

Weekend of March 23, 2025

Dear People of God

As we enter the third week of Lent here at Mary Help of Christians Church, I'm going to stray from the usual gospel reflection and share a few words from a letter the Rector Major of the Salesian Society, Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime, SDB sent to the Salesian family throughout the world a little more than three years ago...

"My dear brothers and sisters throughout the world. . . . Over these days, we have undoubtedly suffered the pain of thousands and thousands of people. So many images of suffering and death have swept the world. . . . I am convinced that there are many people in Russia who do not want this massacre that is taking place... I say this because our Christian and Salesian heart does not allow us to condemn people just because they come from one place or another. We do condemn and reject wrongdoing and those responsible for it.

The first thing I would like to express through this letter is a very sincere and heartfelt 'Thank you' to all our SDB and FMA brothers and sisters in Salesian presences in Ukraine, and in Poland, Slovakia, Moldavia and Romania who are assisting in the massive hosting of this sad human exodus. . . . Thank you for all this, my brothers and sisters. It fills us with quiet pride, and I can assure you that you are not alone, that we are with you in this. We say this especially to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who continue to stand 'by the people's side, their people's. We will continue to be with you in whatever you need and with what we can offer. The Salesian family wishes to be a response today, to so much pain. "The Rector Major's letter goes on to describe the other 25-armed conflicts raging in the world at this time always "with the same effects: devastation, displacement, refugees and deaths." We want to help as much as possible as SDBs and as a family of Don Bosco. Let us continue to ask every day for an end to this disaster as soon as possible." A listing of all that the Salesian world is doing follows: The Salesian Vice -province in Ukraine, the Provinces throughout Poland, The Mission Offices in Turin and in Madrid, Spain, The Economist General of the Society, our Salesian Cooperators, the Province of Venice-Mestre in Italy, Salesian provinces throughout the who world mobilizing financial aid, the province in Switzerland, donations from other Salesian presences throughout the world even from countries with political difficulties; The KOR Mission Office in Korea and Salesian Sisters in Korea. "The generosity of these moments also touches the very depths of our Salesian charism. Without a doubt, I can affirm that Don Bosco would have done the same."

"Let me conclude this letter . . . by saying thank you once again, first of all to the Lord who allows our hearts, even with the personal fragility that each of us knows in ourselves, not to be hearts of stone but of flesh. I am grateful for so much generosity. I invite us not to grow weary, for this reality will demand help, empathy and communion of us for a long time to come." But I also ask you for the most important thing: That we do not cease to beg the Lord, day and night, for the gift of peace to touch the hearts that need to be transformed, and to guide these events along the best possible path, in harmony between our freedom and His Providence. May the prayer to our Mother Help of Christians, our Mother in the most difficult moments, give us the strength we need, and especially that which the people of Ukraine need." Amen!!

While this letter addresses a particular conflict and injustice, the thought behind the Rector Major's words find themselves certainly relevant with other causes for concern for justice and peace in the world and even currently needing address here in our own country. Please use some time this Lent to discern how strongly committed to peace and justice for all in the language, choices and decisions we make each day. God loves us all. Let's do our best to do the same for those that need to be reminded that they are part of that all.

As usual please remember to pray for all 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 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, Dave Anshutz.

2025 Mass Intentions:

March 22, 2025 - March 30, 2025

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 & Lorriane

Mon, March 24, 2025, 6:45am : +Patricia Hauser req. by Maggie Brown

Mon, March 24, 2025, 7:00pm: +Br. John Versaggi, SDB req. by Russell Versaggi

Tues, March 25, 2025. 6:45am: +Joe Brocato req. by Maggie Brown

Wed, March 26, 2025, 6:45am: +Augustus "Gus" Rinaldi req. by Josephine Rinaldi

Wed. March 26, 2025, 7:00pm In Thanksgiving req. By Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, March 27 2025, 6:45am + Della Sarsfield req. by Maggie Brown

Fri. March 28, 2025, 6:45am: Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George

Sat, March 29, 2025, 5:00pm : +Peter & Edna Gallar req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Sun, March 30, 2025, 8:00am : For the Health of Jackie Nelson req. by Joe Tomaino

Sun, March 30, 2025, 11:00am: + Maria Elva Dias req. by Armstrong & Zeenat Monteiro

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

03/24 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

April 2025

04/02 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7-9pm

04/05 1st Sat Devotion/Lenten Retreat 9:30-2:30 pm

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. Return to office by April 1, 2025.



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.

Rite of Candidacy

This past Saturday morning Joshua Keleske and his classmates were accepted by Bishop Parkes into the Rite of Candidacy. "Candidacy" refers to the formal stage in the process of becoming a permanent deacon, where an individual is officially recognized and accepted by the bishop as a candidate for ordination, following a period of discernment called "aspirancy," and is actively engaged in a dedicated program of theological study, spiritual formation, and practical pastoral experience to prepare for their diaconal ministry. Please continue to pray for Joshua as he enters this stage of formation and his wife, Dawn, their daughters, and his mother as they continue to journey with him in formation.

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 15, 2025 to March 16, 2025

Attendance 196 Envelopes 27

Mass Offertory	\$	1,864.00
Loose checks	\$	488.00
Online Giving	\$	1,233.00
Candles	\$	77.00
Flowers	\$	140.00

TOTAL \$ 3,802.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

7PM IN MHC CHURCH

Please join us.



FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS

YOUTH - 9:15AM

ADULT -9:30AM

Please join us we have something for Everyone



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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Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 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.