

Dear People of God,

If what happened in today’s gospel parable were to happen in real life, the father who sent his son to the vineyard to collect the produce would have been shocked beyond belief that the evil tenants killed even his son. Had he known this would happen, he would never have sent his son into this evil situation.

This parable reveals the difference between rational and irrational thinking. Being confronted with extreme irrationality, which is grounded in evil, can be shocking, despairing, frightening, and confusing. Trying to avoid these things we should, at all times, do our best to be ready to name evil for what it is rather than to try to confront it with rationality.

Evil is not rational. It cannot be reasoned with or negotiated with. It simply must be opposed and opposed with much force. Refer to the action of the vineyard owner against the evil tenants. “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death.” (Matthew 21: 41) Learn from this parable that there are many times in life where rationality wins out. But there are sometimes when the powerful wrath of God is the only answer.

- October 1-31st is **Rosary For Peace Month**. Sign up at the back of the church. Show your support for this cause and Paish event.
- Sunday, October 4th, we will have the Blessing of the Animals at the Lakeside at 9:15am. Everyone is invited and welcome to bring their pets (and themselves) to this special event.
- Anyone who is in need or would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call the parish office to set an appointment with Fr. Steve. The parish number is 813-626-7588.
- October 17th-18th is **Hospitality Weekend**. Come ready to share some fellowship time with each other at our “Café Naturale” after the 5:00pm1 & 1:00am Mass!
- The annual **Fall For Jesus Festival** will be held on Saturday, October 31st after the evening Vigil Mass at the Barn. . Activities will begin around 1:00p and run until 4:00pm. Your presence is all it takes to make this a joyful and blessed time for everyone involved.

Please remember - Be strong in your faith; Be courageous and unfaltering in your knowledge and belief that Jesus loves you . . . and He always will!

As usual please remember to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB and 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

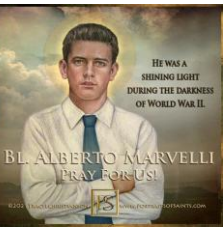
Please keep the following in your prayers:
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For those who have asked you to pray for them.

2026 Mass Intentions:

October 03, 2026 - October 11, 2026

Sat, October 03, 2026, 5:00pm: +Bob Fallon req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
Sun, October 04, 2026, 8:00am : Blessings on Chioma Okoye and Her ministry in Hong Kong req. by Pam Brewer
Sun, October 04, 2026, 11:00am: +Ed Sleyzak req. by Mama Margaret Guild
Mon, October 05, 2026, 6:45am: Sue & Mike Pergolatti req. by Chet Shinko
Mon, October 05, 7:00pm: +Anna Duyen Mai req. by Trung Tien Nguyen
Tues, October 06, 2026. 6:45am: +Joseph Jung & John the Baptist Req. by Susanna George
Wed, October 07, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req by Leila Taghap
Wed, October 07, 2026, 7:00pm: Healing for John Bowersox req. by Alicia Newcomb & family
Thurs., October 08, 2026, 6:45am: Honoring St Michael req, by Chet Shinko
Fri. October 09, 2026, 6:45am : For Salesians priest and brothers req. by Susanna George
Sat, October 10, 2026, 5:00pm : Birthday blessings Katie Prescott req. by Pam Brewer
Sun, October 11, 2026, 8:00am: +John Broad req. by Annabelle Broad
Sun, October 11, 2026, 11:00am: Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus req, by K of C

Alberto Marcelli - was born in Ferrari on March 21, 1918, the second of seven brothers. When he moved to Rimini with the family, he began to attend the Salesian Oratory there. He was always available and became a catechist and leader: the Salesian right arm. He loved to play all kinds of sports. As models he took St Dominic Savio and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. At 17 years of age, he wrote his proiect of life in his diarv: it would renew his life.



