

Weekend of December 28, 2025

Dear People of God,

This week we celebrate the gift and model of the Holy Family. We are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph and Jesus to reflect upon. Though both holy and virtuous, Mary and Joseph 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. Our yes is to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

And then there is Jesus . . . enough said!

Prayer: *“Dearest Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you lived. May our families here at Mary Help of Christians strive to model ourselves on you. 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.”*

Many thanks for making Christmas a bit brighter for so many families in need. (St. Philip Residence, Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School, Col-laboratory School, Outreach @ 22nd St , Outreach @ Mobile Home Park, Outreach to our neighbors on Chelsea Street and Chelsea Court - Christ-mas Caroling) . . . not to mention the people who visit us off the street for either food, or utility assistance - or both! May God bless you all abundantly and always!

**AN ABUNDANCE OF BLESSED CHRISTMAS
PEACE, JOY, AND GOD’S GOOD GRACE
TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, NOW,
AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!**

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, Tom Costa, David & Rosie Gratz, Lisa Franz, Patti Capitano, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Bob-by Ryder, David Netel, , Jay Samman, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Beverly Fernandez, Bob & Marge Fallon, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, MaKayla Jennings, Lauren Lynch, Clarissa Roberson, Katherine Conrad, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles, Roseanne Ferrante Waters, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

2025 Mass Intentions:

December 27 2025 - December 28, 2025

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 Arm-strong & Zeenat Monteiro

Mon, December 29, 2025, All souls of Ba’s Family req. by Anonymous

Mon, December 29, 2025, 7:00pm: Wedding Anniversary of Con-rad & Magda Sagnip req. by The Family

Tues, December 30, 2025. 6:45am: +Mary Midili req. by Josephine Rinaldi

Wed, December 31, 2025, 6:45am: Blessing upon the Anctil Family req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Wed, December 31, 2025, 7:00pm: John & Martha Quirke req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, January 01, 2026, 7:00pm : +Patricia Hauser req. by Gerard Hauser

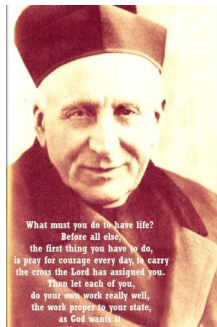
Fri. January 02, 2026, 6:45am : +Lucy & John Costa req. by AnnMarie, Tom, Carl, Shane

Sat, January 03, 2026, 5:00pm : Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Deacon Joshua & Family

Sun, January 04, 2026, 8:00am : Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Deacon Joshua & Family

Sun, January 04, 2026, 11:00am: Parishioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Deacon Joshua & Family

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 Fed-erations 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.

December

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
Trailer out front to collect yard sale items**

**01/07 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm
Youth Ministry 7pm**

**01/11 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am
Christmas decorations come down/ Blood Mobile 8-1pm**

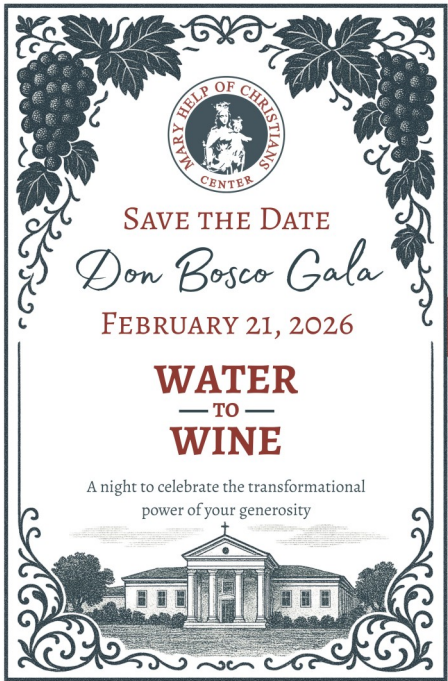
01/12 Mass 7pm

01/14 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Wed. Dec. 31st Vigil Mass @ 7pm

Thurs, Jan. 01, 2026 Mass @ 7pm



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.

My Sincerest Thanks

Since Bob and Marge Fallon mentored me in Outreach many years ago, I’ve seen this ministry continue to grow and flourish. I’ve seen God’s handiwork through all of you, from those of you who work and provide in the background to those of you that deliver these gifts. In the Church’s Jubilee Year of Hope, we have brought hope in a small way to those we serve through our gifts and pray-ers. I give thanks to all of you for what you have done through the years and blessings upon you and your fami-lies in this new year. Your brother in Christ, Deacon Ed

Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of December 20, 2025 to December 21, 2025

Attendance 194 Envelopes 25

Mass Offertory	\$	2,811.00
Loose checks	\$	110.00
Online Giving	\$	1,790.00
Candles	\$	54.00
Flowers	\$	40.00
Collection Retirement for Religious	\$	205.00

TOTAL \$ 5,010.00



Mary Help of Christians
6400 E Chelsea St.
Tampa, Fl. 33610

Now accepting donations for our yard sale on Jan. 31st
and Feb. 01st 2026.

We are accepting clothes, shoes, books, household items,
furniture, home décor, games, toys and much more! **we will
NOT accept TVs and electronics!**

Watch for a trailer near the church starting in January to
place your Items or for more information please contact:

Pam Brewer or AnnMarie Brummett @ parish@mhctamp.org
the office at 813-626-7588

Thank you from Fr Steve, Deacon Ed and the parish staff

What a busy time it has been leading up to Christmas. Many thanks to all of you for the 250+ food bags that were distributed to those in need. Thank you for the many gifts you placed under the angel tree, the elves that wrapped them, and for those who distributed them, bringing a smile to a large number of children. Thanks to those who decorated the church and our choir who lifted us in song. Blessings to all of you, for your good deeds do not go unnoticed by the Lord.

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 28, 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