

Dear People of God,

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who carefully guides and protects us so that we might receive the promise of eternal life. I think this is a wonderful time to remind us of the importance of this feast for our parish here at Mary Help of Christians.

Our parish origins are historically rooted in Good Shepherd Parish which was founded in 1966 on the corner of Hillsborough Ave. and Harney Road. The last few years of Good Shepherd Parish found the people a new home at Mary Help of Christians Center. A petition was eventually made by then pastor, Fr. Bruce Craig, SDB, along with the favorable approval of the Pastoral Council of Good Shepherd Parish and the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, to change the name to Mary Help of Christians Parish. This recommendation was favorably acceded to by then Bishop Robert Lynch, D.D. He declared that as of January 1, 2008, on the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the parish community of Good Shepherd would be known henceforth as the Parish of Mary Help of Christians. Here's hoping that there will always be a fond connection, understanding, and appreciation of our history. This will allow us to continue to build this wonderful Faith Family that we love. May we never forget our past. . . may we never forget to look ahead to what we can still become . . . and at the same time may we never stop appreciating and valuing who we are today.

Today, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray that many young men and women might be inspired to follow Jesus as priests, deacons, or members of religious life. Let us also pray those called to the single life and for not only good families, but holy families as well. Our mission Statement prays and hopes that everyone who worships with us might be transformed into a "people courageously living the Gospel".

Entering more deeply into this Paschal season may we open ourselves to the Easter light of Jesus and allow him to make that prayer a reality!

Happy and blessed Mothers Day to all Mothers and Grandmothers both still here or in Heaven, and all those women who have shared their motherly gifts with others who needed them. Thank you especially to those women who have taken on motherly duties for all of our brothers and priests here at Mary Help of Christians Center - at St. Philip Residence, Mary Help Parish, and all the associated ministries that are part and parcel of our Salesian presence here in Tampa. We also remember and pray for in a special way our Salesian Cooperators, benefactors, friends and our good sisters at Villa Madonna School in West Tampa. You continue to be a blessing from God to us all!

Please pray for those of our young people who received their first Holy Communion at the end of April. . . and for those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday.. Grateful thanks to Ann Marie Brummett, Steve Jarosz, Beth Strauss and all the teachers and aides who have guided them to this point.

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 & Alan Jones Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, 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 10, 2025 - May 18, 2025

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

Mon, May 12, 2025, 6:45am : Living and deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, May 12, 2025, 7:00pm: Alex & family req, by Nadine Skelton

Tues, May 13, 2025. 6:45am: +Deceased members of Rinaldi family Req. by Josephine Rinaldi

Wed, May 14, 2025, 6:45am: Michelle Skelton & Nate Geiss req. by Nadine Skelton

Wed, May 14, 2025, 7:00pm +Br Mike Brinkman, SDB req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs, May 15, 2025, 6:45am +Jose Burgos req. by Family

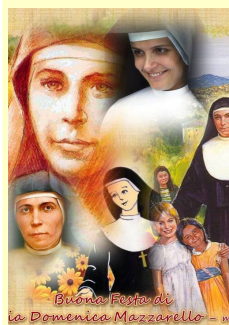
Fri, May 16, 2025, 6:45am : Joseph Skelton & Halley Ray req. by Nadine Skelton

Sat, May 17, 2025, 5:00pm : +Joe Brocato req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, May 18, 2025, 8:00am : +Dr. Ricardo Figueroa req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

Sun, May 18, 2025, 11:00am: James Boyd req by Joe Tomaino

Maria Domenica Mazzarello, FMA (9 May 1837 – 14 May 1881) was an [Italian Catholic](#) nun who co-founded the [Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco](#). She was born in [Mornese](#), in what is now the [province of Alessandria](#), northern [Italy](#), to a peasant family who worked in a vineyard. She was the eldest of ten children of Joseph and Maddalena Calcagno Mazzarelli. When she was fifteen she had joined the Association of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, known for her charitable works, and run by the parish priest, Domenico Pestarino; it was a precursor to the founding of the [Salesian Sisters](#). At age



thirty-five, donned in a habit, she was now Sister Mary Mazzarello. She and the fourteen other newly professed religious sisters made up the fledgling order. The [Daughters of Mary Help of Christians](#) were officially founded. Mary was asked by Bosco to temporarily fulfill the role of superior until he could call together all the sisters to a council for the election of a General Superior. As the feminine branch of

May 2025

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 5:30pm

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 process

Mary Help of Christians Novena May 15-23

Join us in the church for the novena @ 7pm except on Mon. and Wed. it will start at 6:30pm.

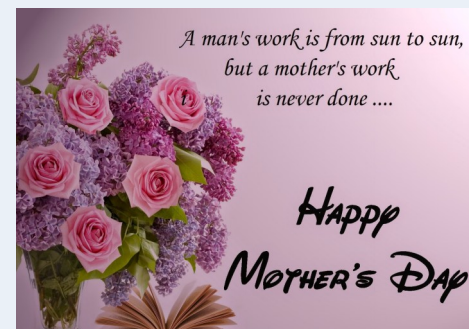
Feast of Mary Help of Christians

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. Next meeting May 20, 2025 @7pm.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Thinking of you on Mother's Day, and saying a special prayer **That God, Who knows how dear you are, will keep you in His care. That he will bless your daily life with joys of every kind, with perfect health, and happiness and peace of heart and mind.**



If you are 18 yrs or older and would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the Mary Help of Christians Feast Day. Please fill out the form with your name and phone # at the back of church and put in the box before May 18th. Drawing will be on May 18th during 11am Mass.

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 May 03, 2025 to May 04, 2025
Attendance 244 Envelopes 29

Mass Offertory	\$	2,475.00
Loose checks	\$	0
Online Giving	\$	1,566.00
Candles	\$	48.00
Mothers Day	\$	35.00

TOTAL \$ 4,124.00

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
 8:00AM - 4:00PM
 *Discounts and extended hours available

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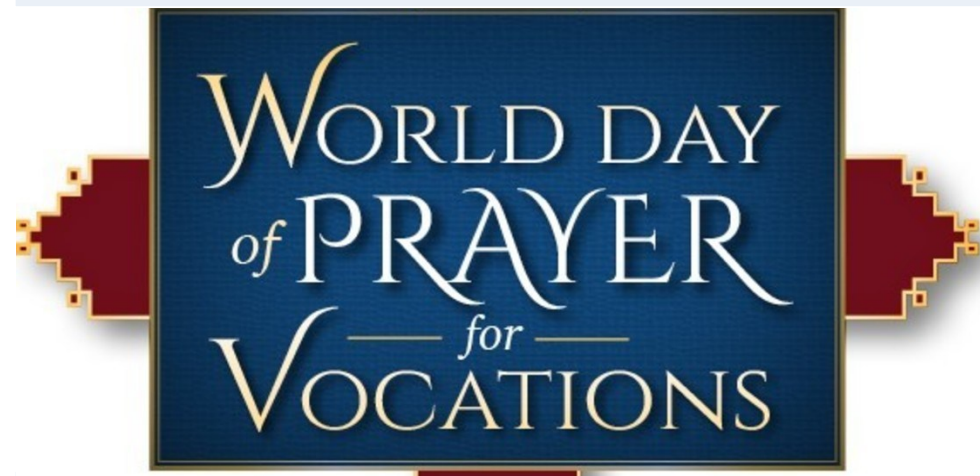
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025**



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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.