He joined the Oratory group for Catholic Action soon becoming its parish president. He died when he was hit by an army truck on October 5, 1946. He was, as Don Bosco wanted, a good Christian and an honest citizen, committed to the Church and society with a Salesian heart. As a youth his motto was, “Either live by moving forward or die,”

October

10/01 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm / Month of Rosary’s for peace in the world
10/03 1st Sat Marian Devotions 9:30am
10/04 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / No Adult Formation
10/05 Monday Mass 7pm
10/07 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
10/08 No Mama Margaret meeting 7pm/ Next one in Nov.
10/11 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am/Adult Formation 9:30am/ Lady of Fatima Rosary after 11am Mass
10/12 Monday Mass
10/14 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

Our Lady of Fatima’s 6th Apparitions was on Oct 13, 1917. On Sunday Oct. 11th we will pray the rosary after the 11am Mass recalling the final apparition & Miracle of the Sun. A crowd of about 7,000 witnessed a solar phenomenon in which the Sun appeared to dance and plunge toward the Earth. This event became central to the Church’s recognition of the apparitions.



October is the month of the Rosary
Our Parish is offering a Rosary Bouquet to our Blessed Mother for Peace in the World. During the day, please make the time to pray the rosary wherever you may be; at home, walking , etc. The signup sheet in the back of church advises us that one member or family will be praying the rosary each day.



Knights of Columbus News from September

Congratulations to Steve Jarosz, he was presented as Knight of the month.
Congratulations to Eddie & Leila Taghap, they were presented as the Family of the month.



St Jude Award presented Oct. 25th at the Cathedral of St Jude the Apostle in St Petersburg
Congratulations to **Tom & Mary Lou Shersty** they have been chosen this year as the reciprocate of the St Jude Award. They have been in the parish for over 25 yrs, Tom is a Knights of Columbus member and Mary Lou is a Mama Margaret Guild member. Together they help out with outreach monthly and are always helping out at any of our pariah events
The St Jude Award is given annually to Honor a individual or couple from each parish for distinguished and outstanding service to their home Parish and the Church. We are very blessed here at Mary Help of Christians with so many parishioners like this. So, a big Thank You to the Tom & Mary Lou for their devotion.



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal / Granola Bars
 - Ramen Noodles / Soup
 - **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!!!**
 - **Diapers - Sizes 5, 6 & 7 - Baby Wipes**
 - Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
 - Peanut Butter & **Jelly needed**
 - Canned tuna / Chicken
 - Fruit Cups
- Our goal : To fill 65 blue bags with the listed items.
Next Outreach is 10/17/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am

Outreach

The phrase "the poor you will always have with you" appears in the Gospels of Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, and John 12:8. Jesus spoke these words when his disciples questioned the waste of expensive oil. He meant it as an acknowledgment of ongoing human need. That ongoing need continues today and we share it every month with those who come to our outreach. You read each week the list of items that we need to fill a bag for each family. We are grateful for your continued support and we know that you will continue to support this ministry. We have found that the dollar stores have some of these items at a lower price which means that the purchase of one item in the big box store could mean doubling or tripling an item from these stores. Lastly, continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in their journey. May they know Christ is walking with them.

Weekly Gift Giving
Weekend of September 26, 2026, to September 27, 2026
Attendance 169 Envelopes 30

Mass Offertory	\$	2,326.00
Loose Checks	\$	00.00
Online Giving	\$	1,042.00
Candles	\$	54.00

Total **\$3,422.00**

Wrapped Candy needed for Fall for Jesus Festival
Drop off at the office by Thurs. Oct 29th by 3pm



OCTOBER MEMORIAL

Bong-I Choi	10/01/20
Carmen L. Schrack	10/01/20
Harold Gilbert Lopez	10/11/17
Carlos Montoya	10/11/17
Vincentia Josephinna Martinez(Sanfilippo)	10/21/21
Fr. John G Masiello, SDB	10/24/20
Thomas Raymond Epp	10/26/23
Dennis Michael Murphy	10/27/21
Sara St. Amant	10/28/21
Mavis Marie McDonald-Smith	10/28/20
Esther Jensen	10/29/20



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Deacon Edmond Anctl

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 04, 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