Weekend of November 22, 2026

Dear People of God

The scriptures tell us that ultimately there are only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - and the false deceiver who is called the "anti-Christ" who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies and temptation to sin and disobedience. Which kingdom will we serve - today, tomorrow, and for all eternity? This present world will pass away, but God's kingdom will endure forever. Is the Lord Jesus the true King and Master of your life?

Thanksgiving is right upon us at this time of the year. What does this day mean for us? In the midst of the horrendous civil war that racked our country from 1860-1865, Abraham Lincoln set aside time to give thanks *to "the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy".* His Thanksgiving Proclamation of October 3, 1863, offers words for us to take to heart.

In spite of all the craziness in our world today, the words of another national leading voice from the past - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - continue to offer us hope, encouragement and thanksgiving - from his address at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington on August 28, 1963, when he said that *"We will speed the day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing . . .. Free at last, Free at last, Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last." We will. We must!*

The Novena to the Immaculate Conception will soon be here. Copies of the Novena will be available at the back of the Church. Take it home with you and pray it every day. Novena begins on November 29th and runs through December 7th.

Parish Advent Retreat Day = December 5, 2026 - 9:30am Rosary - 10:00am Mass - 11:15am Conference - 12:15pm Lunch - 1:30pm Adoration - Please sign up for this day on the list at the back of the church. Lunch will be provided for all who attend. Donations to help with the lunch expenses will be accepted.

As usual please remember 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 that 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, Betsie Welch, Laura Munoz, Rose Gabriel, Elaine & Alan Jones, Barbara Robles, Ruth Maund, Dan & Beverly Fernandez, George Hernandez, Victor Pichardo, David Schwaller, Mary Hodge, Lauren Lynch, Rosa E. Alvarez, Georgene & Dennis Bender, Eduardo Sanchez , Mike Kelly, Victor Fernandez, Paul Gabriel, Joseph Marecki, William Villegas, Anthony Marte, Jaquelin Nunez, Liam Newcomb, MaKayla Jennings, Cheryl Christensen, Diane Desmond, Don Allen, Susana, Mckenzie, Stephanie, Mark Spencer, Michelle Simpson, Heaven Watts & her family, Juan Rangel, Choe. Rachel Curz, Trinity Maraman, Michele Eastman,
For those who have asked you to pray for them.

2026 Mass Intentions:

November 21, 2026 – November 29 , 2026

Sat, November 21, 2026, 5:00pm: +Bob Fallon req. by Beth Strauss
Sun, November 22, 2026, 8:00am : Mark Rankin & Family req. by Eleanor & Rey Doromal
Sun, November 22, 2026, 11:00am: Grace Horvath req. by Dean Family
Mon, November 23, 2026, 6:45am: Birthday blessing for Helen Madden req. by Claudia Barber
Mon, November 23, 7:00pm: Charlie F Johnson req, by Joann Johnson
Tues, November 24, 2026. 6:45am: +Irma Payne req, by Joann Johnson
Wed, November 25, 2026, 6:45am: Mary Hodge req. by Joann Johnson
Wed, November 25, 2026, 7:00pm: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap
Thurs., November 26, 2026, 10:00am: Prayers for a safe delivery for Kayla Campell req. by Helen Madden
Fri. November 27, 2026, 6:45am For all deceased grandparents Req. by Susanna George
Sat, November 28, 2026, 5:00pm : +Bob Fallon req. by Maria Cloutier & Janet Richards
Sun, November 29, 2026, 8:00am: +Walter Shinko req, by Chet Shinko
Sun, November 29, 2026, 11:00am: +Joseph & Dolores Anctil req, by Deacon Ed & Lorraine

MARGARET OCCHIENA (1788-1856)- known lovingly as "Mamma Margaret," was the mother of St. John Bosco and the quiet heart of the early Salesian work. Born in Capriglio, Italy, she was widowed at 29 and raised her sons- including young John – in faith, prayer, and hard work. In 1846, at age 58 she left her village home to join her son at the Oratory in Valdocco, Turin, where for ten years she cooked, mended, nursed and mothered the poor and abandoned boys Don Bosco gathered, turning the oratory into a true family home. She was Don



Bosco's first and foremost co-worker, bringing her motherly presence into his Preventive System of reason, religion, and loving kindness, and is remembered as a co-founder of the Salesian Family. She died at Valdocco on Nov. 25, 1856, and was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI I 2006.

November

11/22	**No Faith Formation & No Adult Formation / OCIA 9:15am**
11/23	**Financial Council meeting 5:30pm**
11/24	**K of C meeting 7pm / Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians**
11/25	**Adoration 4-7 silent / Mass 7pm / Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm**
11/26	**Mass 10am / Happy Thanksgiving office is closed**
11/27	**Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday**
11/30	**Commemoration of St John Bosco**

December

12/01	**Outreach team meeting 7pm**

ADVENT RETREAT: Saturday December 05, 2026
Theme:
Advent Waiting: What's It all about?



Join us for a day of prayer and reflection as we explore the meaning of waiting in Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.
All are welcome to attend this special day of retreat.

9:30-Rosary/ Mass
10:45-11:15 -Coffee break
11:15-12:15 – Talk by Fr Steve
12:15-1:30 – Lunch and reflection
1:30-2:30 – Adoration/Reconciliation/Benediction

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Honor or remember your loved ones this Christmas with a beautiful poinsettia.
Poinsettias will be displayed in the church throughout the Christmas season- a lovely way to honor someone special or to remember a loved one who has gone before us.



Names must be turned in to the office by Monday, December 21st. You can call at **813-626-7588** or email, **parish@mhctampa.org** or drop in the collection basket. The forms will be in the bulletin this weekend or on the table at the back of church,

Save the date December 17, 2026, 5:30-8:00PM

Join us for a Christmas potluck dinner! Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship, and holiday cheer with friends and family



Please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of church. Include your name, phone number, and the dish you will be providing.

All are welcome – come hungry and bring a friend!

Mama Margaret Happenings
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Weekly Gift Giving
Weekend of November 07, 2026, to November 08, 2026
Attendance 191 Envelopes 33

Mass Offertory	**$ 2,388.00**
Loose Checks	**$ 595.00**
Online Giving	**$ 1,845.00**
Candles	**$ 85.00**

Total 4,913.00

Weekly Gift Giving
Weekend of November 14, 2026, to November15, 2026
Attendance 159 Envelopes 31

Mass Offertory	**$ 2,321.00**
Loose Checks	**$ 0000**
Online Giving	**$ 1,234.00**
Candles	**$ 33.00**
Totals	**$ 3,568.00**
2nd Collections	**$ 1,738.00**
Total	**$ 5,306.00**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WED. DEC.9TH 7:30PM
Join us for our Advent Penance Service as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas season.
All are welcome to attend this evening of prayer, reflection, and reconciliation.



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OUTREACH Every third Week of the month meet at the basketball ct. at 8am. Have a youth that needs service hrs. this is a great way for them to earn them.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2026



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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

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.