

Dear People of God,

In today’s gospel Jesus gives us a complete summary of the moral law found in the Ten Commandments. The first three Commandments reveal that we must love God above all and with all our might. The last six Commandments reveal that we must love our neighbor. The moral law of God is as simple as fulfilling these two more general commandments.

Reflect today upon the simple call to love God and our neighbor with all that we are. Reflect, especially, upon that word “**all**”. As we do, we will most certainly become aware of ways in which we fail to give everything. As we see our failure, recommit in hope to the glorious path of making a total gift of yourself to God and others.

Prayer: *Lord, I choose to love you with **all** my heart, mind, soul and strength. I also choose to love all people as You love them. Give me the grace to live these two commandments of love and to see them as the path to holiness of life. Help me to love You more.* Jesus, I trust in You.

We cannot hope to fulfill our parish mission statement, which describes our reason of being the goal of our faith life, if more parishioners don’t commit themselves to getting involved. When is the last time you read our Parish <Mission Statement. (See our parish website!)

Prayer: *Lord, I do thank You for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me throughout my life. Empower and enable me to share those blessings, especially the blessing of my faith, with those You send into my life and so enrich and transform their lives with Your loving and compassionate word.* Jesus, I trust in You.

With all that’s going on in the world, in our country, and in our lives, we need to stop and make sure how committed we are to loving God and our neighbor on a daily basis? When and in what way does this take place?

Remember to search our web page, www.mhcptampa.org, to discover the latest developments and opportunities for service provided by our parish. Don’t forget to check out *Wednesday Words from the Pastor* on our website each week!

As usual please remember to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB, (still in rehab), and 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.

Please take note of upcoming parish events listed elsewhere in this weekly bulletin.

Peace Always!



Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB
Pastor

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pete & Mary Gallar, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki, William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez, Liam Newcomb, MaKayla Jennings, Cheryl Christensen, Diane Desmond, Don Allen, Susana, Mckenzie, Stephanie, Mark Spencer, Michelle Simpson, Heaven Watts & her family.
For those who have asked you to pray for them.

2026 Mass Intentions:

October 24, 2026 – November 01, 2026

Sat, October 24, 2026, 5:00pm: +Elizabeth Turpin req.by Chet Shinko

Sun, October 25, 2026, 8:00am : +Joe Rossi, req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

Sun, October 25, 2026, 11:00am: The Vondrak Family req. by Grace Horvath

Mon, October 26, 2026, 6:45am: Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, October 26, 7:00pm: +Brett Fitzgerald req. by Maggie Brown

Tues, October 27, 2026. 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Wed, October 28, 2026, 6:45am: +Anna Duyen Mai req, by Trung Tie Nguyen

Wed, October 28, 2026, 7:00pm: +John Broad req. by Pete and Mary Gallar

Thurs., October 29, 2026, 6:45am: Birthday blessings for Larry Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

Fri. October 30, 2026, 6:45am +Patricia Taylor req. by Pam Brewer

Sat, October 31, 2026, 5:00pm : +Rose & Tony Spano req. by Cynthia Spano

Sun, October 31, 2026, 8:00am: +Anne Murray Slattery req. by Ann & Sean Rockway

Sun, November 01, 2026, 11:00am: Lincoln Payne Jr. req. by Joann Johnson

BL. MICHAEL RUA Born in Turin on June 9, 1837, the youngest of nine children, Michael came to the Oratory in 1852. One day, Don Bosco told him: “We will go halves in everything.” He was among the first group to whom Don Bosco suggested the formation of the Salesian Society.



For 36 years, Michael was Don Bosco’s closest collaborator in all stages of the development of the Congregation. He was professed in 1855, was first spiritual director of the Congregation at 22 (1859) and was ordained in 1860. Rua served as a noted spiritual director and leader for the Salesians, known for his austerities and rigid adherence to the rule. It was for this reason that he was nicknamed "the living rule". In 1875, he became Director General of the Salesian Sisters and he accompanied Don Bosco on his journeys. He served as the first Rector Major of the Salesians following Don Bosco's death in 1888.

October

10/25 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

10/26 Financial Council meeting 5:30pm / Mass 7pm

10/27 K of C meeting 7pm

10/28 Adoration 4-7pm silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

10/31 Fall for Jesus Festival 1-4pm / Commemoration of St John Bosco

November

11/01 All Saints Day / Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

11/02 All Souls Day Memorial Mass 7pm

11/04 Adoration 4-7 silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

11/05 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm

11/07 1st Sat Marian Devotions 9:30am / Mass 10am

11/08 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am

11/09 Monday Mass 7pm

Remembrance Candle Mass Monday November 02, at 7pm



If you have a loved one who is deceased and would like them remembered, come to Mass and light a candle for them.

Save the Date November 15th

Chicken Dinner and Auction 11-2pm

A very delicious chicken dinner and a silent Auction. And fellowship with your parish community.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

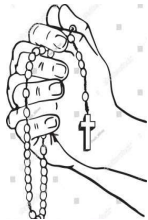
As we enter into the fall season, we prepare ourselves for the Thanksgiving meal and as a parish we assist those who may be in need to celebrate this feast as well. Please take an orange bag from the back of church, fill it with the listed items, return the filled bag, placing it at the communion rail, and place the gift cards in the locked black box. Many thanks and blessings for your generosity.



Just a reminder that we fall back an hour on Sunday morning.

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.



**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 11/21/2026 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 October 17, 2026, to October 18, 2026

Attendance 255 Envelopes 23

Mass Offertory	\$	2,077.00
Loose Checks	\$	300.00
Online Giving	\$	1,092.00
Candles	\$	33.00
Other donations	\$	50.00

Total \$3,552.00

Mission Sunday Collections \$ 3,223.00

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Guide my steps throughout this month. Illuminate my decisions with Your wisdom, and keep me grounded in Your Word. Let Your peace guard my heart against anxiety and fear, reminding me that You are with me in every transition.

**FALL FOR JESUS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 31ST FROM 1-4PM**

Hay rides, food, music, games & much More. Bring your children for a fun and safe Tricker Treating.
Located: The Barn
Cost: Free





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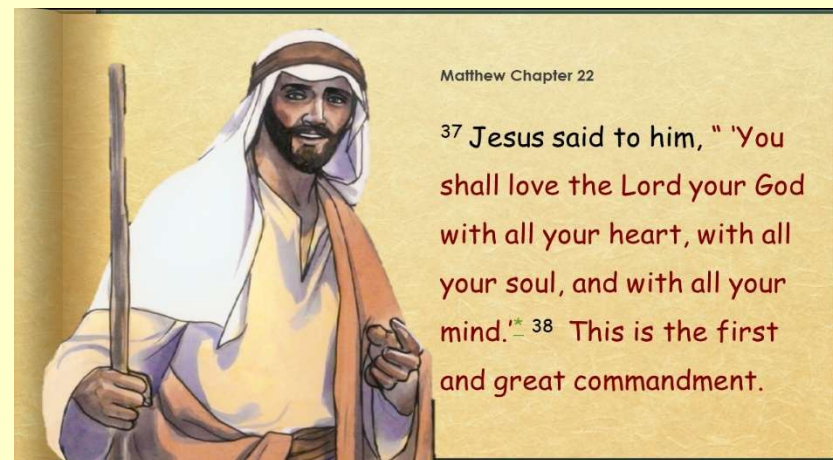
Fr. John Jaejun Chong, S.D.B. Korean Ministry

Fr. Bill Keane, S.D.B. Assisting Priest

Deacon Edmond Anctil

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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