

For the Weekend of September 27, 2026

Dear People of God

In the Gospel today we see that the chief priests and the elders of the people were full of pride and self-righteousness. They held to their own opinions even though their opinions were wrong. Their pride kept them from discovering the simple truths that the tax collectors and prostitutes were discovering. For that reason, Jesus makes it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes were on the road to holiness whereas the religious leaders were not. This certainly must have been difficult for them to accept.

In which category do you find yourself? Sometimes those who are considered “pious” or “religious” struggle with a similar pride and obstinacy as did the chief priests and elders of Jesus’ time. It’s for this reason that Jesus was so direct and so harsh. He was attempting to break them free from their stubbornness and prideful ways

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to seeing the truth of God and, especially, to seeing your own fallen and sinful state. Let’s not only be committed to doing good to and for others . . . but also open to seeing and being inspired by the good others do as well.

Prayer: Lord, help me always to humble myself before You. When pride and stubbornness enter in, help me to hear Your strong words and to repent of my obstinate ways. Jesus, I trust in You.

I just read a most frightening statistic. There are an estimated 100 million children between the ages of 5 and 18 living on the street in the world. In the United States there are 1.3 million homeless and runaway street kids, not counting children who were forced out of their homes, abandoned by the foster care system, or are part of a homeless family. As a Salesian of Don Bosco, this not only breaks my heart, but makes it all the more imperative that we do all in our power to make sure that the young people in our lives don’t become part of this statistic. Pray for our families. Pray for the young people of our families, our country, and the world!

October 1-31 - **Rosary for Peace** Sign up at the back of the church.
October 4th - @ 9:15am by the outdoor altar - **Blessing of the Animals**
October 8th - **40 Days for Life** signup at the back of the church.

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 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:

September 26, 2026 - October 04, 2026

Sat, September 26, 2026, 5:00pm: +Martha Arroyo req. by Cynthia Spano

Sun, September 27, 2026, 8:00am: Heli Cimorra req. by Joe Tomaino

Sun, September 27, 2026, 11:00am: Thanksgiving of God req. by Bergensten Family

Mon, September 28, 2026, 6:45am: Special intentions for all priest req. by Chet Shinko

Mon, September 28, 7:00pm: Cindy Galiani req. by Diana Kinnee

Tues, September 29, 2026.6:45am: +Joseph Sarsfield req. by Sarsfield family

Wed, September 30, 2026, 6:45am: Healing for Ed Cureg req. by Leila Taghap

Wed, September 30, 2026, 7:00pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory req. by Diana Kinnee

Thurs., October 01, 2026, 6:45am: Birthday blessings Ronald Taylor II req. by Pam Brewer

Fri. October 01, 2026.6:45am: Living and deceased members of the Shinko family & friends req. by Chet Shinko

Sat, October 02, 2026, 5:00pm: +Bob Fallon req. by Pete & Mary Gallar

Sun, October 03, 2026, 8:00am: Blessings with Chioma Okoye ministry in Hong Kong req. by Pam Brewer

Sun, October 03, 2026, 11:00am: +Ed Sleyzak req. by Mama Margaret Womens Guild

Alberto Marvelli was born in Ferrari on March 21, 1918, the second of seven brothers. When he moved to Rimini with the family he began to attend the Salesian Oratory there. He was always available and became a catechist and leader: the Salesians’ right arm. He loved to play all kinds of sports.



As models he took St. Dominic Savio and Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. At 17 years of age he wrote his project of life in his diary; it would renew his life.

He joined the Oratory group for Catholic Action soon becoming its parish president. He died when he was hit by an army truck on October 5, 1946. He was, as Don Bosco wanted, a good Christian and an honest citizen, committed to the Church and society with a Salesian heart. As a youth his motto was, “Either live by moving forward or die.”

September 2026

09/27 No Faith Formation youth or adult /OCIA 9:15am / Pancake breakfast 9-11am / Ministry Fair 9-1pm
09/28 Financial Council 5:30 / Monday Mass 7pm
09/30 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm
Youth Ministry 7pm/ Commemoration of St John Bosco

October 2026

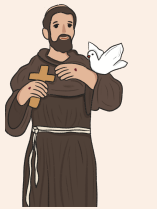
10/01 Staff meeting 6:15pm / Parish Council 7pm/ Month of Rosary’s for peace in the world
10/03 1st Sat Marian Devotions 9:30am
10/04 Faith Formation & OCIA 9:15am / Adult Formation 9:30am
10/05 Monday Mass 7pm
10/07 Adoration 4-7pm/Mass 7pm/Praise & Worship 8-9pm

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday: This weekend marks Priesthood Sunday, a special time to honor and express our deep gratitude to our priests for their dedicated service. From celebrating the sacraments and leading our parish community to shepherding souls, our priests continually bring Christ's grace into our lives. Please keep our priests in your daily prayers and consider writing a personal note of thanks or offering a spiritual bouquet for their ministry.



Blessing of the animals Sunday Oct. 4th
9:15 am at the outdoor altar.

Bring your animal to be blessed just
make sure that you have them on a leash or
in a crate.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE - HELP SAVE LIVES IN TAMPA!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God’s help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 26,000 saved babies
- More than 180 closed facilities
- More than 275 converted workers

Here’s how to take part iin 40 Days for Life in our community

Vigil Location: Outside Tampa Women’s Health Center
2010 E Fletcher Ave Tampa

Vigil Hours: 10am - 4pm /Oct.08, 2026

Sign up sheets at the back of church

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.



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 on going 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 September 19, 2026 to September 20, 2026

Attendance 154 Envelopes 30

Mass Offertory	\$	1,977.00
Loose checks	\$	600.00
Online Giving	\$	2,455.00
Candles	\$	32.00

TOTAL \$5,064.00

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY SEPT. 27TH FROM 9-11AM
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, JUICE, MILK
COFFEE

TICKETS: \$5.00



MINISTRY FAIR this weekend

Sat. 6pm-7pm / Su. 9am-1pm

You are invited to the small dining room after Mass, next to the cafeteria, to learn about our parish ministries, to talk to people in these ministries, and consider being a part of a minisry



