

For the Weekend of October 11, 2026

Dear People of God

It’s good for us to know that at this point in Matthew’s gospel we are beginning the last week of Jesus’ life here on earth. We commonly know this week as Holy Week. As this week began, Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly. He went into the Temple and in anger drove those out who were carrying on business in the Temple, accusing them of turning the Temple into a den of thieves. Then, Jesus began teaching the crowd. People who were blind and lame were forbidden to enter the Temple, but when they entered and approached Jesus, instead of scolding them for doing so, He healed them. The elders and chief priests confronted Jesus and demanded to know who gave Him authority to do what He was doing. He responded to them with three parables describing the kingdom of heaven. We have already heard two of those parables on the past two Sundays. Today we hear the third.

As the parable begins, it is assumed that the invited guests would have accepted the invitation when it was first offered, but by the time of the great event, they all changed their minds. Without offering any excuses, they acted with violence toward the messengers from the king. And so the king’s response is severe and he invited others to his banquet.

Jesus ends the parable by reminding us all, that if we are going to participate in this awesome event, we must come with the right attitude. Those judged worthy of the eternal banquet must come equipped with the deeds of an authentic Christian life. Hopefully, we all will have a few good deeds to bring with us. Amen.

- This Sunday, we’ll have the Rosary and a brief Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church after the 11:00am Mass to celebrate the 109th anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima. Please feel free to join us.
- Anyone who is in need or would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call the parish office to set an appointment with Fr. Steve. The parish number is 813-626-7588.
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Please remember - Be strong in your faith; Be courageous and unfaltering in your knowledge and belief that Jesus loves you . . . and He always will!

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 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.
For those who have asked you to pray for them.

2026 Mass Intentions:

October 10, 2026 - October 18, 2026

Sat, October 10, 2026, 5:00pm: Birthday blessings Katie Prescott req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, October 11, 2026, 8:00am : +John Broad req. by Annabelle Broad

Sun, October 11, 2026, 11:00am: Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus req, by K of C

Mon, October 12, 2026, 6:45am: For the victims of disasters Req. by Susanna George

Mon, October 12, 7:00pm: Knights of Columbus req. by Knights of Columbus

Tues, October 13, 2026. 6:45am: Birthday blessings for Letty Brook req. by the Family

Wed, October 14, 2026, 6:45am: +Lucy & John Costa req. by AnnMarie, Tom, Carl, & Shane

Wed, October 14, 2026, 7:00pm: Anniversary of Pete & Mary Gallar req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Thurs., October 15, 2026, 6:45am: Sue & Mike Perfgolatti req. by Chet Shinko

Fri. October 16, 2026, 6:45am : Healing for Ed Cureg, req, by Leila Taghap

Sat, October 17, 2026, 5:00pm : +Josie & Joseph Martinez req. by Cynthia Spano

Sun, October 18, 2026, 8:00am: +Ed Sleyzak req. by Kathy & Edwin Celeiro

Sun, October 18, 2026, 11:00am: +Antonio Lubrano req. by Linda’s sister

Alessandrina Maria da Costa was born on March 30, 1904, in Balasar in Portugal. She was brought up in the faith by her mother, along with her sister Deolinda. Alessandrina stayed with the family until she turned seven, then was sent to Póvoa do Varzim to board with a carpenter’s family so she could attend primary school. After returning to Balasar she worked as a farmer. She was known to be lively, affectionate and playful, much sought out by her friends.



When she was 14 years old, she jumped from a window into the garden at home to safeguard her virtue when it was under threat from some evil-intentioned young men. Five years later, the damage caused by that fall left her totally paralyzed, and she was bedridden for more than 30 years. She was looked after by her older sister.

Look her up and read about her life

October

10/11 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am/Adult Formation 9:30am/ Lady of Fatima Rosary after 11am Mass

10/12 Monday Mass 7pm

10/14 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7pm

10/17 Outreach meet at basketball ct. 8am / Hospitality / Orange bags for Thanksgiving will be available

10/18 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult 9:30am/ Hospitality/Orange bags for Thanksgiving will be available

10/19 Monday Mass 7pm

10/21 Adoration 4-7pm/ Mass 7pm/ Praise & Worship 8-9pm Youth Ministry 7-9pm

10/24 Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians

October is the month of the Rosary
Our Parish is offering a Rosary Bouquet to our Blessed Mother for Peace in the World. During the day, please make the time to pray the rosary wherever you may be; at home, walking , etc. The signup sheet in the back of church advises us that one member or family will be praying the rosary each day.



