

Dear People of God,

It's truly hard to believe that the Fifth Sunday of Easter is already upon us. And, by the way, where did the month of May come from?

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the only Way to Heaven. He is the fullness of the Truth we must believe, and He is the Life we are called to live and is the source of this new life of Grace. We are all called to reflect upon the central and singular role of Jesus in your life. Without Him we are nothing, but with Him we obtain the life of perfect fulfillment. Choose Him in a very personal and concrete way today as our Lord and Savior. Ask Him to enter our life so that He can offer you to His loving Father in Heaven.

Prayer: My Lord and Savior. I thank you for the gift of Baptism which began my life of grace, and I renew my choice to follow You, this day, so that You may enter more fully into my life. May all my actions be directed by You so that I may be an eternal offering with You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Next Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day and all Mothers and Grandmothers both still here or in Heaven, and all those women who have shared their motherly gifts with others who needed them. Thank you especially to those women who have taken on motherly duties for all of our brothers and priests here at Mary Help of Christians - at St. Philip Residence, Mary Help Center, Mary Help Parish, and all the associated ministries that go with each of them. You are all a blessing from God to us all!

We also welcome this week at our 11:00am Mass, the twenty candidates in our parish who are to receive the transforming sacrament of Confirmation. Let's do our best to celebrate with them and make them feel at home.

Our mission Statement prays and hopes that everyone who worships with us might be inspired to become a people "Courageously living the Gospel". May we accept the challenge and invitation of Jesus to open ourselves to His Easter light and allow Him to make that prayer a reality!

Many, many thanks to one and all for not forgetting us here at MHC. Your kind wishes and generosity have been a blessing to us all!!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays @ 4:00p.m - 9:00p.m.**

**Sunday Mass on line - Sunday mornings @ 11:00am. Be strong in your faith; be courageous and unfaltering in your knowledge and belief that Jesus loves you . . . and He always will!**

Please continue to pray for Br. George Marquis, SDB (still in rehab), and 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.

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, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Daniel Wiles, David Russell, Maria De Guzman, Eduardo Sanchez, Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki., William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez, Liam Newcomb

**2026 Mass Intentions:**

**May 02, 2026 - May 10, 2026**

- Sat, May 02, 2026, 5:00pm:** +Jose Burgos req. by Ariely, Linery, and Jolie
- Sun, May 03 2026, 8:00am :** +Leona Starke req. by John & Kathy Butler
- Sun, May 03, 2026 11:00am:** +Leona Starke req. by Joann Johnson
- Mon, May 04, 2026, 6:45am:** Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap
- Mon, May 04, 2026, 7:00pm:** Healing for Joe Busta req. by Joe Tomaino
- Tues, May 05, 2026. 6:45am:** Living and deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko
- Wed, May 06, 2026, 6:45am:** +Francis Bratayenovic & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Wed, May 06, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Janice Murphy req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, May 07, 2026, 6:45am :** +Marinka Nikolic req. by Sanja Cosic
- Fri. May 08, 2026, 6:45am :** +Regina Sparks & Family req. by Sanja Cosic
- Sat, May 09, 2026, 5:00pm :** +Edna Gallar & +Welena Gauvin req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Sun, May 10, 2026, 8:00am:** +Mary Brocato req. by Brocato & Celeiro Family
- Sun, May 10, 2026, 11:00am:** +Lottie B Taylor req. by Joann

**Dominic Savio** (Italian: *Domenico Savio*; 2 April 1842 – 9 March 1857) was a 19th-century Italian teenager who was a student of St. John Bosco. He was studying to be a priest when he became ill and died at the age of 14, possibly from pleurisy. He was noted for his piety and devotion to the Catholic faith, and was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XII in 1954. St. John Bosco regarded Savio very



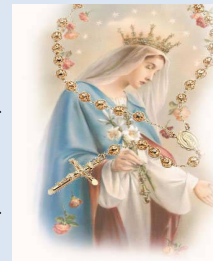
highly, and wrote a biography of his young student, *The Life of Dominic Savio*. This volume, along with other accounts of him, were critical factors in his cause for sainthood. Despite the fact that many people considered him to have died too young to be considered for sainthood, he was considered eligible for such a singular honor on the basis of displaying "heroic virtue" in his everyday life.

**May 2026**

- 05/02** Confirmation retreat 9-2pm
- 05/03** Confirmation @ 11am Mass / Blood Mobile 8-1pm
- 05/04** Monday Mass 7pm
- 05/06** Adoration 4-7silent/Mass7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm
- 05/07** Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council meeting 7pm
- 05/10** Happy Mothers Day to all moms
- 05/11** Monday Mass 7pm
- 05/13** Adoration 4-7silent/Mass7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry
- 05/14** Mama Margaret Guild last meeting at the Barn 7pm

**Praying the Rosary for Peace Daily**

In our Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima and Medjugorje she emphasized the call for daily prayer and in particular praying the rosary to achieve peace in hearts, families, and the world. She urged, "Only by prayer and fasting can war be stopped." During the month of May, our parish is dedicating itself to at least one person or family taking the lead and praying the rosary for this intention. To make sure each day is covered please sign up the date of your choosing in the back of church.



