

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, also epitomized by Pope Francis,
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, we ask that you pick up a blue registration form found in the church or visit our Parish Office and 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, 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. Participation in a marriage preparation program 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 should e-mailed

Wednesday by noon

10 days prior to print date.

(Holidays 15 days prior.)

Parish Website:

www.stmaryolg.org

Parish Email:

info@stmaryolg.org

Knights of Columbus # 2105

For questions or assistance,

please call: Rick Smith

727-403-3932

Kofcouncil2105.org



Parish Ministries:

Altar Servers

Al Hoel

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Sean Denny

Daystar Life Center-727-825-0442

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Alan and Dale Stewart

Holy Communion to the Sick

Fr. Larry Uhlman

Faith Community Nursing Ministry

Legion of Mary

Sylvia Gonzales

Faith Formation

Lynn Doto

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers

John Davis

Ministry to the Deaf

Carol Downing

Music Ministry

Michelle Rego

Readers

Michelle Rego

Brotherhood of Our Lady

Mark Egeling

Secular Franciscans

Jim Gillis 727-564-1733



My Dear Sisters and Brothers.

Each year, I join with Bishop Parkes and my brother priests in support of the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. The annual appeal is an opportunity for us to work together with parishes across the Diocese to advance the mission of our Church.

In the book of Jeremiah, we are reminded of the blessings that come from trusting in the Lord: *“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretched out its root to the stream.”* (Jeremiah 17:5-8). This scripture beautifully illustrates the importance of our reliance on God and how, when we place our trust in Him, we become rooted and fruitful, just like a tree planted by the water.

Through the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, we are given the chance to plant seeds of hope and support the ministries, programs, and charities that nourish our diocese and the many communities we serve. Gifts to the appeal provide essential services such as outreach programs, and support for the most vulnerable among us, as well as support and direct services to our parish ministries. **I invite you to join me in making a gift to the *Catholic Ministry Appeal* this year giving hope to those in most need.** Last year Catholic Charities, served 202,650 meals and sheltered 5,009 of our sisters and brothers. This is just one of many examples of how your sacrificial gift becomes fruitful, a blessing for so many.

My sisters and brothers, let us remember that our trust in the Lord enables us to flourish and share His love. As we respond to His call, let us do so with generous hearts, knowing that through our combined efforts, we can build a brighter future for our Church and community in a way that no one parish can do alone.

Be assured of my heartfelt thanks for your prayerful consideration and participation in this year’s appeal. Our appeal goal this year is \$78,194. I am humbled by your continued generosity and loving support of our sisters and brothers in need.

May Our Lady of Grace continue to wrap us in her mantle of motherly love as we continue our journey with her Son and with one another to courageously live the Gospel.



Fr. Damian-Vincent Amantia, TOR, Pastor



Mardi Gras Bingo at Saint Mary’s!

Sat, FEBRUARY 22 5PM
PARISH CENTER

Ready for an evening of games,
music, supper & prizes?!

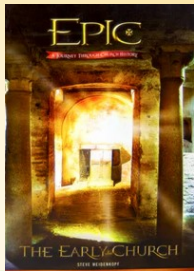
Tickets are \$20.00 per person
and can be purchased by using
the QR code here!

Seating is limited!!!
Don’t miss out!

Need help purchasing your ticket?
Call Lynn 727-409-1392

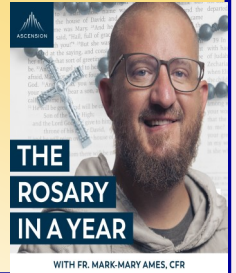


ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Wednesdays 10—11:30A
Led by Jen Ehrhart
The Early Church
(Ascension Press)

Saturdays 10 - 11:30A
Led by Theresa Pacuicrk
The Rosary in a Year
No session on 3/8/25



Join us in the Parish Hall. Enter by the carport door. 727-409-1392 for more information or to register.

Are you ready for the Greatest Adventure?

Have you always desired to be Catholic, know someone interested in the Catholic faith or who would like to become Catholic? Have you received some of the Sacraments of Initiation but not all of them? Is Jesus calling you to grow in relationship with Him? We invite you into the **OCIA** journey. **OCIA** is the **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**.

Join us for a journey that includes engaging with the mysteries of the Catholic Faith, Reflecting on the Gospel readings as a community and being offered a mentor to walk this journey with you.

We are excited to welcome you!

