Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular
515 4th Street South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701
+Diocese of Saint Petersburg

One hallmark of Franciscan spirituality is to extend welcome to all.

On behalf of the Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular,
and the parish family of Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace, we extend this heartfelt invitation:

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church.
No matter what your current family or marital situation.
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation.
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color.
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at
Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace.
In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi:
"May the Lord give you peace."

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Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am - Tuesday & Thursday 12:10pm
Weekend: Saturday 4:00pm Vigil. Sunday Mass 8:00am & 11:00 am
Holy Days: Please check within the bulletin for Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00—3:45pm and by appointment

If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to one of our Friars. If you are visiting and interested in registering, please pick up a blue registration form found in the church or visit our Parish Office. Once completed either return it to our Office or drop it in the collection basket.

Membership is required for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Registration is also required before the pastor can issue a certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance by contacting our Wedding Coordinator via the parish office. Participation in marriage preparation is required by the Diocese of Saint Petersburg.

Parish Staff:

Pastor
Fr. Damian Amantia, TOR

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Larry Uhlman, TOR

In Residence
Fr. James Gigliotti, TOR

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Michael Menchen
Rev. Mr. Richard Santello

Business & Physical Plant Dir.
Antoinette Magnani (ext 206)

Parish Ministry Assistant
(ext 201)

Director of Faith Formation
Lynn Doto (ext 207)

Wedding Coordinator
Alice Coston

Director of Liturgy/Music
Michelle Rego (ext 208)

Physical Plant Custodial Care
Calvin Adams

Parish Office Hours:

9am-3pm Mon—Thurs
Office is Closed Friday
(727) 896-2191

Parish Bulletin:

Articles needed by Wednesday noon 2 weeks prior to print date.

Parish Website:

www.stmaryolg.org

Parish Email:

info@stmaryolg.org

727-825-0442

DAYSTAR LIFE
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Knights of Columbus # 2105
Rick Smith - **727-403-3932**

Parish Ministries:

Altar Servers
Al Hoel

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Alan and Dale Stewart

Holy Communion - Sick & Homebound
Fr. Larry Uhlman

Legion of Mary
Peggy Brydebell

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers
John Davis

Ministry to the Deaf
Carol Downing

Music Ministry & Readers
Michelle Rego

Brotherhood of Our Lady men's group
Mark Egeling

Secular Franciscans
Jim Gillis

Companions of Clare women's group
Karen Egeling

Wonderful Wednesday Faith Group
Jen Ehrhart

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sean Denny

Rosary Mondays
Suzanne Hester

Our Legacy of Grace continues…..

My sisters and brothers, Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace has seen many changes since our founding in 1920, but as we look ahead there is one thing we can depend on, our faith community will continue to grow. And thanks to the generosity of the Fiedler Family, our parish now has an established endowment to support our efforts for years to come, the *Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Endowment Fund*.

The *Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Endowment Fund* is a permanent fund in which the initial donation from the Fiedler Family will never be touched, but the income earnings can be used to ensure the stability and effectiveness of our parish.
All members of Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace have the unique ability to be a part of this legacy, an ongoing beautiful tapestry of sacramental life, community and family.

If you wish to make a donation to the endowment, please contact the parish office.
If you wish to leave a gift to the endowment in your estate, please contact your attorney or the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Diocese of Saint Petersburg, 727-344-1611, ext.5337.

And the language needed for **an estate** is:

"*I hereby give, devise and bequeath _____ and No/100 dollars ($DOLLARS) to Emmaus Foundation, Inc. d/b/a The Catholic Foundation, Diocese of Saint Petersburg, a nonprofit organization located at 6363 9th Ave., N., Saint Petersburg, Florida, 33710, Federal Tax ID #59 -3519543, for the Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Endowment Fund to benefit Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Parish, Saint Petersburg, Florida."*

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the ongoing tapestry that makes us Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace. Help me to provide for those who will come after us as many over the past 100 years have provided for us.

From a humbled and grateful heart may Our Lady of Grace continue to wrap us in her mantle of motherly love.

JANUARY 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a holy day of obligation.

Mass times will be:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 2025 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
and THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2026 at 9:00 am Mass of the Day.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for your Greatest Adventure?

Have you always desired to be Catholic or do you know someone interested in the Catholic faith? Are you curious about baptism or confirmation or do you want to wonder with others about being a disciple of Christ? Is Jesus calling you to grow in relationship with Him?

Join us for a spiritual journey that includes engaging with the mysteries of the Catholic Faith, reflecting on the Gospel readings as a community and being offered a mentor as you walk this journey. We meet most Sundays at 12:15PM in the Parish Center.

Text (or call) Lynn 727-409-1392
for more
information and to receive a list of meeting dates.

The Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the **Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00pm.**

This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year. **Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Thursday January 15th.**

Sunday 12/28

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Frank Bellafante
by Susanna Bellafante

Monday 12/29

8:00 am †Joseph and Helen Kovachevich Sr. and †Charles and Bessie Kuchan Sr. and Family
by Judge Kovachevich

Tuesday 12/30

12:10 pm †Jorge de la Osa
The de la Osa Family

Wednesday 12/31

8:00 am †John Koelsch
by Denis Koelsch

Thursday 1/1

9:00 am †Vincent Russell
Friars and Staff

Friday 1/2

8:00 am †Niki White
by The Thielen Family

Saturday 1/3

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 1/4

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am Donald Mulholland
by Rose and Ed Coryn

Readings for the day can be located at: www.usccb.org

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS
Are available for Masses upon request.

If you require a gluten-free host, please come to the sacristy before Mass starts to request one, and we can accommodate you!

