

Dear People of God,

Please rejoice with those who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at Sunday's 11:00 am Mass. May the Holy Spirit who came upon the Apostles in the upper room two thousand years ago do the same for our small band of nine today here at Mary Help of Christians Church and through them may he ignite the fire of faith in all of us.

**Congratulations:** 1. **Felipe Antonio Sandoya Diaz del Valle** 2. **Anthony Ferrante** 3 **Ellie Kessell** 4. **Elvis Annel Ramirez Lake** 5. **Anya Maria Monteiro** 6. **Rhiannon Jade Newcomb** 7. **Michelle Cendaña Aviles Simpson** 8. **Jesus Alejandro Ventura-Daniel** 9. **Michael Severfo Ventura-Daniel**

Many thanks also go out to Mrs. Ann Marie Brummett, our Religious Education Coordinator, and to all those who helped prepare these nine for this wonderful Sacrament. Many thanks for a job well done.

Let's also remember to pray for the sick and hospital or homebound members of our faith family. They rightfully rely on our remembrances and support.

As we enter into the new month of May - Mary's Month - we prepare ourselves for certain Marian, Salesian and other parish feast day celebrations.

**May 4** is the Parish Day for Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m Mass

**May 6** is the feast of St. Dominic Savio

**May 11** is **Mother's Day**

**May 13** is the feast of St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello, FMA

**May 15** begins the Novena to Mary Help of Christians. (May 15-23rd)

**May 18** is the feast of St. Leonard Murialdo

**May 24** is the feast of Mary Help of Christians / May Crowning & Rosary Procession after 5:00pm Mass

**May 25** is the feast of Bl. Joseph Kawalski, SDB

**May 31** is the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Let me suggest that in this month of May, we as a parish, make an effort to recite the rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary each day. What a fitting way to celebrate and give testimony to our love for Mary and her Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many, many thanks to one and all for not forgetting us here at MHC. Your kind wishes and generosity have been a blessing to us all!!

As usual please remember to pray for 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, 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:**

**May 03, 2025 - May 11, 2025**

**Sat, May 03, 2025, 5:00pm:** +Lenora Stark req. by Joann Johnson

**Sun, May 04, 2025, 8:00am :** + Joe Brocato req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

**Sun, May 04, 2025, 11:00am:** Confirmand's req. by Parish

**Mon, May 05, 2025, 6:45am :** Paul Skelton req. by Nadine Skelton

**Mon, May 05, 2025, 7:00pm:** +Maureen Toy req. by Maggie Brown

**Tues, May 06, 2025. 6:45am:** James Skelton req. by Nadine Skelton

**Wed, May 07, 2025, 6:45am:** +Bernard Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

**Wed. May 07, 2025, 7:00pm** +Br Mike Brinkman, SDB req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

**Thurs, May 08, 2025, 6:45am** For peace in the World req. by Parish

**Fri. May 09, 2025, 6:45am :** Special intentions for Salesian priests and brothers req. by Parish

**Sat, May 10, 2025, 5:00pm :** +Edna Gallar & Welena Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

**Sun, May 11, 2025, 8:00am :** For all moms in the Taylor and Brewer family req. by Pam Brewer

**Sun, May 11, 2025, 11:00am:** +Lottie B Taylor req. by Joann Johnson

**Francis de Sales, (French: François de Sales; Italian: Francesco di Sales; 21 August 1567 – 28 December 1622** was a Savoyard Catholic prelate who served as [Bishop of Geneva](#) and is a [saint](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). He became noted for his deep [faith](#) and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant [Reformation](#). He is known also for his writings on the topic of [spiritual direction](#) and spiritual formation, particularly the [Introduction to the Devout Life](#) and the [Treatise on the Love of God](#). **Beatified** 8 January 1661, Rome, Papal States, by Pope Alexander VII. **Canonized** 8 April 1665, Rome, Papal States, by Pope Alexander VII. Feast Day 24 January 1969. **Attributes**-Heart of Jesus, Crown of Thorns. The [religious institute](#) of the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#), founded by [John Bosco](#) in 1859 (approved by the [Holy See](#) in 1874), is also known as the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, and is placed under his patronage.



**May 2025**

**05/04 Confirmation @ 11am Mass**

**05/07 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm / Youth Ministry 7pm**

**05/11 Mothers Day**

**05/14 Adoration 4-7pm silent/ Mass 7pm /Praise & Worship 8-9pm/ Youth Ministry 7pm**

**05/15 Mama Margaret meeting 7pm at the barn for last meeting till fall with refreshments**

**05/17 Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am**

**05/18 Hospitality Sunday / Bloodmobile 8am-1pm**

**05/19 Finance Council meeting 5:15pm**

**05/21 Adoration 4-7pm silent/ Mass 7pm/8-9pm praise & worship 7-9pm Youth ministry**

**05/24 Mary Help of Christians Feast Day Mass 5pm with procession after Mass to crown Blessed Mother.**

**05/26 Memorial Day office closed**

**05/27 K of C meeting 7pm**

**Feast of Mary Help of Christians**

Save the date of Saturday, May 24, 2025 to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 5:00pm, followed by a rosary procession and the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue. Enjoy fellowship and light refreshments after May Crowning.



**Confirmation - Sunday May 4, 2025**

**We celebrate as a family together those that are receiving their Confirmation @ 11am.**

- Anthony Ferronte**
- Ellie Kessell**
- Anya Maria Monteiro**
- Rhiannon Jade Newcomb**
- Elvis Lake**
- Jesus Ventura**
- Michael Ventura**
- Michelle Simpson**
- Felipe Antonio Sandoya Diaz del Valle**



**Blood Mobile May 18, 2025**

**8am –1pm**

**Please consider donating and saving a life.**



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!**
- Diapers - 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 05/17/2025. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us.

**Outstanding Need**

In the last couple of months, we have had a few families come out to outreach with children. We have assisted them with food, diapers, and toiletries and they have asked if we have any clothes. If those of you with children can spring clean some of your children's good and outgrown clothing, we will gladly dispense them at our next outreach. Blessings and thanks.

**Weekly Gift Giving**

**Weekend of April 26, 2025 to April 27, 2025**

**Attendance 246 Envelopes 23**

Mass Offertory	\$	1,920.00
Loose checks	\$	115.00
Online Giving	\$	1,226.00
Candles	\$	47.00

**TOTAL \$ 3,308.00**

home school church playground

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Camp Mary Help

**CAMP MARY HELP**

We are a Catholic day camp serving children 5-15 years old

**7 Weeks**  
Week 1: June 9-13  
Week 2: June 16-20  
Week 3: June 23-27  
Week 4: June 30- July 3  
Week 5: July 7-11  
Week 6: July 14-18  
Week 7: July 21-25

**Camp Activities**  
Daily Mass  
Swimming  
Kayaking  
Tubing  
Archery  
Arts & Crafts  
Farm Education

**Open House**  
Sunday, April 6: 12:00 pm- 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 23: 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm  
Saturday, May 3: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

**\$300 per week**  
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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
May 04, 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.