

Mary Help of Christians

Tampa's Salesian Parish

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27th Sunday of Ordínary Tíme



Mass Schedule

<u>Daily</u>: Monday-Friday 6:45am(Chapel) not livestreamed

Monday & Wednesday 7pm (Church) livestreamed Note: 1st Wednesday of month Mass at Chapel*

<u>Saturday Vigil</u>

5pm-(Church) *not livestreamed*

<u>Sunday</u>

8am (Church) not livestreamed 11am (Church) livestreamed

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday (Church)*

- 4:00pm-6:45pm Silent Adoration not livestreamed
- 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adoration livestreamed

*Note that 1st Wed of month Adoration is continuous from 4-9pm, 7pm Mass is in the Chapel, & Adoration is not livestreamed.

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> 30 minutes prior to Weekend Masses <u>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</u>

By appointment

Contact the parish office for information on how to prepare for the Sacraments

Mission Statement

Our Parish here in Tampa, FL, 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 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.

Weekend of September 26, 2021

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.

Please pray for our Jubilarians - Fr. Louis Aineto, SDB, Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB, and Br. David Lovacchini, SDB - who will be celebrating their anniversaries of religious profession as Salesians of Don Bosco at the 11:00am Mass today.

Please also remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Anthony D'Angelo, SDB, who passed away early Wednesday morning in hospice care. Funeral arrangements will follow as they become available.

Please remember to officially register in our parish by using the forms in the back of the church, or online at our parish website.

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!





MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25, 5pm † Pedro & Edna Gallar-Pete & Mary Gallar Sunday, September 26, 8am Health for Joe Brocato-Deacon Ed & Lorraine Anctil 11am Special Intentions of Clara McCarthy-MHC Choir 11am + Bernardo & Concordia Cureg-Leila Taghap Monday, September 27, 6:45am † Lucy & John Costa-Ann Marie, Tom, Carl, & Shane 7pm James Skelton-Nadine Skelton Tuesday, September 28, 6:45am Mate (Matthew) Cosic & Family-Sanja Cosic Wednesday, September 29, 6:45am Mate (Matthew) Cosic & Family-Sanja Cosic 7pm [†] Joseph Martinez-Josie Martinez Thursday, September 30, 6:45am Special Intentions of All Priests-Chet Shinko Friday, October 1, 6:45am Shad & Marychris Dean-Leila Taghap Saturday, October 2,

5pm **† Joseph Martinez**-Josie Martinez

PRAYER LIST

Barbara & Mike Murphy, Willie Seago, Anita & Bob Noland, Beverly Wiebeld, Lorraine Anctil, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Josie Martinez, Janice Murphy, Alice Gabriel, Richard Ratke, Vivian & Sam Diaz, Sandra Oliva, Joe Brocato, Elaine & Alan Jones, Immogene Rodrigues, Zenaida Torres, Tom & Liz Riley, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, Oliver Rodrigues, Mike Riley, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Henrietta Hlinka, Bass Family, Gabriel Family, Strauss & Alessandrini Families, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Dennis Tozier, Lorrie Anshutz, Betsie Welch, Patricia McCarthy, Ann Quigley Stephanie Quigley, Jason Quigley, Chelsea Shaw

> Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Readings for Next Week 27th Sunday Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Gn 2:18-24 2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

40 Days for Life

Please join us for our Diocesan-sponsored **40 Days for Life** Prayer Campaign to be held September 22 through October 31. **40 Days for Life** involves prayer for an end to abortion, fasting and a 40 Day Vigil in front of a local abortion center. Our vigil will be held in front of *The Tampa Women's Health Center, 2010 East Fletcher Avenue.* Please consider coming out to pray during this campaign. Our parishioners have been asked to cover at least 1 day of the vigil: **Thursday, October 28**th. To get more information, or to volunteer to pray on these days, please contact the parish office at **813-626-7588** or email: <u>parish@mhctampa.org</u>. To volunteer to pray on a weekly basis or at another time, please visit our campaign website at <u>https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/tampa</u>

MHC Gift Shop is Open:

Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM Wednesdays 2-7 PM or By Appointment: (813) 465-9565

2021 Mass Intentions

To have a Mass said in honor of your loved one, Email the parish office

Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament Every Wednesday** (Church)* 4:00pm-7:00pm Silent Adoration-not livestreamed 8-9pm Praise/Worship Adorationlivestreamed *Note:1st Wed of month Adoration is continuous from 4-9pm, 7pm Mass is in the Chapel, & Adoration is not livestreamed.

ATH SHARING VIDEOS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING WHY YOU LOVE MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS? WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAITH FILLED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND MINISTRIES WILLING TO SHARE WHAT MAKES MHC SPECIAL TO THEM ON A SHORT 2-3 MINUTE VIDEO. THE VIDEO WILL BE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, SHARED AT MASS, AND OUR WEBSITE TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO BECOME A PART OF OUR FAITH FAMILY.

CONTACT US TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO: PARISH@MHCTAMPA.ORG

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Stewardship Reflection

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain. **~St. Louis Archdiocese**



Teens - Looking for student service hours?

Consider volunteering at our upcoming Hallows Eve Hayride

Friday, October 22nd from 5-8:30pm

There are many opportunities to serve including Game Stations!

Outreach needs your help! Please donate most needed items: (1) Local Grocery Store Gift Cards \$15(Walmart, Publix, Winn Dixie, etc.), (2) Travel size shampoo.



(Teen & Adult Volunteers Needed!) Thanksgiving Food Drive - October 23-November 14

Annual K of C Chicken Dinner - November 14

Do you love taking pictures? We need volunteers to take photos at events for our website and publications. **CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS**

Salesian Family Pilgrimage 2022

Interested in learning more about the upcoming Salesian Family Pilgrimage? Scan the QR code below from your smartphone or go to www.donboscosalesianportal.org





The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Today we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees!

We pray for migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love.

October is Respect Life Month!

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233









Mama Margaret Women's Guild

Mama Margaret Women's Guild meeting to be held on Thursday, September 30th @ 7:00 in MHC Hall. All women of the parish are welcome! Come join our Guild to serve the parish, Center and St. Philip's Retirement community.

FR. TONY D'ANGELO, S.D.B.

(July 17, 1923 – September 22, 2021)

Funeral arrangements

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6400 East Chelsea Street

Tampa, Florida 33610

Visitation: Wednesday, September 29, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mass: Thursday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.

May he and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Job Search & Preparation Workshop Focuses on Soft Skills

Do you have the essential skills to succeed in today's job market? Skills such as creativity, adaptability, and collaboration. Learn more at this month's job search & preparation ministry session through Nativity Catholic Church on **Saturday, October 9 at 9 a.m.** We're offering an interactive session where attendees can learn why recruiters and employers are seeking soft skills more than ever before.

Learn how you can elevate your soft skills and how companies are assessing them. **You can register for this Zoom meeting through Nativity's website**, <u>https://www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/employmentresources</u>. The ministry addresses common job search questions, including LinkedIn, resumes, interviews, and ways to prepare yourself for career success.



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