

For the Weekend of October1, 2023

Dear People of God

In the Gospel today we see that the chief priests and the elders of the people were full of pride and self-righteousness. They held to their own opinions even though their opinions were wrong. Their pride kept them from discovering the simple truths that the tax collectors and prostitutes were discovering. For that reason, Jesus makes it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes were on the road to holiness whereas the religious leaders were not. This certainly must have been difficult for them to accept.

In which category do you find yourself? Sometimes those who are considered “pious” or “religious” struggle with a similar pride and obstinacy as did the chief priests and elders of Jesus’ time. It’s for this reason that Jesus was so direct and so harsh. He was attempting to break them free from their stubbornness and prideful ways.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to seeing the truth of God and, especially, to seeing your own fallen and sinful state.

Prayer: *Lord, help me always to humble myself before You. When pride and stubbornness enter in, help me to hear Your strong words and to repent of my obstinate ways. Jesus, I trust in You.*

I just read a statistic that, to tell you the truth, should be more frightening to us all than Covid ever was. There are an estimated 100 million children between the ages of 5 and 18 living on the street in the world. In the United States there are 2.5 million homeless and runaway street kids, **not** counting children who were forced out of their homes, abandoned by the foster care system, or are part of a homeless family. As a Salesian of Don Bosco, this not only breaks my heart, but makes it all the more imperative that we do all in our power to make sure that the young people in our lives don’t become part of this statistic. Pray for our families. Pray for the young people of our families, our country, and the world!

Those who go to Catholic School and are in line to receive the sacraments of First Penance, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation are still obliged by the diocese to attend classes at their local parish as well.

Please remember - 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:

Willie Seago, Thomas Epp, Pete & Mary Gallar, Janice Murphy, Vivian Diaz, Sandra Oliva, Joe Brocato, Immogene 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 Forenczy Zampano, Fernando Romero, Akers family, Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Francis Briones, Julia Kelly, Barbara Dahl, Martha Catul, Elaine Jones, Barbara Robles. Mary Viteri, Patricia Hauser, Ricky Dixon, Bernadette Schoppman, Joann Johnson, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, Rene Zarte, Joe Branson, Dennis Bender, Kathy Cortez, Jean Nichols, George Hernandez, Jack Walsh, Oliver Fameree.

For those who have asked you to pray for them.

2023 Mass Intentions:

September 30, 2023 to October 08, 2023

Sat, Sept. 30 2023, 5:00pm Intentions for Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians Parish
Sun October 1, 2023, 8:00am: Special intentions for all the sick in the Parish req. by Parish
Sun, October 1, 2023, 11:00am Teresa Sanchez req. by Katie Bartolotti
Mon, October 2, 2023, 645am: Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko
Mon, October 2, 7pm: Healing for baby Oliver Fameree req. by Pam Brewer
Tues, October 3, 2023, 6:45: Special Intentions for Jessica Von Drak req. by Diana Kinnee
Wed, October 4, 2023, 6:45am: +Patrick Murphy req. by Janice Murphy
Wed, October 4, 2023, 7:00pm: +Nestor Perez & Nora Del Carmen for her health req. by Elisa Perez-Walsh
Thurs, October 5, 2023, 6:45am: Special intentions James & John Von Drak req. by Diana Kinnee
Fri, October 6, 2023, 6:45am: Special blessings for 40th Anniversary for Juan and Mary Viteri req. by Mary Viteri
Sat, October 7, 2023, 5:00pm + Josie and Joseph Martinez req. by Cynthia Spano
Sun, October 8,2023 8:00am: Birthday Blessing for Katie Prescott req. by Pam Brewer
Sun, October 8, 2023, 11am : +Teresa Sanchez req. by Katie Bartolotti



WHO IS DON BOSCO

John Melchior Bosco, SDB, popularly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, writer and saint of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

October Events

10/04 Pack the Chapel 7:30-9pm
10/04 Youth Ministry 7pm
10/05 Staff Meeting 6:15pm
10/05 Parish Council 7-8pm
10/08 Blessing of the Animals 9:15am /Front of Church
10/11 Adoration silent 4-7pm praise & worship 8-9pm
10/11 Youth Ministry 7-9pm
10/14 Passing out bags for Thanksgiving baskets

ROSARY WARRIORS

Every Sunday after 11am Mass

Meet at the Rosary Garden to pray the rosary after 11 am Mass.



Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian H. S. is in need of 4-6 women Chap-
erones for Oct. 13-15 for a outing they are having at Hills-
borough State Park. Please contact Fr Eddie @ 973-518-4453.



Blood Drive Oct. 15,2023

8am-1pm

Please consider donating.



Wrapped Candy is needed for Hallows’ Eve Hayride. Please bring in by Oct 12, 2023 drop off at the church office.

Mon-Fri 9-4 pm.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Chef Boyardee, spaghetti, ravioli, canned food
- Peanut butter and Jelly any flavor
- Tuna Fish canned, Soup (any kind)
- Ramon Noodles
- Gift Cards are very important \$15

Next Outreach is 10/28 meet at Mary Help at 8am to load Cars and trucks.

Take advantage of those BOGO’S one for YOU, one for MHCP!

Jelly and Gift Cards needed for Outreach

\$15-Publix, Winn Dixie or Walmart.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of September 23, 2023 TO September 24, 2023

Attendance	188	Envelopes	27
Mass Offertory		\$	2,026.00
Loose Checks		\$	570.00
Online Giving		\$	1,496.00
Candles		\$	64.00
TOTAL		\$	4,092.00

Starting Friday, October 6th @ 6:30pm

For three consecutive Days 6, 7, & 8th

At: St. Francis of Assisi—Seffner

40-hrs of Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . Because the world needs Jesus.

JOB CORNER

Job offers needed. If you know of anyone who is looking for employees. Any jobs or any position. Please contact the office at 813-626-7588 or email parish@mhctampa.org

Job opening for a Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at St Stephen Catholic Church, Riverview, FL. Applications for the position can be downloaded from the Diocesan website at <https://www.dosp.org/humanresources/employment-opportunities/> Application, Resume and Letter of Interest should be emailed to the Director of Faith Formation Rosie Bridges,

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 01, 2023

26th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
"Which of the two did his father's
will?" They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to
you, tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God
before you." - Mt 21:31

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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 813 599 9565

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.