

Weekend of March 30, 2025

Dear People of God

Why do we cling to our sins? The Gospel today tells us the story of the Prodigal Son. We should know that story well. The son decided to leave his father and take his future inheritance with him, spending it on a life of sin. When the money he had ran out, he was in desperate need. So, what did he do? He came to his senses.

By "coming to his senses," the son first realized that he was worth more than a life of destitution. No one should have to live an impoverished and empty life. Recognizing his own dignity, he came to see that he was made for more.

Secondly, he knew that he could turn to his father. What a blessing it was for him to know this. The reason he knew he could turn to his father was that his father clearly loved him with an unconditional love. The mercy in the heart of the father was so strong that the son was aware of it and this awareness gave him confidence to turn to him.

Come to our senses in regard to our sinfulness! Let go of them, repent and trust in the mercy of God.

Prayer: Lord, my sins do leave me dry and empty inside. I see the misery and pain that result from the sinful choices I have made. Help me, dear Lord, to come to my senses and to turn from every sin I commit. Help me to see that Your mercy is far greater than anything I have done. I thank You for Your perfect love and turn to You in my need. Jesus, I trust in You.

Many thanks to so many who helped to make our Don Bosco Gala here at MHC possible. People like Grace Horvath, Julie Fameree, Chioma Okoye, our own Knights of Columbus, and MMWG Women's guild, Mary Sverko our facilities coordinator, all those behind the scenes workers, our hard working maintenance crew with Tom and Kay Conroy, and all those who supported this event with the sharing of your time, your presence, and your treasure...

If there is anybody who is in need or desires to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please call the parish office and notify me. A Zoom Mtg. will be offered for these last weeks before May 4th. (Confirmation Day). Classes will begin on Friday, March 28th at 8:00pm.

Please call the office or sign-up at the back of the Church for the annual Lenten Parish Day of Recollection on April 5th. **The day begins with rosary at 9:30am and ends with the Eucharistic benediction @ 2:30pm. No Charge! . . . donations are accepted to help defray the cost of the lunch that will be provided.** These events will be promoted at Mass and in this weekly bulletin as we draw closer to them...

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 29, 2025 - April 6, 2025

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

Mon, March 31, 2025, 6:45am: Joseph Jung Kil Kam & Family req. by Susanne George

Mon, March 31, 2025, 7:00pm: +Gay Westbrook req. by Maggie Brown

Tues, April 1, 2025. 6:45am: +Ronald Taylor Sr. req. by Pam Brewer

Wed, April 2, 2025, 6:45am: Jung Joseph Family's req. by Susanna George

Wed. April 2, 2025, 7:00pm +Vivian Perez req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, April 3 2025, 6:45am For Peace in the World req. by Susanna George

Fri. April 4, 2025, 6:45am: For healing for Leila Taghap req. by Anonymous

Sat, April 5, 2025, 5:00pm: +Ron & Patricia Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, April 6, 2025, 8:00am: +Joseph Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

Sun, April 6, 2025, 11:00am: Intentions of Lorraine Anctil req. by Family

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

03/30 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

03/31 Financial council 5:30am / Commemoration of St Don Bosco

April 2025

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

04/04 Stations of the Cross 7pm/ Korean 7:30pm

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

04/06 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

04/07 Mass 7pm

04/09 Adoration 4-7pm silent/ Mass 7pm /Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

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

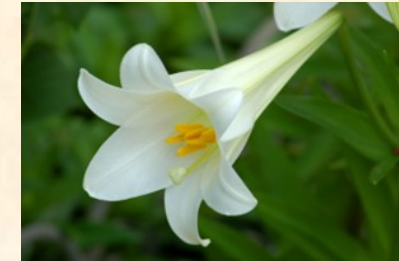
Adoration / Reconciliation 1:30-2:30pm



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 14, 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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Sat. April 12th -5pm Mass

Sunday April 13th 8/11am

Holy Thursday-April 17th -7:30pm Mass

Good Friday-April 18th-3:00pm service

Easter Vigil- April 19th-8pm Mass

Easter Sunrise Mass- April 20th 7am /with continental breakfast.

Easter Egg hunt after Mass.

Easter Day Mass-11am



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 22, 2025 to March 23, 2025

Attendance 232 Envelopes 24

Mass Offertory	\$	2,898.00
Loose checks	\$	105.00
Online Giving	\$	1,946.00
Candles	\$	52.00
Flowers	\$	80.00

TOTAL \$ 5,081.00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

7PM IN MHC CHURCH

Please join us.



24-Hour Adoration

Can you spend an hour with me?

all are welcome
Starts **Friday, April 11 at 5 pm;**
Ends **Saturday, April 12 at 5 pm**

Mass following
Benediction at 5 pm
on Saturday evening

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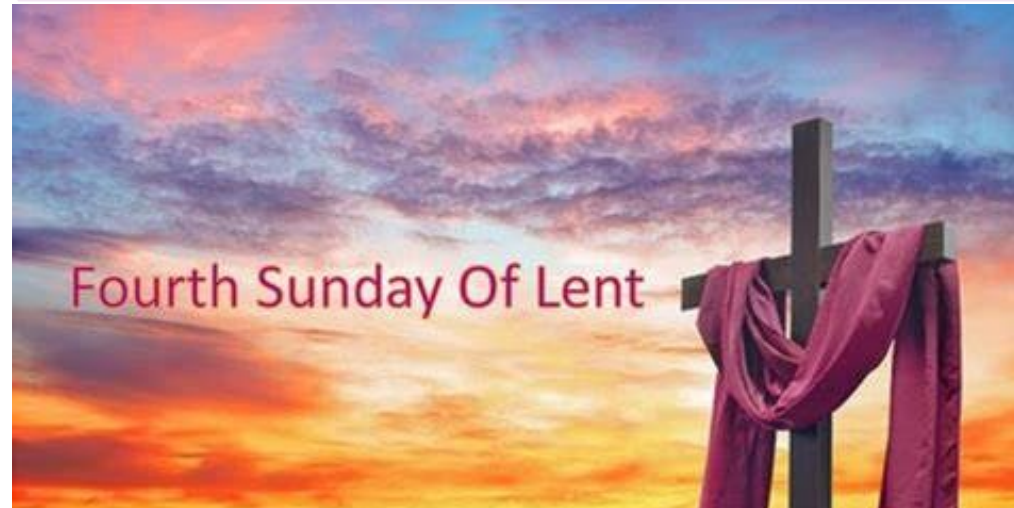
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025



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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.