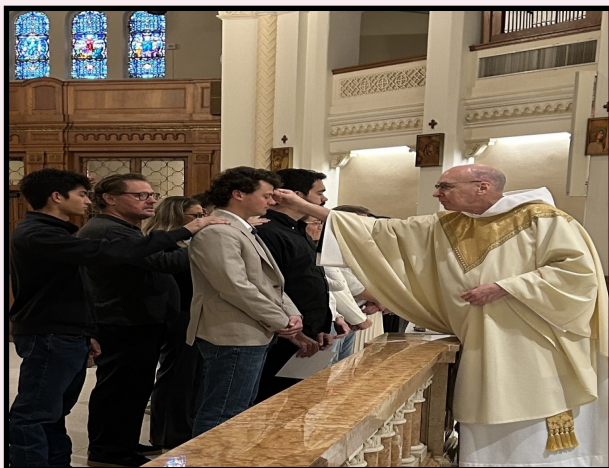


The combined
Rites of Acceptance &
Welcome

We rejoice in the faith journeys of :

- Cortni
- Cheryl
- Maggie
- Andrew
- Heidi
- Tia
- Alix
- Carlos
- Chris

Thank you Sponsors!





Sunday 2/16

8:00am †Olga Parker Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

11:00am Parishioners and Staff

Monday 2/17

8:00am Special Intention
by Lisa Saathoff

Tuesday 2/18

12:10pm †Elizabeth Licata
by Fr. Damian Amantia

Wednesday 2/19

8:00am †John Gallo
by Fr. Damian Amantia & Johnston
Families

Thursday 2/20

12:10pm †Carl Monks
by David & Myra Gross

Friday 2/21

8:00am †Helmar Nielsen
by Denis & Eleanor Koelsch

Saturday 2/22

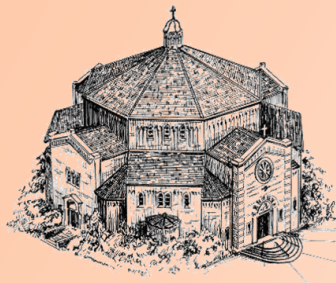
4:00pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 2/23

8:00am Parishioners and Staff

11:00am †Mary Jean Rego
by Marty Estevez

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



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.

*Carolyn Wilson,
Kimberly Mullick,
Marie & Don Mulholland,
Karla McClintock,
James Patrick King,
Kent Gilbertson,
Eddie Connaughton,
Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams,
Daniel Sharpe, Pat Dillinger,
Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron,
Judith Miller, Clarice Carpenter,
Sylvia Gonzales,
Theo Rennard, Rosalind Flynn,
Linda & Kennedy Johnson,
Tom Foote, Erica Swenson,
JoAnn and
Mikro & Alaina Dimovski.*

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

The Vigil candle burning at the statue of Our Lady of Grace is in loving honor of
†Ellen Ziska
requested by
The Bruemmer Family

The flowers at the statue of Our Lady of Grace are in loving memory of

†Emma Bellafante
requested by
Susanna Bellafante

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.

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace Winter Concert Series 2025



Sunday, Feb. 16,
3:00 pm
"Kaleidoscope"

Tasha Robinson, harpist



Tasha Robinson has played the harp for the last 35 years. She has trained at the Cincinnati Conservatory, University of Toronto and the Glenn Gould Professional School.

THE 2025 WINTER CONCERT SERIES is made possible by generous donors and sponsors, thus allowing the general public to attend all concerts for no charge. Please consider sponsoring a concert or making a donation by using the QR code below!

Call Michelle at 727-896-2191 ext. 208 for more information!



Sunday, March 2,
3:00 pm
"A Choral
Afternoon"



*The Voices of Grace
of Saint Mary,
Michelle Rego, Director*

The Voices of Grace of Saint Mary's is one of the premier Roman Catholic Church choirs in the greater Tampa Bay area, serving at Saint Mary's and gracing our concert series for the past 14 years.

This year, the choir will present Choral classics, both ancient and modern, in cooperation with local professional musicians. Come round out the 2025 Winter Series with your favorite choristers!

Total production cost: \$1,000.00

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



GIVING to your Parish

It's not hard to donate to our parish at any time! Use the QR code below or text MARYOLG to 91999. OR go to our website <http://www.stmaryolg.org> and scroll down the home page.

Want to do it the old-fashioned way?

Call the parish office at 727-896-2191 to get contribution Envelopes! 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!