*The **Vigil candle** burning at the statue of Our Lady of Grace is in loving honor of*

†Frank Bellafante

requested by

Susanna Bellafante

The flowers at the statue of Our Lady of Grace are made possible by a generous donation from

Ray and Susan Kikel

Please remember our Poor Boxes. Your donations serve our local community through Daystar Outreach, Saint Mary's Ministry of Mercy. Located at both side entrances.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless and comfort our brothers and sisters who are ill. Surround them with your healing presence and give them strength. Amen.

Kimberly Mullick, Karla McClintock, James Patrick King, Kent Gilbertson, Eddie Connaughton, Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams, Daniel Sharpe, Pat Dillinger, Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron, Clarice Carpenter, Sylvia Gonzales, Theo Rennard, Rosalind Flynn, Linda & Kennedy Johnson, Tom Foote, Erica Swenson, JoAnn, Mikro & Alaina Dimovski and Joseph John Cala, James Kochen, Mary Fletcher, Lee Allen, Susanna Vazquez and Cynthis Allen.

Please inform the Parish Office of prayer requests as they are updated monthly.

If you would like to remember a loved one or a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) by having a 2 week candle burn at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, or by contributing toward the cost of the gifts of bread and wine used during Mass on the weekends, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.
A suggested donation of $20 would be greatly appreciated.
Floral arrangement placed at the statue of Our Lady of Grace, in loving memory or a special occasion, is available through the parish office.
Flowers are $35 an offering for a bouquet.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES At SAINT MARY's begins January 4, 2026 at 3:00 pm!

Come join AFRO Opera, in a program of holiday, opera, spiritual and musical theater selections that will be a great start to our 2026 season! An optional architectural tour of our church will be offered at the conclusion of this one-hour concert.

All concerts are FREE and open to all. A free-will offering is taken to defray costs.

Our series is made possible by generous donors! To help support this series, see Michelle Rego at the ramp door or call 727-896-2191 ext. 208.

PARKING NEWS!

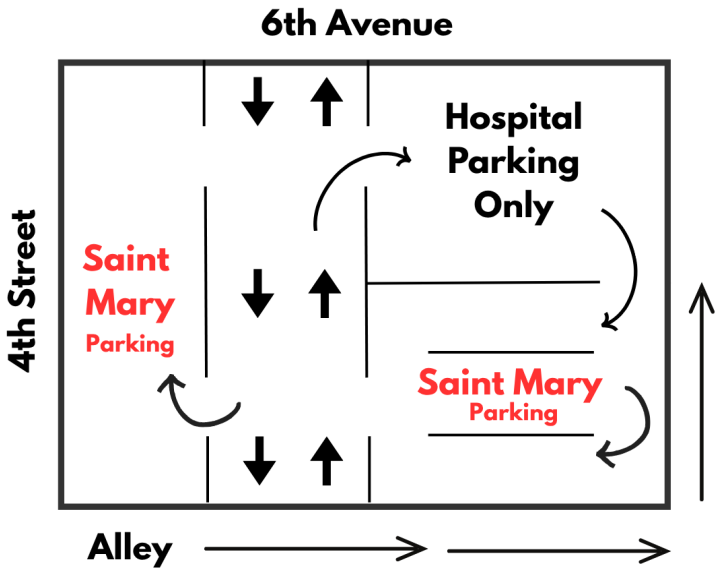
The paved parking lot adjacent to the church grounds is now open for our use thanks to the generosity of John's Hopkins Hospital!

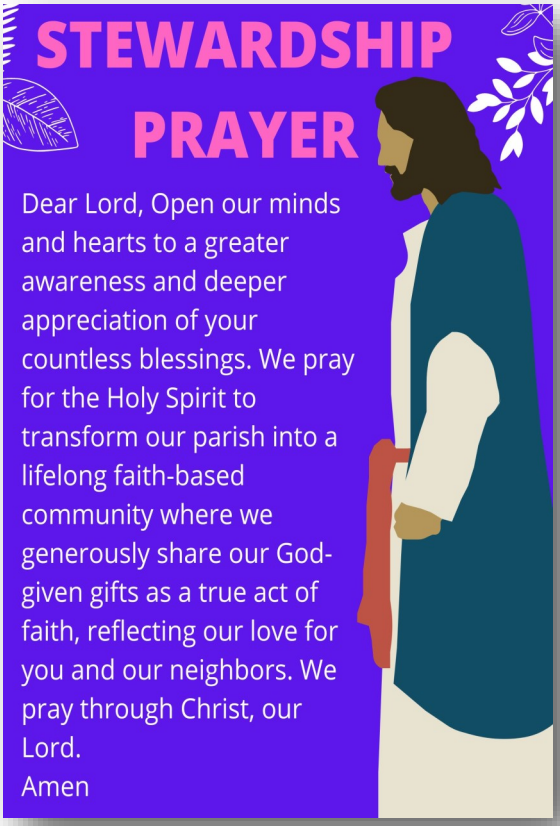
We are allotted 55 spots in this new lot, and the gates will be open for your entry 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

PLEASE USE ONLY THE SPOTS indicated here and by the signage you will see upon entry. You may be ticketed if you use hospital parking!

Thank you for your cooperation and thanks to our good neighbors at John's Hopkins!

Parking Update





Are YOU a parish member? If not, please register! All you have to do is fill out a blue registration form (found at the church doors and in the parish office) or fill out the form online at https://stmaryolg.org/parishioners. Registration is necessary to keep our parish rolls current, and assists you in securing sacramental and pastoral services.

When you register, you can sign up for various ministries around the parish. You can also choose to receive contribution envelopes, or simply opt to do your stewardship online. Other convenient ways to give:
Use the **QR code** below or **text MARYOLG to 91999.**
No matter which way you choose, we NEED your support, whether you are a registered parishioner or a visitor! **And we THANK YOU for your generosity!**