

Dear People of God

On this wonderful Feast of St. John Bosco, I would be remiss if I didn't take some time to emphasize the importance and the wonderful gift this great saint of the young has left us here at Mary Help of Christians. There are four criteria that make a Salesian house and work truly Salesian. Every work must have all four of these criteria if they are to qualify as a successful and efficacious Salesian work: All work must be (1) homes that welcome (2) parishes that evangelize (3) schools that prepare for life, and (4) playgrounds where friends could meet and enjoy themselves.

Don Bosco wanted everyone to feel at home in his establishments. Family Spirit should be a recognizable element in every work. The Salesian house becomes a family when affection is mutual and when everyone feels welcome and responsible for the good of all.

In an atmosphere of mutual trust and daily forgiveness, the need and joy of sharing everything is experienced. . . . and relationships are governed not by rules and regulations, but by faith and the promptings of the heart. This is the witness and experience that fills and fires one to get to know and to follow the Salesian way.

This is the witness and experience that all of us here at MHC are invited to participate in. This is the witness and experience that we cannot afford to cheat ourselves from taking advantage of. This is the witness and experience that enables and empowers us to celebrate the Gospel courageously day after day. Happy and blessed Feast day to one and all! May we all come to know and love Don Bosco as I have been able to do over the years.

As usual please remember to pray for all of the Salesians in our presence here at MHC. . . especially for Br. George Marquis, SDB, Fr. Bruce Craig, SDB and all 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, Bobby 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, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Paytin Hampton, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez, Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

#### 2026 Mass Intentions:

##### January 31, 2026 - February 08, 2026

Sat, January 31, 2026, 5:00pm: Salesian Family req. by Parish

Sun, February 01 2026, 10:00am : Feast of Don Bosco – Deceased Salesian priest & brothers. Req. by Parish

Mon, February 02, 2026, +Ted Turpin req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, February 02, 2026, 7:00pm: +Janice Murphy req. by Nichola Murphy

Tues, February 03, 2026, 6:45am: Living & deceased members of the Shinko's & family req. by Chet Shinko

Wed, February 04, 2026, 6:45am: +Lucy & John Costa req. by AnnMarie, Tom, Carl & Shane

Wed, February 04, 2026, 7:00pm: +Mary Rosenberger req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, February 05, 2026, 6:45am : For peace in the World req. by Susanna George

Fri, February 06, 2026, 6:45am : +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Sat, February 07, 2026, 5:00pm : +Rudy Toth req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, February 08, 2026, 8:00am: Parish OCIA Catechumens req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

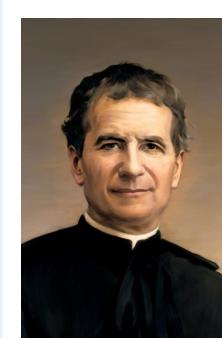
Sun, February 08, 2026, 11:00am: +Tyler Norman req. by Taghap family

##### John Melchior Bosco, (Italian: Giovanni Melchiorre

Bosco; Piedmontese: Gioann Melchior Bòsch; 16 August 1815 – 31 January 1888), popularly known as **Don Bosco** ( was an [Italian Catholic](#) priest, educator and writer. While working in [Turin](#), where the population suffered many of the ill effects

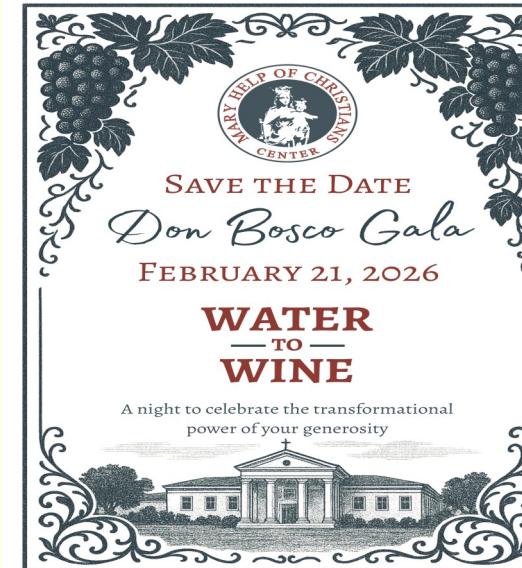
of [Industrialization](#) and [Urbanization](#), he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of [street children](#), [juvenile delinquents](#), and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the [Salesian Preventive System](#). A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of [Francis de Sales](#), Bosco was an ardent devotee of the [Virgin Mary](#) under the title [Mary Help of Christians](#).

He later dedicated his works to de Sales when he founded the [Salesians of Don Bosco](#), based in Turin. Together with [Maria Domenica Mazzarello](#), he founded the [Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians](#), now commonly known as the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls.



#### February 2026

- 02/01 Don Bosco Festival-Mass in gym @ 10am-Festival 11-3pm
- 02/02 Rudy Toth funeral 3pm / Mass 7pm
- 02/04 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 02/05 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm
- 02/07 Janice Murphy Funeral 10am/ 1st Sat Mass 9:30am
- 02/08 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am
- 02/09 Mass 7pm
- 02/11 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 02/12 Mama Margaret 7pm meet at Julie Fameree's house
- 02/14 Happy Valentines Day
- 02/15 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am



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

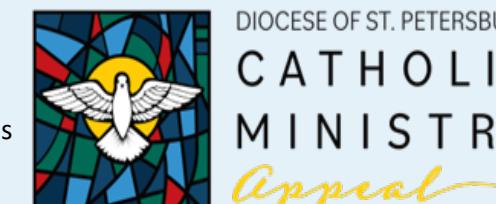


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[www.mhctampa.org/don-bosco-gala](http://www.mhctampa.org/don-bosco-gala)

The 16th Annual Tampa Bay Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, February 14, 2026**, beginning with Mass with Bishop Parkes at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. The event will be held in Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa. The theme for this year's conference is "Finding Hope and Healing in a Broken World." More information and registration details may be found at [link. andre.mccarroll@gmail.com](mailto:andre.mccarroll@gmail.com) or (813) 459-9813.

Many thanks to all of you who completed the pledge card last weekend. As we serve in our small way our local community, The Catholic Ministry

Appeal serves so many various ministries in our diocese from the unborn to our seniors and all of us in between. There are pledge envelopes available on the back table if you have not filled one out and mail it yourself or give it to an usher or Deacon Ed and we will mail it for you, or use the QR code and do it on line. Together we can attain our assigned goal and increase our parish participation.



#### 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 02/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am to

#### Outreach update

We emptied our shelves at our January Outreach and once again it is time to restock for our February 21st outing. We are in need of everything that is on the above list and in particular we need diapers sizes 6 and 7 and wipes. Thank you as always for your generous donations.

#### Weekly Gift Giving

Weekend of January 24, 2026 to January 25, 2026

Attendance 181 Envelopes 30

Mass Offertory	\$ 2,693.00
Loose checks	\$ 350.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,815.00
Candles	\$ 98.00

**TOTAL \$ 4,956.00**

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026

Masses 6:45am / 12:10pm in Good Shepherd Chapel

Mass 7pm in Church

Funeral Mass for Janice Murphy will be Feb. 07 @ 10am with a reception to follow at MHC hall.

Funeral Mass for Rudy Toth will be Feb. 01 at 3pm with reception at Seminole Garden Center at 5800 N. Central in Tampa from 5-8pm

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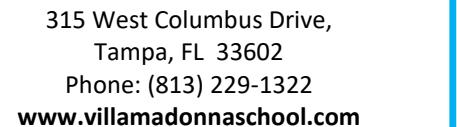


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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Feast of Don Bosco**

**February 01, 2026**



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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

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