

For the Weekend of May 21, 2023

Dear People of God,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Mary help of Christians. For ninety-five years the Mother of Jesus has been namesake and protectress of the Salesian presence here in Tampa under that title. Since 2008 she has been 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 are finishing 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.**

*We also celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord today, a reminder that Pentecost and the end of the Easter Season will be celebrated throughout the Church next week!*

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*

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB  
Pastor



PRAYER LIST

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Mary Lou and Tom Shertsy, Willie Seago, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Sandra Oliva, Joe Brocato, Immogene Rodrigues, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Dennis Tozier, Betsie Welch, Ann Quigley, Stephanie Quigley, Jason Quigley, Chelsea Shaw, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Mylyssa Forenczy Zampano, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Kevin Brummett, Barbara Robles. Mary Viteri, Patricia Hauser, Ricky Dixon, Bernadette Schoppman, Dave Cavasinni, Joann Johnson, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarate, Joe Branson, Peters Family .

2023 Mass Intentions:

**May 20, 2023 to May 28, 2023**

**Sat, May 20 2023, 5:00pm** + Lenora Starke req. by Kathy Butler

**Sun, May 21, 2023, 10:00am:** Special intentions for the Salesian Family Mass of Mary Help of Christians

**Mon, May 22, 2023, 6:45am:** +Healing for Albert Perotti req.by Katie Bartolotti

**Mon, May 22, 2023, 7:00pm:** +Fr Paul Chuong req. by Wynn Noland

**Tues, May 23, 2023, 6:45:** Healing for Michael Rutigliano req. By Katie Bartolotti

**Wed, May 24, 2023, 6:45am:** +Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

**Wed, May 24, 2023, 7:00pm:** + Larry & Eva Dumais req. by Fr. Steve and Roberta Capell req. by Sonia Candia

**Thurs, May 25, 2023, 6:45am:** Ana Lulic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

**Fri, May 26, 2023, 6:45am:** + Stanley Martin Shinko req. by Chet Shinko

**Sat, May 27, 2023, 5:00pm:** +Lenora Starke req. by Kathy

**Sun, May 28, 2023, 8:00am** + Fr. Paul Chuong req by Wynn Noland

**Sun, May 28, 2023, 11:00am:** Ryan Spring req. by Betsy & Harold Welch

**WHO IS DON BOSCO**

John Melchior Bosco, SDB, popularly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, writer and saint of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

**May Events**

**05/22** Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm  
**05/23** K of C meeting 7pm  
**05/24** Adoration 7pm  
**05/27** Outreach 8am meet on Basket blt Court  
**05/29** Memorial Day Office closed  
**05/31** Adoration 7PM  
**05/31** Youth Ministry

**June Events**

**06/03** 1st Sat Marian Devotion 9:30am  
**06/03** Cooperators Meeting 9:30am  
**06/07** Pack the Chapel 7:30pm  
**06/07** Youth Ministry 7pm  
**06/08** Pot Luck Social 6pm-9pm

**Mary Help of Christians**

**Family Festival May 21**

**10am-1:30pm**

**Mass at outdoor altar with procession of Blessed Mother with May Crowning. There will be food to buy or you can bring your own food. Please join us for this very special event.**

**Gift shop Closing**

*May 21 after Mass until 1pm this will be the last time the Gift Shop will be open.*



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Chef Boyardee, spaghetti, ravioli, canned food
- Peanut butter and Jelly any flavor
- Tuna Fish canned, Soup (any kind)
- Gift Cards are very important \$15

Next Outreach is 05/27 meet at Mary Help at 8am to load Cars and trucks.

Take advantage of those BOGO’S one for YOU, one for MHCP!

Weekly Gift Giving Weekend of May 13, 2023 TO May 14, 2023			
Attendance	191	Envelopes	34
Mass Offertory		\$	2,636.00
Loose Checks		\$	726.00
Online Giving		\$	1,061.00
Candles		\$	25.00
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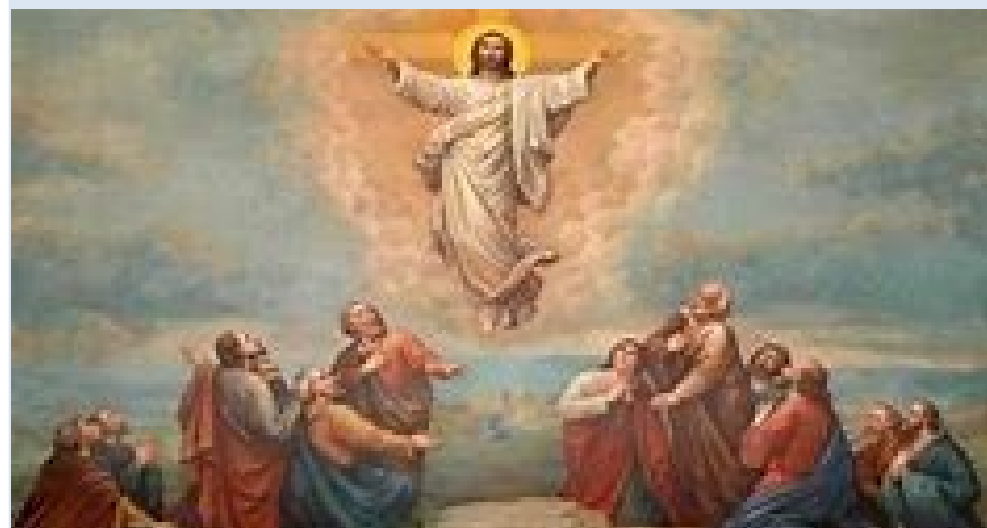
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### The Ascension of the Lord May 21, 2023



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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.

### Office hours:

Mon. 9am-4pm

Tues. 9am-4pm

Thurs. 9am-4pm

Fri. 9am-4pm

Call for appointments.

### 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.



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