

Weekend of March 29, 2026

Dear People of God

In today's liturgy we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. Jesus was treated as He should have been. People were excited to see Him and there was great celebration at His presence.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel ends with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that "Jesus cried out again in a loud voice and gave up his spirit."

How could the people who were shouting and praising Him as He entered into Jerusalem abandon Him and allow Him to be crucified just a short time later? I guess you could say the simplest answer might be that the Father willed it. I think this is an important concept to understand.

At any time during that first Holy Week Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

Let this week give us all divine hope. Nothing can steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden, and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Prayer: Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

Many thanks to all who participated in our 24Hour Adoration Service. I believe your presence will prove to be a success and blessing for all of our families here at MHC.

Please consider **participating in our Easter Triduum Services** and **our Easter Sunday Services** as you see posted on our bulletin board, on line and in our weekly bulletin.

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, , 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 28 , 2026 - April 5, 2026

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

Mon, March 30, 2026, 6:45am: For the sick req. by Parish

Mon, March 30, 2026, 7:00pm: +Ernani Glori Borja req. by Vivian Endaya

Tues, March 31, 2026. 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Wed, April 1, 2026, 6:45am: For Salesian Priests, Brothers and Sisters req. by Parish

Wed, April 1, 2026, 7:00pm: + Ronald Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

Thurs, April 2, 2026, 7:30pm : Intentions of our Salesian Priests & Brothers req. by Parish

Fri. April 03, 2026, : Good Friday Service 3pm

Sat, April 04, 2026, 8:00pm : Newly Baptized and Confirmed req. by Parish

Sun, April 05, 2026, 7:00am: Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Parish

Sun, April 05, 2026, 11:00am: +Janice Murphy req. by Maggie Brown

The Twelve apostles, also called disciples, were chosen by Jesus to be His primary companions and messengers. Their names are Simon Peter, Andrew, James (son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew (Nathanel), Thomas, Matthew (the tax collector), James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (Judas son of James), Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot who later betrayed Jesus). After Judas Iscariot's death, Matthias was chosen to replace him.



Most apostles were ordinary men, including fishermen and a tax collector, reflecting Jesus' choice of humble, unrefined individuals to carry His message. Each apostle had unique traits and experiences.

March 2026

03/29 Palm Sunday 8am/11am/ Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am Adult 9:30am

03/31 Chrism Mass at Cathedral 11am, all are welcomed to attend/ Commemoration of St John Bosco

April 2026

04/01 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

04/02 Holy Thursday Liturgy 7:30pm

04/03 Good Friday Service 3pm /Office Closed /Fr Steve on retreat

04/04 Cleaning Church 9-12pm /Easter Vigil 8pm

04/05 Sunrise Mass 7am / Egg Hunt & Continental Breakfast Easter Day Mass 11am

04/06 Easter Monday Mass 7pm / Office Closed

04/08 Adoration 4-7pm silent Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

04/09 Parish Staff meeting 6:15pm/Parish Council meeting 7pm

04/12 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

04/13 Mass 7pm

04/15 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

Cleaning Church

Help is needed to beautify the church for Easter. Saturday April 4th from 9am-12pm no cleaning supplies are needed. Many hands make light work.



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 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.



Palm Sunday Prayer: Lord Jesus, I cry Hosanna from my heart. Come into my life as King. Take Your place on the throne of my heart. I surrender my plans and lay down my pride. Rule over me with peace and power. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 04/18//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 21,2026 to March 22, 2026 Attendance 225 Envelopes 17

Mass Offertory	\$	2,228.00
Loose checks	\$	0
Online Giving	\$	1,655.00
Candles	\$	76.00
Flowers	\$	230.00
Special Collections	\$	1,554.00

TOTAL \$ 5,743.00

Lord, look kindly upon the Elect you have called to the table of your Word and who will be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil. We pray especially for:

Miri Joung-Bae	Austin O'Keefe
Shin Hyuk Kang	Sun Ok Oneill
Du Sung Kim	Yahnel Quiles
Bu Hee Koh	Justin Reyes,
Nathaniel Lee Morris	Mi Ok Song
Sung Sik Ock	Son Vanschoyck
Sun Bok Oh	Marcel Antonio Vasquez-Laffits

Through the power of your Word, our life of prayer, and the grace of your Holy Spirit. May they be filled with Your wisdom and love as they seek to grow closer to You and one another. May Your Holy Spirit guide their discussions and strengthen their commitment to follow You. Amen. Please pray for our brothers and sisters.

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Palm Sunday
March 29, 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