

Weekend of September 29, 2024

Dear People of God,

What a powerful reading this week! The Gospel today reminds us that the Kingdom of God is all embracing and larger than the Church. During Mark's time there already existed a tendency among some of Jesus' followers to make God's kingdom and exclusive club, limited to like-minded people.

Who of us is not stirred in mind, body and soul at the words of Jesus. Does he really expect us to act on his words literally? Should we really cut off our hand if it causes us to sin? Should we also cut off our foot and pluck out our eye if it causes us to sin?

The context of this passage is that we ought not to lead others into scandal and sin. In fact, it would be better if we had "a great millstone" put around our neck and were thrown into the sea than to cause another to sin. It doesn't sound like a very pleasant way to meet our maker.

What I think Jesus is trying to tell us is that the hand, foot, or eye is a symbol of those friends who work hard to draw us into sin. It's better that these friendships end than to be drawn into Hell with them. And if we are the "friend" drawing others to sin, it's better for us to cut our friendship off with those we are tempting.

A close friend can bring great consolation in the knowledge that your friend is deeply committed to you and will always be there for you. But every friendship must be continually evaluated in the light of faith and truth.

Prayer: *Lord, I thank You for all the friendships in my life. I thank you for giving me people who care. Help me to always be a good friend and to always examine my friendships in the light of faith. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Many thanks to those who organized and participated in last Sunday's Ministry Fair. For those unable to make the Fair, please consider signing up for one or more of our ministries and place your form in the collection basket at Mass this Sunday.

Vote no to Amendment 4 on the ballot this coming November election.

Take the leap. For those who haven't done so already, officially register in our parish by using the forms in the back of the church, or online at our parish website.

Respect Life: Volunteers are needed to pray in front of the Woman's Health Clinic on Fletcher Avenue on October 5<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am through 5pm. Whatever time you can afford to give will be deeply appreciated. See Sign Up List at the Back of the Church!

As usual please 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, Joe Brocato, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Mylyssa Forency Zampano, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Patricia Hauser, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Dennis Bender, 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,

### 2024 Mass Intentions:

Sept. 28, 2024 to Oct. 6, 2024

Sat, September 28, 2024 5:00pm: +Kathleen Fitzgerald Jones, req. by Cindy Spano

Sun, September 29, 2024 8:00am: +Jeanette Ytuarte, req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Sun, September 29, 2024 11:00am: +Lillian & Leo Letourneau req. by Pam Brewer

Mon, September 30, 2024 6:45am: + John Broad req. by Annabelle Broad

Mon, September 30, 2024 7:00pm: +John Butler req. by John Butler

Tues, October 01, 2024 6:45am: +Marfelina Aguidan req. by Annabelle Broad

Wed, October 02, 2024 6:45am: +Helen Lee Chong req. by Nichola & Janice Murphy

Wed, October 02, 2024, 7:00pm: +Birthday Blessing for Ron Taylor Req. by Pam Brewer

Thurs. October 03, 2024 6:45am Shawn Kinnee req. by Jessica Vondrak

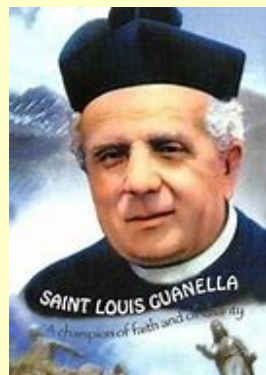
Fri, October 04, 2024, 6:45am Living & deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, October 05, 2024 5:00pm: +Kathleen Fitzgerald Jones, req. by Lee & Anne Marie Davis & family

Sun, October 06, 2024, 8:00am: +Patricia Jarosz req. by Steve Jarosz

Sun, October 06, 2024, 11am: +Terri Ells req. by Pam Brewer

Aloysius Guanella was born in 1842 at Campodolcino, Italy, and from his family upbringing learned to love work and practise charity to the poor. As teacher and parish priest at Savogno, he built the school and organized Catholic Action among the young. During this time he came in contact with Don Bosco and joined him in 1875. For three years he was a Salesian, working in the San Luigi Oratory of Turin, and later as director of the Dupraz College at Trinita, Cuneo. Recalled to his diocese by his bishop, he opened a school for poor children at Traona, Sondrio, but subsequently had to close it because of the hostility of the civil authorities.



He has a very interesting story look him up and read about one of our Salesians life story.

