### Dear People of God,

What a powerful and touching story we heard today in the Gospel! This Emmaus story has a number of lessons for everyone - if only we would be open to the desire of Jesus to open our minds and our hearts - but this takes faith, surrender and trust.

The ordinary men in the story were given an extraordinary gift of understanding. Recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread did not come as a result of long study and hard work. Rather, it came to them as result of their openness to Christ's powerful action in their lives. Jesus unlocked the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven to them. As a result they understood truths that could never be learned on their own.

How many of us even seek to understand? Think about the many things in your past that have left you confused. You need the special gift of the Holy Spirit to make sense of them. Without the gift of Understanding we are left on our own to make sense of life. We need to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds. Reflect today upon the gift of Understanding.

Prayer: Lord, give me the gift of Understanding. Help me t o know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me especially to turn to You in the most troubling moments of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Our mission Statement prays and hopes that everyone who worships with us might be transformed into a people courageously living the Gospel".

In these strange and sometimes discouraging times, may we open ourselves to the Easter light of Jesus and allow him to make that prayer a reality!

Many, many thanks to one and all for not forgetting us here at MHC. Your kind wishes and generosity have been a blessing to us all!!

We are continuing to reach out to the homes of our parishioners via live streaming our 11:00am Sunday Mass. Please check out our webpage at www.mhcptampa.org for further information on how to do this.

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 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!

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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, Lorrie Anshutz, 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. Paytin Hampton.

### 2023 Mass Intentions: April 22, 2023 to April 30, 2023

Sat, April 22, 2023, 5:00pm + Fr Paul Chuong req. by Wynn Noland

- Sun, April 23, 2023, 8:00am: + Fr Paul Chuong req. by Wynn Noland
- Sun, April 23, 2023, 11:00am : Special Intentions for Trevor Graves req. by Harold & Betsie Welch

Mon, April 24, 2023, 6:45am: Living & Deceased members of Shinko family. reg. by Chet Shinko

- Mon, April 24, 2023, 7:00pm: Continued Success of Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School req. by Joe Tomaino
- Tues, April 25, 2023, 6:45: Healing for Joann Tomaino req. by Joe Tomaino
- Wed, April 26, 2023, 6:45am: + Fr Paul Chuong req. by Wynn Noland
- Wed, April 26, 2023, 7:00pm: + Carol Romer req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, April 27, 2023, 6:45am: +Mate Cosic & Family req .by Sanja Cosic
- Fri, April 28, 2023, 6:45am: +Elizabeth Shinko req by Chet Shinko
- Sat, April 29, 2023, 5:00pm: Birthday Blessing for Deacon Ed req by family
- Sun, April 30,2023 8:00am : +Florence Skobodzinski & family req. By Chet Shinko
- Sun, April 30, 2023, 11:00am : +Lenora Sharke req. by Kathy **Butler**

### 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 devel oped teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

### **April Events**

- 04/23 Blood Drive 9am-2pm
- 04/25 Knights of Columbus meeting 7pm
- 04/26 Youth Ministry 7pm
- **04/26** Adoration 7:30pm
- 04/29 First Communion Retreat 9am-12pm
- 04/30 First Communion 11am

### May Events

- 05/03 Youth Ministry 7pm
- 05/03 Pack the Chapel 7:30pm
- 05/06 1st Sat. Marian Devotion 9:30am
- 05/13 Confirmation Retreat 9am-3pm
- **05/14** Happy Mother's Day
- 05/14 Confirmation at 11am Mass

## SPAGHETTI DINNER GREAT SUCCESS.

A Big Thanks to Knights of Columbus and Mama Margaret for all there hard work. Thanks to you for supporting them.

### **First Communion April** 30th @ 11am Mass.

Please keep the following In your prayers: Ellie Kessell Grayson Ellison Ronan Shindorf Aubree Christensen Jacob Carey Barbara Robles **Carolyn Radican** 



Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center Spring Tea & **Fashion Show** 

Saturday, May 20, 2023 11am-2pm Highlands at Scotland Yard Clubhouse 9420 US Highway 301 Dade City FL 33525 For Reservations: Foundations of Life Dade City: 352-521-1218 Tickets: \$35 in advance (\$40 at the door)

Table reservations \$280 (8 guests) Credit Card Call: 813-631-4398

# 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 April 15, 2023 TO April 16, 2023

Attendance 184	Envelopes	27
Mass Offertory	\$	2,725.00
Loose Checks	\$	100.00
Online Giving	\$	1,070.00
Candles	\$	160.00
TOTAL \$ 4,056.00	<u>)</u>	





**Remember all** the women in your life that has always been special to you on **Mothers Day fill** 



out the form with there names deceased or living to be remember at all the Masses. Please turn in form by May 11th in collections or drop off at the office.





Administered by the Salesians of St. John Bosco

Fr. Steve Dumais, S.D.B. Pastor

Fr. Franco Pinto, S.D.B. MHC Center Director

Fr. Francis De Sales La, S.D.B. Korean Ministry

Deacon Edmond Anctil

## **Third Sunday of Easter** April 23,2023



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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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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 Thursday, 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 813 599 9565

### MISSION STATEMENT