

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**



Peter Eschbacher

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

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Michael Menchen

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



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 to the Sick

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





DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
Office of the Bishop

September 12, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual **World Mission Sunday** celebration will be observed on the weekend of **October 18-19, 2025**. Each year on the next-to-last weekend of October, we are reminded that we, along with all the Christian faithful, are called to share in the Church's missionary work in some way.

This year's World Mission Sunday theme is *Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*, which is most appropriate as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope. In a message given on May 9, 2025, the day after his election to the papacy, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, stated, "Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent [...] These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed."

Next year will mark 100 years since Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926. This year's celebration presents us, along with the Church throughout the world, with the opportunity to provide aid to 1,124 dioceses worldwide that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Your gifts will go to support and sustain priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as we continue to build the Church and serve the poor.

With gratitude for your prayerful support of our sisters and brothers in mission territories around the world, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gregory Parkes
Bishop of Saint Petersburg

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



JOIN THE
MERRY MAKERS
WHERE SAINT MARY'S EVENTS
ARE MADE
UNFORGETTABLE!

WHETHER YOU LOVE TO
PLAN,
DECORATE,
WELCOME OR
TIDY UP,
WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU.

CONTACT TERRY SILVA 727-418-1089



Join us for
Companions of Clare
our Saint Mary's women's group.

Based on the life and sanctity of
Saint Clare of Assisi,
we are a community of faith-filled women who
uplift, encourage, and grow together in Christ.
Join us for fellowship and spiritual growth the
third Wednesday of each month.
We invite you to come as you are—
let's walk this journey of faith together!

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:00 - 8:30PM - Parish Hall

**COMPANIONS
OF CLARE**

Text /Call Karen Egeling for details
(585) 208-1681

THEN WHO CAN BE SAVED?

For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God.

MARK 10:26-27

**Sunday 10/12**

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Richard Bodalski
by Mary Lynn Bodalski**Monday 10/13**8:00 am †Gordon Skrede
by Frank and Danene Doto**Tuesday 10/14**12:10 pm †Casmir Kowalski
by Casey Kowalski**Wednesday 10/15**8:00 am †Consetta Kowalski
by Casey Kowalski**Thursday 10/16**12:10 pm †Olga Parker Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich**Friday 10/17**8:00 am Robert Paul Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich**Saturday 10/18**4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow**Sunday 10/19**8:00 am †Milly Donaghy
by Ray Donaghy

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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

ARE You a Registered Parishioner?

We ask that all worshippers, even our snowbirds, be registered members of the parish. This gives us a record of our membership, and also allows us to give permission to you to be a Baptismal godparent or sponsor, or to receive other Sacraments of the Church.

To register, take a blue form found at the entrances of the church, fill it out, and give it to anyone with a name tag. OR you can fill it out online on our website at this address:

<https://stmaryolg.org/parishioners>
(scroll to the bottom of the page to download the form)

*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.*

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.

ITALIAN FEAST & **MUSIC BINGO** *NIGHT*

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18

START AT 5 PM
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

Scan the QR Code
to get your tickets
today!



Join us for an evening of music bingo, fun
prizes, and a full Italian feast!

Music Bingo Tickets, including a full
Italian Feast, are \$30 per person.

MENU

Gluten Free Baked Ziti
Penne Pasta Tray with Homemade Sauce
Meat Balls
Salad Station
Garlic Bread
Italian Inspired Desserts

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord, Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings. We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform our parish into a lifelong faith-based community where we generously share our God-given gifts as a true act of faith, reflecting our love for you and our neighbors. We pray through Christ, our Lord.
Amen



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!**

