

Weekend of May 17, 2026

Dear People of God,

It's truly hard to believe that the Seventh Week of Easter is already upon us. This week we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Next week we celebrate Pentecost- the Feast of the Holy Spirit.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to proclaim to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect today upon your calling to not only share in the moment of Jesus' Ascension, but also you're calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life promised us. Reflect upon Jesus, who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching family and friends and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ's mission to "go into the whole world" to gather the scattered people into the one-fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.

- Remember to do your best to join us for this year's MHC Celebration on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the 5:00pm Mass. While we will offer the Pentecost Mass, a Rosary Walk, Crowning of the May statue up in the main building, and a light social of hot dogs, chips and dessert. Hope to see you there.
- Parish Pot Luck Pool Party will be held after the 5:00pm Mass until 9:00pm on May 30th. Get ready to celebrate family once again! A good time will be had by all.
- Our mission Statement prays and hopes that everyone who worships with us might be transformed into a people "Courageously living the Gospel". In these strange and sometimes worrying times, may we open ourselves to the Easter light of Jesus and allow him to make that prayer a reality!

Please remember to pray for B. George Marquis, SDB who is 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.

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, 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 16, 2026 - May 24, 2026

- Sat, May 16, 2026, 5:00pm:** +Hugh Ronald req. by Anne & Lee Davis
- Sun, May 17 2026, 8:00am :** +Bernadette Yarnold req. by Cooperators
- Sun, May 17, 2026 11:00am:** +Hubert (Babe) Wilson req. by Mama Margaret Guild
- Mon, May 18, 2026, 6:45am:** Special intentions for all priests req. by Chet Shinko
- Mon, May 18, 2026, 7:00pm:** Healing of Reginal Unanka req. by Okoye Family
- Tues, May 19, 2026. 6:45am:** Susanna & Frank George & family req. by Susanna George
- Wed, May 20, 2026, 6:45am:** Fr Xavy Casto req, by Laura & Miguel Azcuy
- Wed, May 20, 2026, 7:00pm:** +Ruth Blaisdell & +Helen Carter req. by Peter & Mary Gallar
- Thurs, May 21, 2026, 6:45am :** Healing Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap
- Fri. May 22, 2026, 6:45am :** Moon Rina's Family req. by Susanna George
- Sat, May 23, 2026, 5:00pm :** +Hugh Ronald req. by Cathy Nagel
- Sun, May 24, 2026, 8:00am:** +Stan Won req. by Sean & Ann Rockway
- Sun, May 24, 2026, 11:00am:** Marcus Johnson Sr. req. by Joann Johnson

Luigi Giovanni Orione (June 23, 1872-March 12, 1940). From the age of 13 he began to suffer greatly from the effects of pneumonia. From 1886 to 1889 he was a student at the Valdocco Oratory in Turin where he gained the attention of St John Bosco, who numbered him among his favorite student. In 1888, he was present at St John Bosco's death and at that time he was miraculously cured. He entered the seminary and he is the only seminarian to have



founded a religious institute while still in studies. In 1895, at his ordination, the bishop allowed six seminarians to join Fr Luigi in a form of community living and this is how the "Little Work of Divine Providence" first came into being. Fr Luigi dedicated his life to serving the poor, homeless, and the abandoned. At his beatification in 1980, Pope John Paul II said of him, "Don Orione appears as a wonderful expression of Christian Charity."

May 2026

- 05/18 Monday Mass 7pm / Financial Council 7pm**
- 05/20 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 05/23 Mary Help of Christians Statue crowning with a rosary procession after 5pm Mass**
- 05/24 Pentecost Sunday / Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians**
- 05/25 Mass 7pm/Memorial Day office closed**
- 05/26 K of C meeting 7pm**
- 05/27 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
- 05/30 Parish Potluck Pool Party sponsored by K of C 6-9pm**

Mary Help of Christians Novena started May 15 - May 23 you can pick up a Novena prayer at the back of church or you can go to our website mhcp-tampa.org and the Novena is there as well.

Carriers of the Cairo

We are looking for people to carry the Cairo for the Procession of our Blessed Mother's statue on Saturday, May 23, 2026 after the 5pm Mass. A sign-up sheet is the back of church to fill the empty spots.

PARISH POTLUCK POOL PARTY

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Date: Sat. May 30th

Time: 6-9pm

Potluck! Bring your family and friends, and even a dish!

Enjoy the Pool, Parish and Fellowship.



Permanent Diaconate

Gentlemen of the parish, have you ever considered increasing your ministry in the church as a permanent deacon. There are two inquiry sessions being offered by the diaconate office on June 23, 2026 and August 20, 2026. Deacon Ed is available to answer any of your questions and provide his insight on the diaconate.



"Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant" MT. 20: 26-27

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH OUTREACH

- Cereal / Granola Bars
- Ramen Noodles / Soup
- Gift Card-\$10 - Great need !!!!!!!!!
- 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 06/20/2026 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 May 10, 2026 to May 11, 2026
Attendance 193 Envelopes 34

Mass Offertory	\$	2,540.00
Loose checks	\$	560.00
Online Giving	\$	1,325.00
Candles	\$	74.00

TOTAL \$ 4,499.00

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.



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



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Camp Mary Help

Camp Mary Help

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

7 Weeks

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

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

Camp Activities

Daily Mass
Swimming
Kayaking
Tubing
Archery
Arts & Crafts
Farm
Education

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The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 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