

Dear People of God,

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity this day provides us to share with those nearest and dearest to us the good news of salvation and the wonder of the Resurrection. There seem to be a good many Catholics who do not regularly take advantage of God's incredible mercy. How do we rekindle the hearts of lukewarm Catholics and urge them to be faithful again and to receive pardon for their sins?

There is a way that can be used to melt hardened hearts and to bring them into full communion with the Church. Divine Mercy Sunday offers us a wonderful opportunity to bring this to fruition. How about if everyone was offered something so special - so very special that it would be difficult for anyone to refuse? The Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday that the Church issued could be just the enticement.

The official Vatican explanation of the Feast of Mercy is as follows: According to Jesus, the Feast of Mercy is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Jesus is showing to us the close connection between the Easter mystery of man's redemption and this feast. The Feast of Mercy is not only a day designated for the worship of God's mercy, but also a day of grace for all people, particularly for sinners. Jesus attached great promises to this feast. One is the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. In other words, this grace is equal to the one we receive in the sacrament of Baptism. It offers a completely new beginning. The image is to be blessed and venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday.

May all of us here at Mary Help of Christians take advantage of what this wonderful feast so generously offers to us a new beginning - to become a new creation.

Please consider joining us today, Divine Mercy Sunday, as we live stream Mass at 11:00a.m. and live stream adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet from 12:30 until 1:30pm.

Many thanks to all those who helped facilitate our recent 24-Hour Adoration service offered on March 27th/28th- I hope it was as much of a blessing for those who participated as it was a blessing for our parish as a whole.

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 for Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab) and those at St. Philip Residence. Be assured that 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, , Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

2026 Mass Intentions:

April 11, 2026 - April 19, 2026

- Sat, April 11, 2026, 5:00pm:** +Lincoln J. Payne Sr. req. by Joann Johnson
- Sun, April 12 2026, 8:00am :** +Maudie LeVeque req, by Julie & Jody Fameree
- Sun, April 12, 2026 11:00am :**+ Fr Eugene Hasson req. by Maggie Brown
- Mon, April 13, 2026, 6:45am:** For the peace in the World req. by Susanna George
- Mon, April 13, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Colleen Brown req. by Maggie Brown
- Tues, April 14, 2026, 6:45am:** +Bernard Shinko req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, April 15, 2026, 6:45am:** +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed, April 15, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Welena Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, April 16, 2026, 6:45am :** Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap
- Fri. April 17, 2026, 6:45am :** Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko
- Sat, April 18, 2026, 5:00pm :** +Augustine Cisnerso req. by Cynthia Spano
- Sun, April 19, 2026, 8:00am:** +Austraria Rojas req. by Linery Pichardo
- Sun, April 19, 2026, 11:00am:** +Hubert Wilson req. by Maggie Brown

Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament

[OLM](#) (born Helena Kowalska; 25 August 1905 – 5 October 1938) was a [Polish Catholic](#) religious sister and [mystic](#). Faustyna, popularly spelled **Faustina** in English, had [apparitions](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) which inspired the [Catholic devotion](#) to the [Divine Mercy](#), therefore she is



sometimes called the "secretary" of Divine Mercy. Throughout her life, Kowalska reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she noted in her diary, later published as [The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul!](#). Check her out for more information on her life.

April 2026

- 04/12** Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am
- 04/13** Mass 7pm
- 04/15** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 04/18** Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am / Hospitality
- 04/19** Faith Formation last class & OCIA 9:15 / Adult 9:30am / Hospitality
- 04/20** Monday Mass 7pm
- 04/22** Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 04/24** Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
- 04/25** First Communion retreat 9-12pm
- 04/26** First Communion @ 11am Mass
- 04/27** Financial Council meeting 5:30pm / Monday Mass 7pm
- 04/28** K of C meeting 7pm
- 04/29** Adoration 4-7 silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 04/30** Commemoration of St John Bosco

Knights of Columbus - Congratulation to the following Knights and their families

**Knight of the month January-Paul Anctil
Family of the month January-Ben & Kristen Ellison**



**Knight of the month February-Steve Jarosz
Family of the month February-Shad & Mary Chris Dean**

**Knight of the month March -Ed O'Mara
Family of the month March -Kevin & AnnMarie Brummett**

Divine Mercy Liturgy April 12th after 11am Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday is observed on the Sunday after Easter and is a significant day for reflection on God's mercy and love. It was officially recognized by the Vatican in 2000, following the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, who emphasized the importance of divine mercy in her diary. This day provides an opportunity for believers to seek forgiveness and extend mercy to others, embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ. On this day, many Catholics participate in special Masses, prayers, and confessions, reflecting on the mercy of God and the importance of forgiveness in their lives. It is a time for spiritual renewal and community gathering, often marked by various events and activities in churches worldwide.



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!**
- **Diapers - Sizes 6 &7 - Baby Wipes**
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly needed
- Canned tuna / Chicken
- Fruit Cups

Our goal : To fill 60 blue bags with the listed items.
Next Outreach is 04/18//2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

Spring cleaning time

Spring is in the air which means this is a good time to clean and rearrange your cupboards and remove those pantry items you had good intentions of using. We are very happy to bring those unopened items at our next outreach and place them on the miscellaneous table. They are ever so grateful with everything that we bring and all food items are taken by the end of our day. Many thanks and blessings

Weekly Gift Giving

**Weekend of April 04, 2026 to April 05, 2026
Attendance 641 Envelopes 42**

Mass Offertory	\$	6,509.00
Loose checks	\$	46.00
Online Giving	\$	2,510.00

TOTAL \$ 9,065.00

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion recipients who will receive their First Communion on April 26th @ 11am Mass.

- Sofia Elizabeth Espinosa
- Aaron Beeg
- Victoria Calero Meier
- Emmanuel Suarez
- Natalie Rose Zumpano
- Richard Allen Mestus Jr.
- Nathalia Rodriguez-Ruiz



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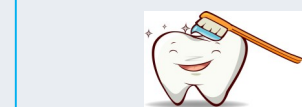
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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12, 2026



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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