

Weekend of April 19, 2026

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 to 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 difficult, violent 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 continue to be a blessing for us all!!

We are still trying to reach out to the homes of our parishioners via live streaming our 11:00am Sunday Mass.

Please search 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 Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab) and 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, , 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., William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez.

2026 Mass Intentions:

April 18, 2026 - April 26, 2026

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

Mon, April 20, 2026, 6:45am: Eddie Taghap req. by Dean Family

Mon, April 20, 2026, 7:00pm: Birthday Blessings for Alicia Newcomb req. by Newcomb family

Tues, April 21, 2026. 6:45am: Living & deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, April 22, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Wed, April 22, 2026, 7:00pm: +Janice Murphy req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs, April 23, 2026, 6:45am : For suffering from the war req. by Susanna George

Fri. April 24, 2026, 6:45am : Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, April 25, 2026, 5:00pm : +Mrs. Beatrice Muoma req. by Okoye Family

Sun, April 26, 2026, 8:00am: +Joe & Mary Brocato req. by Kathy & Edwin Celeiro

Sun, April 26, 2026, 11:00am: +Donald & Leona Buxton req. by Newcomb family

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

- 04/19** Faith Formation last class 9:15am/OCIA 9:15 /Adult 9:30am Hospitality
- 04/20** Monday Mass 7pm
- 04/21** Mary Help of Christians Procession meeting 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

Praying the Rosary for Peace Daily

In our Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima and Medjugorje she emphasized the call for daily prayer and in particular praying the rosary to achieve peace in hearts, families, and the world. She urged, "Only by prayer and fasting can war be stopped." During the month of May, our parish is dedicating itself to at least one person or family taking the lead and praying the rosary for this intention. To make sure each day is covered please sign up the date of your choosing in the back of church.



Family Trust Love Purpose



Camp Mary Help

We are a Catholic day camp serving children 5-14 years old

7 Weeks

- Week 1: June 8-12
- Week 2: June 15-19
- Week 3: June 22-26
- Week 4: June 29- July 2
- Week 5: July 6-10
- Week 6: July 13-17
- Week 7: July 20-24

Camp Activities

- Daily Mass
- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Farm Education

Open House

- Saturday, February 28; 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
- Sunday, April 12; 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm
- Saturday, May 2; 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

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Feast of Mary Help of Christians

Save the date of Saturday, May 23, 2026 to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 5:00pm, followed by a rosary procession and the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue. **Our first meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00pm in the conference room. All are invited to attend and assist.**



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!!!
- Diapers - Sizes 5, 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 05/16//2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

Outreach is in need

Once again, our parish outreach team was out at 22nd St and Busch Blvd to assist our brothers and sisters in need. We were blessed again at this outreach, thanks to all of you and assistance from the Nativity Food Bank, to have enough food and supplies to accommodate them the best that we can. With summer here and the economy being tight, the number of people we serve is slowly increasing and so is the need. Everything and anything you can give helps us each month to assist them. Most importantly is to always remember them in your prayers.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of April 11, 2026 to April 12, 2026
Attendance 189 Envelopes 33

Mass Offertory	\$	2,700.00
Loose checks	\$	420.00
Online Giving	\$	784.00
Easter offering	\$	120.00
Candles	\$	127.00

TOTAL \$ 4,155.00

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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Deacon Edmond Anctil

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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