### October 2024

- 10/02 Adoration 4-7 pm silent / 8-9 praise & worship
- 10/03 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm
- 10/05 1st Sat. Devotion 9:30am /Cooperators meeting after Mass
- 10/06 Animal blessing / Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 10/09 Adoration 4-7 pm silent / 8-9pm praise & worship
- 10/10 Mama Margaret meeting 7pm
- 10/13 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am  
Blood Mobile 8-1pm
- 10/16 Adoration 4-7pm silent / 8-9pm praise & worship
- 10/19 Outreach meet at 8am on basketball court
- 10/20 Faith Formation 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 10/23 Adoration 4-7pm silent / 8-9pm praise & worship

### Faith Formation

Youth & RCIA 9:15am

Adult classes 9:30am

We have something for everyone please consider joining us.



Cleaning the Church : Oct. 05, 2024 12 noon—?

If you have a free Sat. please come join us to clean the church we have all the supplies we just need cleaners. God Bless

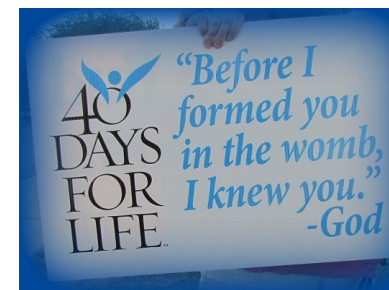
Knights of Columbus to Present Icon of St. Joseph at Mary Help of Christians

The Knights of Columbus will host a special display of the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon at Mary Help of Christians from September 24th through 30th. This display is part of the larger Pilgrim Icon Program, an international initiative that brings sacred images to parishes for reflection, prayer, and devotion. The Icon of St. Joseph serves as a powerful reminder of his role as protector and model for families. Parishioners and visitors are invited to view this Icon during this period. For more information about the program, visit Knights of Columbus website.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

In case you don't know, 40 Days for Life is an organization that focuses on being a voice for the unborn. For 40 consecutive days in the fall and in the spring, people around the nation join outside of abortion clinics to pray to support the pro-life movement and hope that one day that abortion clinics will close. Our days to be present at Women's Health Center @ 2010 E Fletcher Ave Tampa 33612, are on Oct. 5 and 8th from 8am-5pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for the time you are able to be there. With amendment 4 this is needed more and more. Please consider signing up for a time to maybe save a unborn child.



### MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Box of Pasta -
- Ramen Noodles
- Gift Card-\$10
- Diapers - sizes newborns, 3, 4 & 5 & 6/ Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly - great need
- Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant
- Canned tuna

Needed—Work boots new & used size—9 or larger. Men belts are needed

Next Outreach is 10/ 19/2024. Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks. All are welcome to join us, come and see.

### Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of September 21, 2024 to September 22, 2024

Attendance 147 Envelopes 18

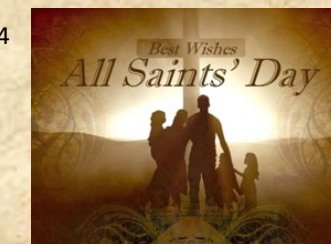
Mass Offertory	\$	1,294.00
Loose Checks	\$	450.00
Online Giving	\$	1,833.00
Candles	\$	50.00

TOTAL \$ 3,627.00

“Vote No on Amendment 4” – The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) has shared a press release from the “Vote No on 4” campaign, along with two-minute videos in English and Spanish. To find these helpful resources, which may be shared with your parish communities, For other helpful parish resources, including a link to Bishop Parkes' video, . flaccb.org/news/vote-no-on-4-campaign-launches-to-defeat-the-deceptive-and-extreme-amendment-4. flaccb.org/abortion-amendment

### ALL SAINTS DAY TREAT FEST

On Saturday, November 2, 2024 (1:00pm-4:00pm) we are going to celebrate a day of giving treats around the Don Bosco statue in front of the property. This replaces the All Hallows night. We are looking for ministries or volunteers to sponsor and decorate a table representing their favorite saints. We are looking for donations of candy to give away at each table and sponsors for hotdogs, snow cones, and drinks. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, please advise which saint's life you are representing. Please contact AnnMarie Brummet at (813) 431-6490 for additional information.



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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29, 2024



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Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday-Friday  
6:45am(Chapel)  
12:00 Noon (Chapel)  
Monday & Wednesday  
7pm (Church)  
Saturday Vigil  
5pm-(Church)  
Sunday  
8am (Church)  
11am (Church) *livestreamed*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday (Church)\*  
◇ 4:00pm-6:45pm Silent Adoration  
◇ 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration

\*Note that 1st Wed of month Adoration is continuous from 4-9pm, 7pm Mass is in the Chapel

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.