

Weekend of February 15, 2026

Dear People of God

The Gospel today is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, which began two weeks ago with the Beatitudes, and then last week calling his disciples "salt and light." This week he shows his followers a new way of observing the commandments; He doesn't want to throw them out, but rather to fulfill them, to raise the bar and make them more substantive. Jesus does not simply want us to live the letter of the law, but to understand and to live its heart and spirit.

We all are aware of the fact that it takes a lot of faith and a lot of love to honestly be a disciple of Jesus. But, that said, this level of faith and love is possible for one and all. If it were not, our Lord would not have given this teaching. It is a teaching to live the highest ideal. It's a calling to live in Beatitude. He calls us to the heights of perfection. It is within those heights that our souls find the greatest reward.

Try to put your eyes upon the ideals of the Christian life. If you aim for anything less, you run the risk of actually attaining that lower goal. . . . and becoming satisfied with that. If you put your eyes on the high calling of the Beatitudes, then you will find that our Lord will continually draw you closer to His heart, while bringing you to an increasingly blessed level of holiness. It's worth it to aim for the ideal!

Reflect upon this very challenging thought. God's justice is, first and foremost, accomplished by His mercy. If you can understand that and live it, you will see great things happen in your life and in the lives of those around you.

*Prayer: Lord, please make me holy. Help me to keep my eyes upon You and upon the virtues and Beatitudes that You call me to live. May I never settle for a mediocre life. Instead, may I strive only for a life of perfection and holiness making You the center of all I long for. Jesus, I trust in You.*

- **Ash Wednesday, February 18th : Mass @ 7:00pm in MHC Church (No Adoration after Mass)**
- **Other Masses : 6:45am GSC; 12:10p GSC**
- **Saturday: February 21st: Outreach : Don Bosco Gala 6pm**
- **Sunday: February 22<sup>nd</sup> : Right of Election at Cathedral 3:30pm**
- **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Parish Day of Recollection 9:30am-2:30pm**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup><sup>st</sup>:Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service during Adoration 7:45m -9:00pm**

As usual please remember to pray for all 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 Always!

Fr. Steve Dumais, SDB  
Pastor

**PRAYER LIST**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Pete & Mary Gallar, , 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, Dan & 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:**

**February 14, 2026 - February 22, 2026**

- Sat, February 14, 2026, 5:00pm:** Health of Dr. Lilian Oguejiofor req. by Vivian Endaya
- Sun, February 15 2026, 8:00am :** Parish OCIA Candidates req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Sun, February 15, 2026 11:00am :** +Rodrigo Cendana Jr req. by Aviles Glenis
- Mon, February 16, 2026, +Joseph & Dolores Anctil req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine**
- Mon, February 16, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Trina Brown req. by Maggie Brown
- Tues, February 17, 2026. 6:45am:** Special intentions for all priest Req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, February 18, 2026, 6:45am:** Susanna & Frank George & family req. by Susanna George
- Wed, February 18, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Mariana Aguilar req. by Jennifer Tuhly and family
- Thurs, February 19, 2026, 6:45am :** Scholastgica & Clolid Jung & Family req. by Susanna George
- Fri. February 20, 2026, 6:45am :** Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Lelia Taghap
- Sat, February 21, 2026, 5:00pm :** +Rudy Toth req. by Mama Margaret Women's Guild
- Sun, February 21, 2026, 8:00am:** +Janice Murphy req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine
- Sun, February 22, 2026, 11:00am:** Lois Bowersox req. by Newcomb Family

Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti (Pio IX) was the ninth child of Count Girolamo and Caterina Sollazzi. He was born in Senigallia 13 May 1792.

St John Bosco had his first audience with Pius IX on 9 March 1858. Both of them had the feeling they had encountered a Saint. Pius IX supported and guided Don Bosco in the founding of the Salesian Congregation. It was he who suggested calling it a "Society" in step with the times, of having vows, but not solemn vows, and he suggested a simple habit and an intense but not too complicated practices of piety. He convinced Don Bosco to write his memoirs to leave the Salesians a spiritual legacy.



During his Pontificate he approved the Constitutions and the Salesian Society, the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the Pious Union of Salesian Cooperators, and was amongst the first to enroll as a member. Don Bosco had great love for Pius IX and accepted all his advice, even when it cost him great sacrifice: "I am ready to face any difficulty", he would say, "when dealing with the papacy and the Church". But the Pope too had great esteem for Don Bosco and called him to Rome often to ask

**February 2026**

- 02/15 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am / Corona Self Help will talk at Masses.**
- 02/16 Office Closed Presidents Day / Mass 7pm**
- 02/18 Adoration 4-7pm silent /Ash Wednesday Masses 6:45am 12:10pm in GS Chapel /7pm in church/ Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 02/20 Stations of the Cross 7pm**
- 02/21 Outreach meet at basketball ct 8am /Don Bosco Gala 6pm**
- 02/22 No Faith Formation for youth only/OCIA 9:15am /Adult 9:30am / Hospitality**
- 02/23 Financial Council 5:30pm / Mass 7pm**
- 02/24 K of C meeting 7:30pm**
- 02/25 Adoration 4-7 silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth ministry 7pm**



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Stations of the Cross every Fri. from 02/20 - 03/27 @7pm in church except 3/27 will be outside.  
Korean 7:30pm



Many thanks to all of you who completed the pledge card . 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.



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**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH**

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- **Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!**
- **Diapers - Sizes 6 & 7 - 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 February 4, 2026 to February 5, 2026**  
**Attendance 167 Envelopes 34**

Mass Offertory	\$	2,772.00
Loose checks	\$	1,100.00
Online Giving	\$	1,972.00
Candles	\$	83.00

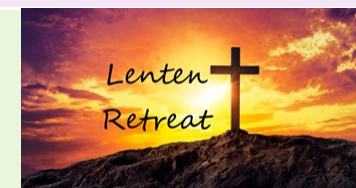
**TOTAL \$ 5,927.00**

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026**

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

**Mass 7pm in Church**

Lenten Retreat March 7th from 9:30-2:30pm  
9:30-Rosary  
10:00-Mass  
10:45-Break  
11:00-Conference  
12:00-Lunch  
1:15-Adoration & Reconciliation  
2:15-Benediction



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2026

*Fulfillment of the Law*

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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.

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