

For the Weekend of May 25, 2025

Dear People of God,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Mary help of Christians. For ninety-seven years the Mother of Jesus has been namesake and protectress of the Salesian presence here in Tampa under that title. In 2008 she was added as the namesake and patroness of our parish Church. So, it is right and fitting that we take time to honor her and her Son, Jesus as a Faith Family on this occasion.

During the five years of captivity that Pius VII had when he was imprisoned by Napoleon, the pope appealed to Mary under the invocation of “Help of Christians.” From 1809 -1812 Pope Pius was imprisoned in the Italian city of Savona, and from 1812-1814 in Paris where further indignities were heaped upon him. Pius VII then made a vow to crown an image of the Mother of Mercy should he be granted his freedom.

On May 24, 1814, weakened by losses suffered on several fronts and pressured by public opinion, Napoleon permitted his prisoner to return to Rome. Attributing his release as a great victory of the Church over the French Revolution to the powerful intercession of Mary, he wanted to show his gratitude by establishing a feast day for the universal Church dedicated to the beautiful Marian invocation “Our Lady Help of Christians.” Therefore May 24<sup>th</sup> became her feast day in thanksgiving for the Holy Father’s return to Rome.

*Prayer: “To the Virgin Most Holy whom we desire to honor with the title of “Help of Christians”, the times we are in are so sad that we truly need the Most Holy Virgin to help us in preserving and defending the Christian Faith as in Lepanto, as in Vienna, as in Savona and Rome . . . and it will be the center from where all our works will radiate in behalf of the young.” St. John Bosco*

**Prayers and blessings to the administration, staff and students of Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School who have finished another successful year of studies. Make sure that our prayers go with them and for them and their families as they prepare for a summer of rest, work, grace and joy.**

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 & 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 24, 2025 - June 01, 2025**

**Sat, May 24, 2025, 5:00pm:** Joann Tomaino req. by Joe Tomaino

**Sun, May 25, 2025, 8:00am :** +Brian Brunslík req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

**Sun, May 25, 2025, 11:00am:** +Joe Brocato req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

**Mon, May 26, 2025, 6:45am :** +Vincent Viteri Req. by Annabelle Broad

**Mon, May 26, 2025, 7:00pm:** Nagui & Desiree Khouzam 70th Anniversary req. by Nadine Skelton

**Tues, May 27, 2025. 6:45am:** +Stanley Martin Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

**Wed, May 28,2025, 6:45am:** Novices of Salesian Community req. by Okoye Family

**Wed. May 28, 2025, 7:00pm** +Colleen Brown req. by Maggie Brown

**Thurs, May 29, 2025, 6:45am** John Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

**Fri. May 30, 2025, 6:45am :** David Anshutz req. by Anonymous

**Sat, May 31, 2025, 5:00pm :** Maurice & Elizabeth Fitzgerald req. by Theresa Fitzgerald

**Sun, June 01, 2025, 8:00am :** +Thomas Henry Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

**Sun, June 01, 2025, 11:00am:** +Danny Clark req. by Betsie Welch & Debbie Herrington

**Mary, the Help of Christians** (Latin: *Sancta Maria Auxilium Christianorum*) is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, based on a devotion now associated with a feast day of the General Roman Calendar on 24 May.The Catholic saint, John Chrysostom was the first person to use this Marian title in year 345 AD. Don Bosco also propagated the same devotion *Mary, Help of Christians*. It is also associated with the defense of Christian Europe (Latin and Greek), the north of Africa and the Middle East from non-Christian peoples during the Middle Ages.During the expansion of the Islamic Ottoman Empire intended to invade Christian Europe in 1571, Pope Pius V invoked Christian armies and its victory achieved was consequently attributed to the intercession of Mary under this devotional title.



**May 2025**

**05/26** Memorial Day office closed

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

**05/28** Adoration 4-7pm silent/ Mass 7pm/8-9pm praise & worship  
7-9pm Youth ministry

**05/31** Commemoration of St. John Bosco

**June 2025**

**06/02** Monday Mass 7pm / Summer Camp Training

**06/04** Adoration 4-7 silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm  
Youth Ministry 7pm

**06/05** Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm

**06/07** 1st Sat Marian Devotion 9:30am Rosary

**06/09** Monday Mass 7pm / Summer Camp begins

**06/11** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm  
Youth Ministry 7pm

**06/14** St Phillips Ice Cream Social by Mama Margaret 6pm

**06/15** Hospitality Sunday / Happy Fathers Day

**06/16** Mass 7pm

**06/18** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm  
Youth Ministry 7-9pm

**06/21** Outreach 8am meet at basketball ct.

**06/23** Mass 7pm / Finance Council meeting 5:30pm

**06/24** K of C meeting 7pm /Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

**06/25** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

**Bishop’s BBQ**

We invite all men in High School and older, to join us for a casual discernment event. The Bishop’s BBQ will take place at Bethany Center in Lutz on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Get to know Bishop Parkes, Fr. Chuck, and our seminarians. There will be games, prayer, food, and discussion. Men are encouraged to RSVP via the website by clicking on the following link: <https://dospvocations.org/upcoming-events/>

**Elisheba House Eucharistic Healing Retreat**

**Date: June 27 @ 7pm—Jun 28th 5pm**

**Friday 7pm-11pm (Reception with appetizers begins at 7pm)**

**Overnight Eucharistic Adoration available**

**Visit [www.elishebahouse.com](http://www.elishebahouse.com) for more information**



**Father’s Day June 15th**

For all fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, uncles ,brothers, cousins and special friends who touched your heart all year.

Please fill out the form for both living or deceased and put in collections or drop off at the office or even email me at

[parish@mhctampa.org](mailto:parish@mhctampa.org). by June 10th.



**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 06/21/2025. 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 17, 2025 to May 18, 2025**

**Attendance 246 Envelopes 28**

<b>Mass Offertory</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,791.00</b>
<b>Loose checks</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,402.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32.00</b>

**TOTAL \$ 3,225.00**

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**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

**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

**Camp Activities**

Daily Mass  
Swimming  
Kayaking  
Tubing  
Archery  
Arts & Crafts  
Farm Education

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8:00AM - 4:00PM  
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**Feast of Mary Help of Christians**  
**May 25, 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 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

### 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.