

Dear People of God

This Sunday we celebrate the first of three Scrutinizes which point out the progress in faith of those Elect who are preparing to enter into full communion in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Today, as the Gospel focuses on the story of a woman who encounters Jesus at Jacob's well in the city of Sychar, maybe we should take time to reflect upon the undeniable thirst that is within each of us. It was improper, by law, for Jews to interact with Samaritans. The Samaritans were considered unorthodox by the Jews, strangers to the law, and thus unclean. Yet the woman shows her willingness to enter into dialogue with Jesus, a disposition necessary for a scrutiny.

Once we make a decision to do likewise, we need to follow up with the conscious choice to allow Jesus to fill us with Living Water. If we do this, we too, will leave the many "jars" behind that never satisfy for very long.

Prayer: Lord, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the trials of my life, the heat of my day, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness, and acceptance in these moments., and may that love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

- Many thanks to those that helped organize our annual Parish Lenten Retreat yesterday. (Pam Brewer, Lorraine Anctil, Deacon Ed Anctil and those of you who attended.)
- Please consider joining us for our Friday Fish Fry - sponsored by our Knights of Columbus – on March 13th – from 5:00p – 7:00p. Stations of the Cross will follow the meal @ 7:00pm in the Church. Korean Stations of the Cross will follow @ 7:30pm.
- Don't forget to pray for the young people on this year years' Antioch Retreat which begins on Friday, March 13th and ends Sunday evening the 15th of March with 7:00pm Mass at the Lakeside. Please join us if you can!
- Saturday, March 21st, St. Patrick Potluck Dinner and Dance: 6:00-9:00p in the Gymnasium! \$5.00 per Ticket! Please contact the Office here at MHC with any questions.

As usual please remember to pray for all the Salesians in our presence here at MHC . . . especially Br. George Marquis, SDB – still in rehab - 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, , 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, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Valerie Sieger, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki.

2026 Mass Intentions:

March 07 , 2026 - March 15, 2026

Sat, March 07, 2026, 5:00pm: +Rudy Toth req. by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

Sun, March 08, 2026, 8:00am : For the intentions of the parish-ioners of Mary Help of Christians req. by Parish

Sun, March 08, 2026 11:00am : +Joe Garcia req. by Joe Tomaino

Mon, March 09, 2026, Salesian priest & brothers req. by Susanna George

Mon, March 09, 2026, 7:00pm: +Joe Brocato req. by Brocato Family

Tues, March 10, 2026. 6:45am: +Joe Brocato req. by Brocato Family

Wed, March 11, 2026, 6:45am: For all the Catechumens req. by Susanna George

Wed, March 11, 2026, 7:00pm: +Raymond Gauvin req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs, March 12, 2026, 6:45am : Honoring St Michael req. by Chet Shinko

Fri. March 13, 2026, 6:45am : Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Sat, March 14, 2026, 5:00pm : Ray Salomon Mendoza req. by Sean & Ann Rockway

Sun, March 15, 2026, 8:00am: Nathaniel & Elizabeth Doromal req. By Ray & Eleanor Doromal

Sun, March 15, 2026, 11:00am: + Dr Jacob Mgbemena req. by Okoye family

Eusebia Palomino Yenes was born on 15 December 1899 in Cantalpino, Spain, one of four children to Agustin Palomino and Juana Yenes. Her father worked as a seasonal farmhand, and during winter months when there was no work, he was forced to travel to nearby villages to beg for food, with the little Eusebia at his side. Overjoyed to be in her father's company, she was too young to understand his humiliation in asking for "a loaf of bread, for the love of God".

When Eusebia was 8 years old, she made her first "encounter" with Jesus in the Eucharist and felt called to belong forever and completely to him. A short time later, she was forced to leave school and work to help the family.



Although she was young, she showed unusual maturity in caring for other young children, and when she was 12 she went to Salamanca with her older sister and worked as a nanny. Her love for God continued to grow and was expressed so well through the care she gave to the children..

Look her up and find out more information about her life.

March 2026

03/08 Faith Formation /OCIA 9:15am /Adult 9:30am / Blood Mobile 8:am-1pm

03/09 Mass 7pm

03/11 Adoration 4-7pm silent/Mass 7pm/Parise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

03/13 Antioch weekend Retreat starts 6pm / K of C Fish Fry 5:30-7pm / Stations of the Cross 7pm/ Korean 7:30pm

03/14 Bethlehem Christian Mission speak at all Masses

03/15 No Faith Formation for youth spring break / Hospitality / OCIA and Adults are still having class.

03/16 Mass 7pm

03/18 Adoration 4-7pm silent /Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

03/20 Stations of the Cross 7pm / Korean 7:30pm

03/21 Outreach 8am meet at Basketball ct.

03/22 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am/ Adult 9:30am

Antioch Retreat 2026– Come a Rock and leave a Rose

What is Antioch? Antioch is a Christian youth retreat for teens and young adults (13+) led by faithful teens. This weekend is an opportunity to focus on connecting with others while learning more about our faith, away from distractions and anxieties of our normal routines.

| Where? | When? | How Much ? |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Mary Help of Christians Center 6400 E Chelsea St Tampa, Fl. 33610 | March 13th Thru 15th 2026 | \$80.00 (Scholarships available) No one denied for financial reasons! |

Where Can I sign up?

www.antiochretreat.com

antiochtampa@gmail.com

Steve (813) 404-9658



Stations of the Cross is said every Fri. during Lent @7pm in the church on 3/27 the stations will be outdoors, weather permitting. Korean 7:30pm



K of C Fish Fry March 13th 5:30-7pm
Fish, Hushpuppies, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw
Tea & Water
Desserts provided by Mama Margaret.

**FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS
YOUTH - OCIA -9:15AM
ADULT –9:30AM
Please join us we have something for Everyone**



**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
- Canned tuna / Chicken
- Fruit Cups

Our goal : To fill 60 blue bags with the listed items.
Next Outreach is 03/21/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

Spring cleaning time

Spring is in the air which means this is a good time to clean and rearrange your cupboards and remove those pantry items you had good intentions of using. We are very happy to bring those unopened items at our next outreach and place them on the miscellaneous table. They are ever so grateful with everything that we bring and all food items are taken by the end of our day. Many thanks and blessings

Weekly Gift Giving

**Weekend of February 28 2026 to March 01, 2026
Attendance 188 Envelopes 23**

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| Mass Offertory | \$ | 2,288.00 |
| Loose checks | \$ | 1,160.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ | 1,204.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 85.00 |

TOTAL \$ 4,737.00

Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families

In these challenging times, we invite you to a special event taking place next weekend. Following all Masses, Elaine Hanaia from Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to share insight into the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission seeks to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who continue to endure ongoing violence and a significant decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Religious articles handcrafted from olive wood—native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem—will be available for purchase. These items include crucifixes, rosaries, and other devotional pieces, offering a tangible connection to this sacred land.

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

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 08, 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