

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, Collaboratory School, Outreach @ 22nd St, Outreach @ Mobile Home Park, Outreach to our neighbors on Chelsea Street and Chelsea Court - Christmas 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:

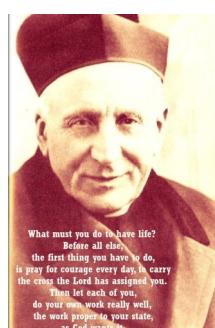
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2025 Mass Intentions:

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 Armstrong & Zeenat Monteiro
Mon, December 29, 2025, All souls of Ba's Family req. by Anonymous
Mon, December 29, 2025, 7:00pm: Wedding Anniversary of Conrad & 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 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 work really well,
the work proper to your state,
as God wants it.

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

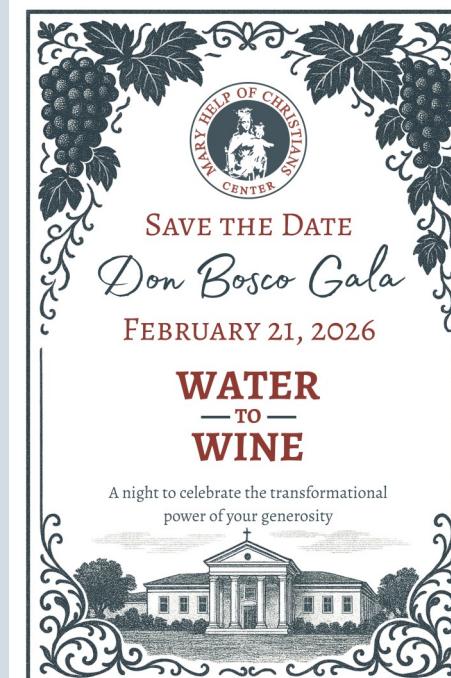
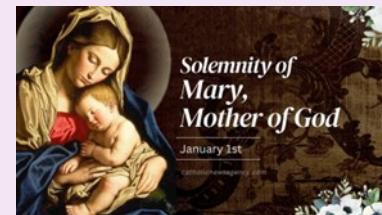
01/12 Mass 7pm

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



To BE A PART OF THIS
YEAR'S GALA,
Visit our website by
scanning the QR code or
following the provided link.
www.mhctampa.org/don-bosco-gala

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.

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 prayers. I give thanks to all of you for what you have done through the years and blessings upon you and your families 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

