

Weekend of April 26, 2026

Dear People of God,

Sheep require full time care and shepherds rely on their sheep for their livelihood, so they are together almost constantly. Each lamb has its own name, as our pets do. Just as our pets recognize our voice and come running when we call them, unless they're cats which are very independent and live in their own world with their own rules, so also the sheep come running when their shepherd calls. Of course, even among sheep, there would always be one or two out of a flock who knew their shepherd's voice, but who stubbornly refuse to move.

If we belong to Jesus, we will hear his voice and come when he calls to us. Even though we are no stranger to him and he knows everything about us to the smallest detail, he can be a stranger to us unless we recognize and respond to his voice. And if it's not his voice we are hearing, whose is it? No one else will lead us to the happiness we desire.

- Congratulations to Richard Mestas, Aaron Beeg and Daniel Fellerhoff for making their Profession of Faith into Full Communion of the Catholic Church this past Wednesday evening. We celebrate and welcome you and your gift of faith to our small faith family here at Mary Help of Christians!
- At the 11:00am Mass, this weekend, a number of young people will receive the Most Holy and Precious Body and Blood of Jesus for the very first time. Many thanks to their teachers who have guided them to this point. Our parish is truly blessed to be able to call both young . . . and not so young our own. We celebrate with them and remember the specialness of our own first Holy Communion experience.
- Let me suggest that in the upcoming month of May, we as a parish, make an effort to recite the rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary each day. What a fitting way to celebrate and give testimony to our love for Mary and her Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Many, many thanks to one and all for continuing to remember us here at MHC. Your kind wishes and generosity have been a blessing to us all!!
- **Don't let the world situation overwhelm you. Pray for Peace! 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!

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 25, 2026 - May 03, 2026

- 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
- Mon, April 27, 2026, 6:45am:** Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap
- Mon, April 27, 2026, 7:00pm:** Steve McComas & Family req. by Rey & Eleanor Doromal
- Tues, April 28, 2026. 6:45am:** +Elizabeth (Betty) Shinko req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, April 29, 2026, 6:45am:** For the newly baptized req. by Susanna George
- Wed, April 29, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Deceased members of the Gallar and Silva family req. by Pete & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, April 30, 2026, 6:45am :** +Florence Skobodzinski req. by Chet Shinko
- Fri. May 01, 2026, 6:45am :** +Leona Starke req. by John & Kathy Butler
- Sat, May 02, 2026, 5:00pm :** +Jose Burgos req. by Ariely, Linery, and Jolie
- Sun, May 03, 2026, 8:00am:** +Leona Starke req. by John & Kathy Butler
- Sun, May 03, 2026, 11:00am:** +Leona Starke req. by Joann Johnson

Sr. Antonieta Böhm was born on September 23, 1907 in the city of Bottrop, Germany. At Essen, she met the FMA who had arrived in Germany in 1922. She was fascinated by their serene and apostolic style of life. In 1926, she began her Postulancy in the house of Eschelbach and continued with her Novitiate in Nizza Monferrato, Asti, Italy. She made her first profession in 1928 and remained in Italy to study music while she was also the assistant of the university students and of the Novices. After making her perpetual profession in Turin on August 5, 1934, she began her missionary life: first in Argentina from 1934 to 1965; then in Peru from 1965 to 1969; and finally in Mexico from 1969 to 2008. She was a music teacher, nurse, vicar, superior and provincial. She always showed herself to be a strong woman, ready to listen, and always confident of the help of God and of Mary Help of Christians. She consolidated the existing works and opened new ones with farsighted vision.



April 2026

- 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**
- May 2026**
- 05/02 Confirmation retreat 9-2pm**
 - 05/03 Confirmation @ 11am Mass**
 - 05/04 Monday Mass 7pm**
 - 05/06 Adoration 4-7silent/Mass7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm**

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.



For all the mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, and special friends who touch our hearts all year. Please fill out a form by May 7th. With your special women's name and drop in the collection basket or by the office so they can be remembered on Mothers Day.



On behalf of Fr Steve and the parish, we express our love and gratitude to Ann Marie, our Religious Education Coordinator, and for our faithful teachers for their outstanding service, leadership, and dedication though the year in our ministry to the youth and adults of our parish.



Youth teachers:
Steve Jarosz
Jim Desmond
Patti Spivey
Jennifer Newcomb

**Alicia Newcomb
Cheryl Christiansen
Beth Strauss**

Adult teachers:
Deacon Ed
Tony Marincovich
Peter & Mary Gallar

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
Victoria Calero Meier
Natalie Rose Zumpano**

**Emmanuel Suarez
Nathalia Rodriguez-Ruiz**



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 next meeting will be Tuesday May 19, 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

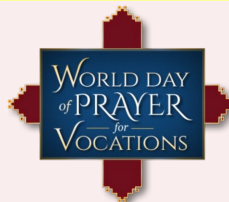
Once again, our parish outreach team was out at 22nd St and Busch Blvd to assist our brothers and sisters in need. We were blessed again at this outreach, thanks to all of you and assistance from the Nativity Food Bank, to have enough food and supplies to accommodate them the best that we can. With summer 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 18, 2026 to April 19, 2026
Attendance 301 Envelopes 18**

Mass Offertory	\$	1,808.00
Loose checks	\$	675.00
Online Giving	\$	1,315.00
TOTAL	\$	3,880.00

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.



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

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

Camp Activities

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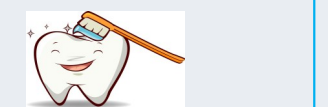
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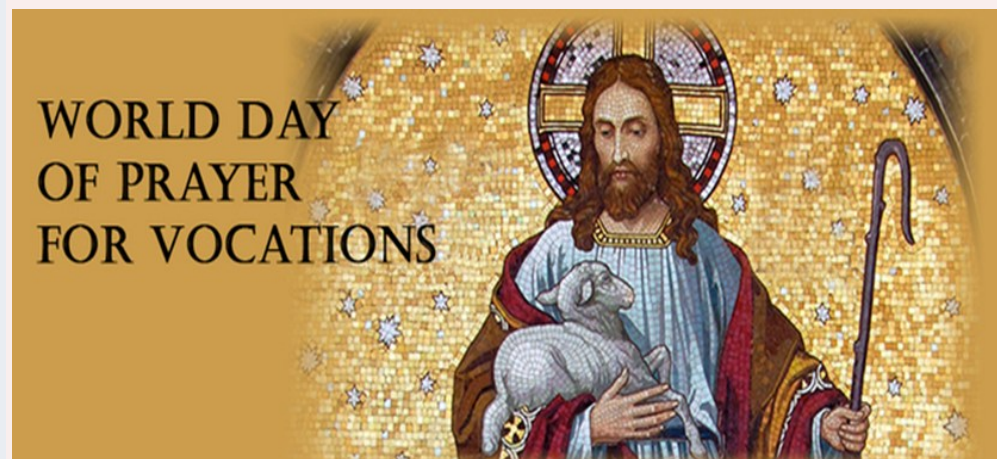


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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026



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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