$	96.00
Flowers	\$	250.00

TOTAL \$ 5,360.00

Can you spend an hour with me?

24 HR. adoration begins on Friday March 27th at 5pm

Sign up sheet is at the back of church.



Stations of the Cross

Walk the journey with Jesus at the outdoor stations of the cross this Friday, March 27th at 7pm.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 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