100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday Oct. 17 & 18
Pope Leo XIV announced the theme as “One in Christ, united in mission” . World Mission Sunday stands as a significant centenary celebration focused on unity, missionary identity, and global evangelization. Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God’s love through prayer, generosity, and witness.



Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need. Second collection is next Sunday. Please be as generous as you can be.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we enter into the fall season, we prepare ourselves for the Thanksgiving meal and as a parish we assist

those who may be in need to celebrate this feast as well

Please take an orange bag from the back of church, fill

it with the listed items, return the filled bag placing it at

the communion rail, and place the gift cards in the locked

black box. Many thanks and blessings for your generosity.



FALL FOR JESUS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 31ST FROM 1-4PM

Hay rides, food, music, games & much more
Bring your children for a fun and safe Tricker Treating.
Located: The Barn
Cost: Free



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 65 blue bags with the listed items.
Next Outreach is 10/17/2026 Meet at Mary Help at 8am

Outreach

The phrase "the poor you will always have with you" appears in the Gospels of Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, and John 12:8. Jesus spoke these words when his disciples questioned the waste of expensive oil. He meant it as an acknowledgment of ongoing human need. That ongoing need continues today and we share it every month with those who come to our outreach. You read each week the list of items that we need to fill a bag for each family. We are grateful for your continued support and we know that you will continue to support this ministry. We have found that the dollar stores have some of these items at a lower price which means that the purchase of one item in the big box store could mean doubling or tripling an item from these stores. Lastly, continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in their journey. May they know Christ is walking with them.

Weekly Gift Giving
Weekend of October 03, 2026, to October 04, 2026
Attendance 189 Envelopes 24

Mass Offertory	\$	3,019.00
Loose Checks	\$	300.00
Online Giving	\$	1,173.00
Candles	\$	66.00

Total \$4,558.00

Wrapped Candy needed for Fall for Jesus Festival
Drop off at the office by Thurs.
Oct 29th by 3pm



OCTOBER MEMORIAL

Bong-I Choi	10/01/20
Carmen L. Schrack	10/01/20
Harold Gilbert Lopez	10/11/17
Carlos Montoya	10/11/17
Vincentia Josephinna Martinez(Sanfilippo)	10/21/21
Fr. John G Masiello, SDB	10/24/20
Thomas Raymond Epp	10/26/23
Dennis Michael Murphy	10/27/21
Sara St. Amant	10/28/21
Mavis Marie McDonald-Smith	10/28/20
Esther Jensen	10/29/20



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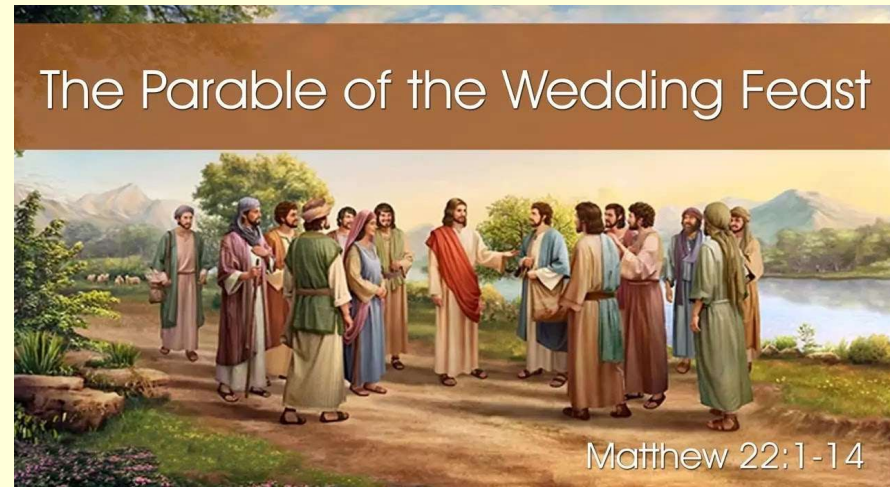
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Deacon Edmond Ancil

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 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