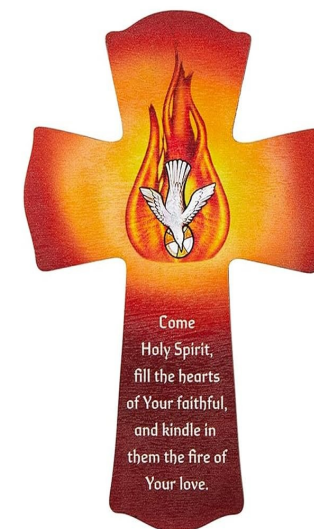
**For all the mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, and special friends who touch our hearts all year. Please fill out a form by May 7th. With your special women's name and drop in the collection basket or by the office so they can be remembered on Mothers Day.**



**Confirmation**

**Please pray for our Confirmation recipients who will receive their Confirmation on May 3rd @ 11am Mass. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

- Natalia & Gianna Abril**
- Aaron Beeg**
- Chris Antonio Dominguez**
- Daniel Fellerhoff**
- Monica Guadalupe Fernandez**
- Emmanuel Suarez Garica**
- Elian Gutierrez**
- Samuel Herrera**
- Francisco Martinez Jr**
- Richard Allen Mestus Jr**
- Ramiro Luva Ramirez**
- Nathalia Rodriguez-Ruiz**
- Edward Hyongsuh Kim**
- William Hyoungbin Kim**
- Youngran Mullen**
- Hana Mullen**
- Grace Park**
- Anna Yi**
- Michelle Yi**



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- Cereal / Granola Bars
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- Diapers - Sizes 5, 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 05/16//2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am.

**Outreach is in need**

Once again, our parish outreach team was out at 22nd St and Busch Blvd to assist our brothers and sisters in need. We were blessed again at this outreach, thanks to all of you and assistance from the Nativity Food Bank, to have enough food and supplies to accommodate them the best that we can. With summer here and the economy being tight, the number of people we serve is slowly increasing and so is the need. Everything and anything you can give helps us each month to assist them. Most importantly is to always remember them in your prayers.

**Weekly Gift Giving**

**Weekend of April 25, 2026 to April 26, 2026**  
**Attendance 195 Envelopes 21**

Mass Offertory	\$	1,983.00
Loose checks	\$	0
Online Giving	\$	1,607.00
Candles	\$	49.00
Mother's Day	\$	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,639.00</b>

**Feast of Mary Help of Christians**

Save the date of Saturday, May 23, 2026 to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 5:00pm, followed by a rosary procession and the crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue and the blessing of your own statues. Come dressed as your favorite saint for the procession.



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**Camp Mary Help**

We are a Catholic day camp serving children 5-14 years old

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- Week 1: June 8-12
- Week 2: June 15-19
- Week 3: June 22-26
- Week 4: June 29- July 2
- Week 5: July 6-10
- Week 6: July 13-17
- Week 7: July 20-24

**Camp Activities**

- Daily Mass
- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Farm Education

**\$250 per week**

\*Discounts and extended hours available

**Open House**  
Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm  
Sunday, April 12, 12:00 pm- 3:00 pm  
Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am- 1:00 pm



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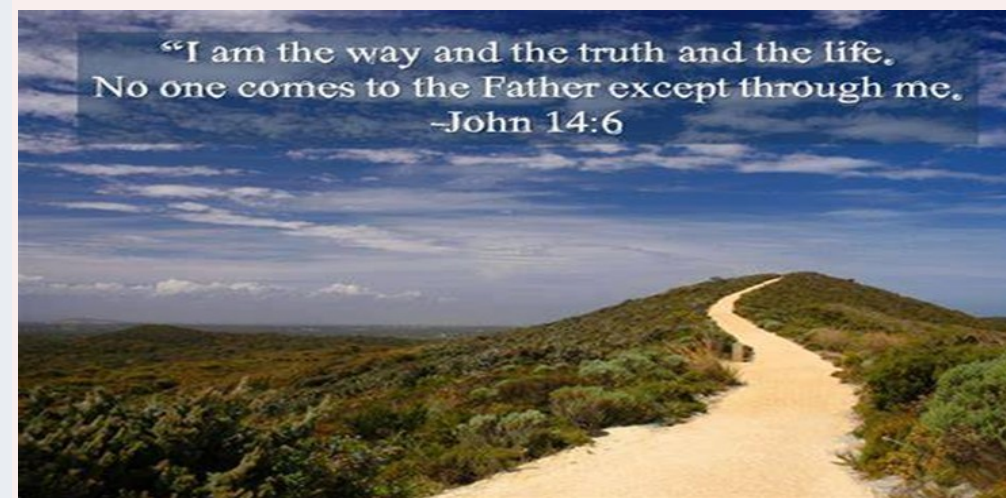


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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
May 03, 2026



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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