

Dear People of God,
Entering into this fourth and last week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though both holy and virtuous, they were still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience.

St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith. They provide us with the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say yes to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

Prayer: "Dearest Mother Mary and St. Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You."

This has been a wonderful Marian Month. The Immaculate Conception, Help of Christians on December 8th, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas Day, and the following Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family! May we turn to her often as our great advocate, friend and mother in Heaven. Pray the rosary daily!

Many thanks for making Christmas a bit brighter for so many families in need. May God bless you all abundantly and always! Thinking of and praying for others is good. Doing for others is "the icing on the cake". Many, many thanks to so many of you for doing both.

**BLESSED, JOYFUL, AND GRACED CHRISTMAS
TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!**

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 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:

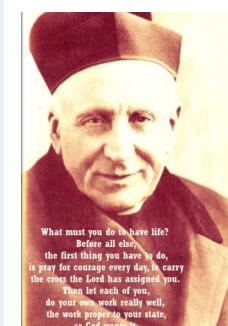
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2025 Mass Intentions:

December 20, 2025 - December 28, 2025

Sat, December 20, 2025, 5:00pm: +Rose Spano req. by Cynthia Spano
Sun, December 21, 2025, 8:00am : +Joe Piniella req. by Joe Tomaino
Sun, December 21, 2025, 11:00am: +Ronnie Fritz req by Betsie & Harold Welch
Mon, December 22, 2025, +Br Joe Tortorici, SDB req. by Anonymous
Mon, December 22, 2025, 7:00pm: +Daniel Brown & Patricia Wilson req. by Maggie Brown
Tues, December 23, 2025, 6:45am: Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko
Wed, December 24, 2025, 5:00pm: For the Parishioners req. by Parish
Thurs. December 25, 2025, 12:00am For the Parishioners req. by Parish
Thurs, December 25, 2025, 11:00am : For the Parishioners req. by Parish
Fri. December 26, 2025, 6:45am : +Ralph Romine req. by Josephine Rinaldi
Sat, December 27, 2025, 5:00pm : Taylor & Brewer family req. by Pam Brewer
Sun, December 28, 2025, 8:00am : +Donna Harker req. by Chet Shinko
Sun, December 28, 2025, 11:00am: +Roque Baptista req. by Armstrong & Zeenat Monteiro

BL.PHILIP RINALDI -Born on May 28, 1856 at Lu Monferrato (Alessandria), Philip was won over by Don Bosco at the age of twenty-two. As a priest, he was entrusted with the formation of the aspirants and novices. In 1899 Fr. Rua sent him as Director of the community of Sarriá, Spain and later as provincial leader. In this role he contributed greatly to the development of Salesian Spain. Nominated Vicar General of the Congregation, his gifts as father and the wealth of his initiatives became even more evident. He set up formation centres to offer spiritual and social assistance to young working women, planned printing works and guided and supported the Salesian Sisters through a particularly sensitive period in their history. He gave great encouragement to the Cooperators, and set up the World Federations of Past-Pupils (male and female). He was elected Rector Major in 1922. "All that is lacking to Fr. Rinaldi is Don Bosco's voice: he has everything else" said Fr. Francesia.



What must you do to have life?
Before all else, the first thing you have to do,
is pray for courage every day, to carry
the cross the Lord has assigned you.
If you do your own work really well,
the work proper to your state,
as God wants it.

December

12/21 No Faith Formation
12/22 Church cleaning & decorating 9am / No Financial meeting this month
12/24 No adoration / Christmas Vigil 5pm /Christmas Caroling 11:30pm
12/25 Midnight Mass, Korean Christmas Mass 9:20am
Christmas Day Mass 11am,
12/28 No Faith Formation
12/29 Mass 7pm
12/31 Mary Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass 7pm / Commemoration of St John Bosco

January 2026

01/01 Mary Mother of God Mass 7pm/ Happy New Year office closed
01/03 First Sat. Marian Devotions 9:30am
01/04 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am

Save the date - Upcoming events for the holidays

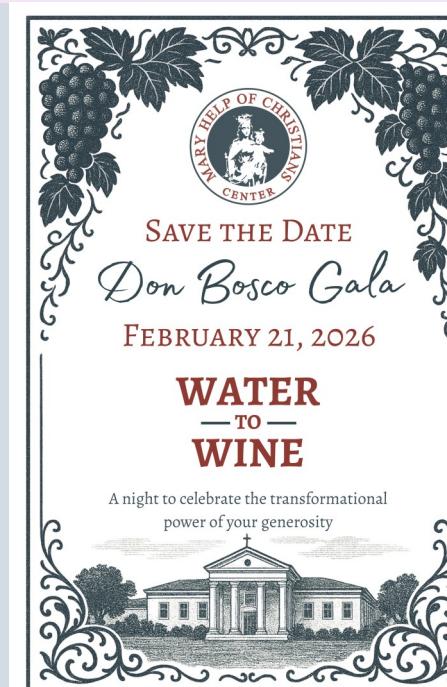
Cleaning Church & Decorate Dec. 22nd 9am-12pm

Christmas Masses - Dec. 24th Vigil 5pm

Christmas Caroling Dec. 24th 11:30pm / Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass Dec. 25th 11:00 am

Please check the bulletin for further information



Mary Help of Christians Gymnasium Semi-Formal Attire
Invitation to follow



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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!**
- Diapers - Sizes 5&6 - Baby Wipes
- Chef Boyardee, Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly needed
- Shaving cream
- Canned tuna / Chicken
- Fruit Cups

Our goal : To fill 60 blue bags with the listed items.

Next Outreach is 01/17/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to load cars and trucks . All are welcome to join us.

Many Thanks and Blessings

The last two weeks were our busiest time of the year for our parish. Along with the normal day to day routine, there was the background work of wrapping and sorting of gifts and preparing food bags. We distributed Christmas cards with a McDonald's gift card in each to the students at Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School. We held a Christmas party for the students at Collaboratory Prep giving each child a Christmas gift and candy. On Saturday, our parish volunteers split themselves between 22nd St and the Casa Verde Mobile Home Park distributing Christmas gifts and food. Later in the day was a visit to our neighbors on Chelsea St. These distributions are successful because of your kind generous donations. Many thanks and blessings to all of you in this Advent season.

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of December 13, 2025 to December 14, 2025

Attendance 203 Envelopes 27

Mass Offertory	\$	3,556.00
Loose checks	\$	1,055.00
Online Giving	\$	1,190.00
Candles	\$	57.00
Flowers	\$	235.00
Collections retirement for Religious	\$	945.00

TOTAL \$ 7,038.00

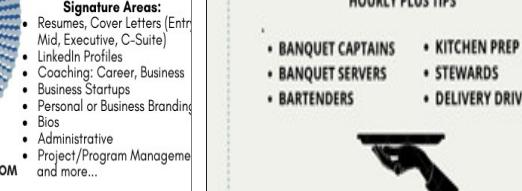
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year.

Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Thursday January 15th.

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21, 2025



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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