

Weekend of April 21, 2024

Dear People of God,

The Gospel this Sunday proclaims the message that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. I think this is a wonderful time to remind us of the importance of this feast for our parish here at Mary Help of Christians.

Our parish origins are historically rooted in Good Shepherd Parish which was founded in 1966 on the corner of Hillsborough Ave. and Harney Road. The last few years of Good Shepherd Parish found the people a new home at Mary Help of Christians Center. A petition was eventually made by then pastor, Fr. Bruce Craig, SDB, along with the favorable approval of the Pastoral Council of Good Shepherd Parish and the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, to change the name to Mary Help of Christians Parish. This recommendation was favorably acceded to by then Bishop Robert Lynch, D.D. He declared that as of **January 1, 2008, on the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the parish community of Good Shepherd would be known henceforth as the Parish of Mary Help of Christians.** Here's hoping that there will always be a fond connection, understanding, and appreciation of our history. This will allow us to continue to build this wonderful Faith Family that we love. May we never forget our past. . . may we never forget to look ahead to what we can still become. . . and at the same time may we never stop appreciating and valuing who we are today.

Today, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray that many young men and women might be inspired to follow Jesus as priests, deacons, or members of religious life. Let us also pray not just for good families, but holy families as well.

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

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, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Joe Brocato, Imogene Rodrigues, Della Sarsfield, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Leo & Lillie Letourneau, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Fran Johns, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bobby Ryder, David Netel, Larry Walsh, Mylyssa Forency Zampano, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Ruth Maund, Patricia Hauser, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Dennis Bender, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, Jack Walsh, Joann Bliss, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Paytin Hampton, Barrett & Colton Christensen, Esther Savio, Lucy Clemons.

**2024 Mass Intentions:
April 20, 2024 to April 28, 2024**

- Sat, April 20, 2024 5:00pm: + Mr. & Mrs. Geromino Torres req. by Marilyn Torres
- Sun, April 21, 2024 8:00am : Healing of Mrs. Maria Atumonye req. by Okoye Family
- Sun. April 21, 2024, 11:00am: + Mary Viteri req. by Pam Brewer
- Mon, April 22, 2024 6:45am : Intentions of Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George
- Mon, April 22, 2024 7:00pm: +Isabel Hamburger req. by Elisa Perez Walsh
- Tues, April 23, 2024 6:45am: Intentions of Susanna & Frank George Req. by Susanna George
- Wed April 24, 2024 6:45am: +Ronald Fullenkamp req. by Joan Fullenkamp Carter
- Wed, April 24, 2024, 7:00pm: + Joyce & Peter Mungai req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Thurs. April 25, 2024 6:45am, Intentions of Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George
- Fri, April 26, 2024, 6:45am Intentions of Susanna & Frank George req. by Susanna George
- Sat, April 27, 2024 5:00pm : Mary Help of Christians Parishioners req. by Ann & Sean Rockway
- Sun, April 28 ,2024,8am : +Elizabeth Shinko req. by Chet Shinko
- Sun, April 28, 2024, 11am: +Ronald Lee Lewis req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Francis deSales, C.O., O.M. (French: François De Sales; Italian: Francesco di Sales; 21 August 1567 – 28 December 1622) was a Savoyard Catholic prelate who served as Bishop of Geneva and is a saint of the Catholic Church. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God. The religious institute of the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), founded by John Bosco in 1859 (approved by the Holy See in 1874), is also known as the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, and is placed under his patronage. Feast Day January 24

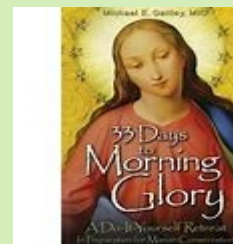


April 2024

- 04/22 Finance Council meeting 5:30pm
 - 04/23 K of C meeting 7pm
 - 04/24 Adoration silent 4-7pm / praise 7 worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm/ Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
 - 04/25 Parish Staff meeting 6:15pm/ Parish Council 7pm
 - 04/27 First Communion retreat 9-12pm
 - 04/28 First Communion 11am Mass Faith Formation & RCIA 9:15am /Adult 9:30am
 - 04/30 Planning meeting for MHC festival 7pm / Commemoration of St. John Bosco
- May 2024**
- 05/01 Adoration silent 4-7pm / praise & worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
 - 05/04 1st Sat. Marian Devotions 9:30am
 - 05/05 Faith Formation Class 9:15am RCIA 9:15am
 - 05/08 Adoration silent 4-7pm praise & worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
 - 05/12 Confirmation 11am Mass / RCIA 9:15am

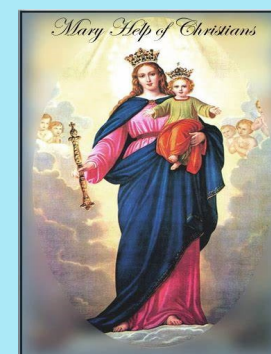
33 Days to Morning Glory

Mama Margaret Guild will be starting this on Thurs. April 25th, May 2nd and end on May 9th with consecration, Mass and reception. ALL ARE WELCOME, and the only cost is the book @ \$6. We will start at 7pm-9pm.



Mary Help of Christians Festival

May 26, 2024
Mass in gym @ 10am
Rosary procession and Mary Crowning to follow with Food trucks after the procession for a price.



Camp Mary Help June 10-July 26, 2024

Register today online at mhctampa.org ! Open house is May 4th from 10-2pm— COME BY AND SEE US.



**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH OUTREACH**

- **Box of Pasta - great need**
- Ramen Noodles
- Gift Card-\$15
- Diapers - sizes 4,5 & 6 / Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- **Jelly - great need**
- Travel shampoos /Razors /Shaving cream/Deodorant
- Canned tuna

Needed—Work boots new & used size—9 or larger.

Next Outreach is 05/18/2024 meet at Mary Help at 8am to load Cars and trucks. All are welcome to join us, come and see.

Our Goal : To fill 60 Blue Bags with listed items.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of April 13, 2024 to April 14, 2024
Attendance 197 Envelopes 31

Mass Offertory	\$	2883.00
Loose Checks	\$	0
Online Giving	\$	1,326.00
Candles	\$	70.00

TOTAL \$ 4,279.00

For all the mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters, cousins and special friends who touch our hearts all year. Please fill out a form and put in collections or drop by the office so they can be remembered on Mother's Day. Please turn in by May 7th.



ROSARY WARRIORS

Sunday after 11am Mass come join us to pray the rosary for married couples and their families.



Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc., is currently seeking a volunteer dentist, and bilingual dental assistant who is inspired to serve a low-income population two days per week. In an effort to promote good oral health for children and families, Catholic Charities is preparing to launch a new dental clinic in Dade City, Dover, and Wimauma. These selected locations will provide FREE dental services to If you are interested in volunteering, or if you are interested in donating dental supplies to help the dental clinics, please contact Ms. Tracy Fordham at Meridian College (941) 233-7963. Interested candidates may email resumes or CVs to tfordham@meridian.edu.

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For information on joining the Mama Margaret Women's Guild.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 813 297-4872

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.