

Weekend of January 4, 2026

Dear People of God,

Today, in this first letter of the new year, we celebrate the wonderful feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means manifestation. The "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to the Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

The Magi (Wise Men) understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star they realized that something special was happening. Be aware that God will and does use things familiar to us to call us closer to Him. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

The Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid down their lives before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for each of us. We also are called to adore Him with a complete surrender of our life.

Lastly, the Magi brings gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from our sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is a salve used for when one would die.

Let's reflect today upon these magi and see them as symbols of what we are all called to do.

Prayer: "Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours." Jesus, I Trust in You.

- I'll be taking some time to visit my sister and her husband in southern Florida from after masses this weekend until Friday January 9th. I will keep to my routine of remembering you all daily in my prayers. May God bless you all abundantly throughout this New Year and always!
- It's been a humbling experience to be on the receiving end of so many kindnesses and generosity during this Christmas season. So many of you continue to inspire me by your desire and your efforts to draw closer to God. Many thanks for that!
- Let's all begin to actively prepare ourselves for the Feast of St. John Bosco later this month.

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, 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.

2025 Mass Intentions:

January 03 2026 - January 11, 2026

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
Mon, January 05, 2026, Holy Souls in purgatory req. by Diana Kinnee
Mon, January 05, 2026, 7:00pm: Health of Janice Murphy req. by Nichola Murphy
Tues, January 06, 2026, 6:45am: James, John, & Andrew Von Drak req. by Diane Kinnee
Wed, January 07, 2026, 6:45am: +Patricia Oye req. by Vivian Endaya
Wed, January 07, 2026, 7:00pm: +Ralph Alfonzo & Lew Swick req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
Thurs, January 08, 2026, 6:45am : Birthday Blessings for Maggie Brown req. by Mary Anne Matarese
Fri, January 09, 2026, 6:45am : +Della Sarsfield req. by Sarsfield family
Sat, January 10, 2026, 5:00pm : +Martha Arroyo req. by Cynthia Spano
Sun, January 11, 2026, 8:00am : Mary Elizabeth Epp req. by Rosemarie Tyler
Sun, January 11, 2026, 11:00am: +Aveliz Marie Perez Tauarez req. by Elizabeth Sanchez

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.

January 2026

- 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
Youth Ministry 7pm
01/15 Parish Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council meeting 7pm
01/17 Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am / Hospitality weekend

BLOOD MOBILE

SUN. JAN 11, 2026 8AM-1PM



OUTREACH IS IN NEED OF SWEATSHIRTS AND PANTS—REFLECTIVE BLANKETS



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

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

Christmas - December 24, 2025 to December 25, 2025
Attendance 377 Envelopes 35

Mass Offertory \$ 4,491.00

Weekend of December 27, 2025 to December 28, 2025
Attendance 174 Envelopes 32

Mass Offertory \$ 2,386.00

Loose checks \$ 250.00

Online Giving \$ 1,035.00

Candles \$ 180.00

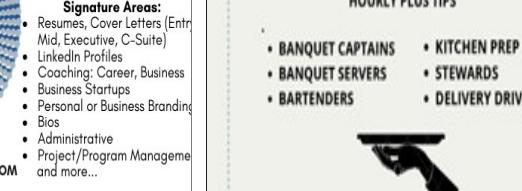
TOTAL \$ 8,342.00

Happy New Year from Fr Steve, Deacon Ed and all the staff at Mary Help. Blessing for the New Year

Remember us, O God: from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

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Deacon Edmond Anctil

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 04, 2026



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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