

Weekend of January 11, 2026

Dear People of God,
Today's feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also mirrors the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

We know that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to, and as a sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nevertheless, He comes to John. John resists, at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done. He also affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. The baptism of Jesus, then, acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John is the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. I have heard it said that Jesus' baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect today, upon the Baptism of the Lord. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father. Allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Prayer: "Lord, I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow you wherever You lead. As we begin this new liturgical season, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice." Jesus, I Trust in You. is kingship over us.

- I feel compelled to offer us, an opportunity to join as a faith community in a prayer for life. We will offer a Rosary Walk for Life here at MHC after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 18th. No sign-ups are necessary. Hospitality Sunday will be awaiting us at the end of the rosary. More details will be offered by announcements at Mass, and email as well.**
- Reverence for life in all of its forms should be a priority for all of us, always. Please think about joining us for this special Rosary For Life event and show your support for those most vulnerable in our society.**

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.

2026 Mass Intentions:

January 10 2026 - January 18, 2026

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

Mon, January 12, 2026, Rosmary Williams & Family req. by Parish

Mon, January 12, 2026, 7:00pm: +Lottie B Taylor req. by Joann Johnson

Tues, January 13, 2026, 6:45am: Susanna & Frank George and Family req. by Susanna

Wed, January 14, 2026, 6:45am: +Mate Cosic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Wed, January 14, 2026, 7:00pm: +Dominic Murphy req. by Peter & Mary Gallar

Thurs, January 15, 2026, 6:45am : Emmanuel Kim Ki Chenl & Family req. by Susanna George

Fri, January 16, 2026, 6:45am : +Marinka Nikolic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic

Sat, January 17, 2026, 5:00pm : Ofelia Lita Posada req. by Cynthia Spano

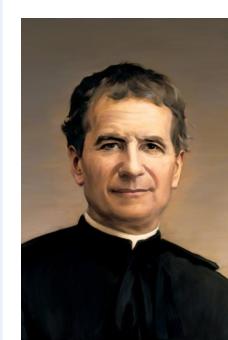
Sun, January 18, 2026, 8:00am : +Jerry Wayne Morcom req. by Edwin & Kathy Celeiro

Sun, January 18, 2026, 11:00am: For the health of Midge Kovac req. by Yvonne Blackbum

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

01/11 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

01/18 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am / Hospitality Sunday /Rosary for life procession after 11am Mass

01/19 Martin Luther King Jr Holiday office closed / Mass 7pm

01/21 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm
Youth Ministry 7pm

SAVE THE DATE- DON BOSCO FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 01, 2026

Mass in the gym @ 10am with the festival to follow with flea market, games, international food and concessions and lots of fun.

What are Bosco Bucks? Bosco Bucks is the currency used at our Don Bosco Festival on February 1st to purchase international food, concessions, drinks, and games. Purchasing them now will allow you to go directly to the food court after Mass instead of standing in the long line waiting to purchase them. See you at the festival.

Mama Margaret Award Nominations

Each year at the Mass of St John Bosco several women are recognized for their outstanding service to Mary Help of Christians. Please take a form and nominate a woman of your choice you feel is worthy of consideration and submit the application found to Fr John Serio's office by Monday, January 19, 2026.

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 or \(813\) 459-9813.](#)



Mary Help of Christians
6400 E Chelsea St.
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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

Outreach update

Thank you all for the blessings in 2025 for we were able to assist everyone who requested aid from us. The winter season is here and the request has been made if we can provide sweatshirts, sweatpants, reflective blankets, sleeping bags, etc. If you have anything extra in your closet that you can drop off at church, we will be honored to take them with us at our next outreach. We are always in need of food, especially those items listed in our bulletin.

Weekly Gift Giving

Solemnity of Mary 12/31/2025 to 01/01/2026

Weekend of January 03, 2026 to January 04, 2026

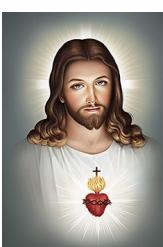
Attendance 107 & 173 Envelopes 11 & 29

Mass Offertory	\$ 3,761.00
Loose checks	\$ 0
Online Giving	\$ 1,615.00
Candles	\$ 86.00

TOTAL \$ 5,462.00

Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

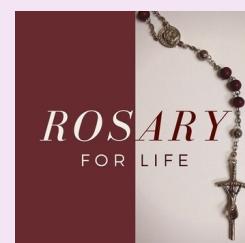
Between January 13th and January 19th our Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting the icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The icon will be placed in the church and can be viewed at any time.



ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

January 18th after 11am Mass.

Please consider joining us to pray the rosary for the most vulnerable.



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For information on joining the Mama Margaret Women's Guild.

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 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