

# 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](http://www.stmaryolg.org)

### Parish Email:

[info@stmaryolg.org](mailto: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

Mark and Karen Egeling

#### 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





**SOUP SUPPER**

*LENTEN EVENING PRAYER  
And SOUP SUPPER*

*SUNDAY, MARCH 15 at 5:00 pm  
in the church for LENTEN EVENING PRAYER.  
followed by a SOUP SUPPER in the Parish Hall.*

*No reservation needed - all are welcome!*

*Free event - donations appreciated*

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING A CROCK POT OF SOUP, TEXT LYNN 727-409-1392**

**ALMSGIVING DURING LENT**

*Please give generously  
to our families supported by DayStar -  
A beautiful way to love our neighbors!*

**Travel size, new unopened items urgently needed:**

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body Lotion
- Feminine Hygiene
- Soap
- Individually wrapped Wipes
- Deodorant
- individually wrapped granola bars & snacks



**THANK YOU!  
EVERY DONATION  
IS A BLESSING**



*A collection basket is at  
the ramp door table from  
February 18 - March 22.*



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. According to the decree, Pope Leo has established that from Jan. 10, 2026 until Jan. 10, 2027, a special Year of Saint Francis may be proclaimed. The Apostolic Penitentiary also announced that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics "under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory."

The indulgence will be granted to those who participate in a pilgrimage "to any Franciscan Church, or place of worship in any part of the world named after Saint Francis or connected to him for any reason."

In solidarity with this papal decree, Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace will display the statue of Saint Francis with his relic in the church beginning March 7-8, and holy cards will be available near the statue for all.

*Our Solemn Vesper service on Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 pm will also be in honor of this anniversary. All are welcome to come and pray that evening and stay for a Soup Supper in the parish hall!*

## 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.



### Rite of Sending

**We celebrate with those continuing their journey of faith.**

We offer heartfelt thanks to our sponsors whose guidance and steadfast support help make this journey possible. May these events remind us that we walk together in Christ, united in prayer, hope, and love.





Readings for the day can be located at: [www.usccb.org](http://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.**

<p><b>Sunday 3/15</b>                  8:00 am For Our Parish Family  <i>by Craig and Sharon Merritt</i>                  11:00 am Parishioners and Staff</p>
<p><b>Monday 3/16</b>                  8:00 am †Sean Craig  <i>by Friends and Family</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 3/17</b>                  12:10 pm Liam and Mary Sweeney and Family  <i>by Jim Barron and Philip Boyle</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 3/18</b>                  8:00 am †Jodie Whalen  <i>by Jim Whalen</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday 3/19</b>                  12:10 pm †Raymond Vander Heyden  <i>by Fisher Hall</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 3/20</b>                  8:00 am †Judith Miller  <i>by Friends</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 3/21</b>                  4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow  <i>by Henry Kasprow</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 3/22</b>                  8:00 am †Kay Whalen  <i>by Jim Whalen</i>                  11:00 am Parishioners and Staff</p>

Gluten Free-hosts are available upon request.

Simply stop by the Sacristy before Mass and let the Sacristan or Presider know of your need!

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

*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, Lee Allen,
- Susanna Vazquez and Cynthia 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.



*"It is not how much you do,  
but how much love you put  
in the doing."*

*Mother Teresa*

## PARISH NURSING MINISTRY RETURNS

SAINT MARY'S IS DELIGHTED  
TO RESUME OUR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE MINISTRY  
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY.

OUR PARISH NURSES, JEN EHRHART, RN, AND PAM SUETHOLZ, RN, LOOK FORWARD  
TO SERVING THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.

WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES  
TO JOIN THIS MINISTRY.

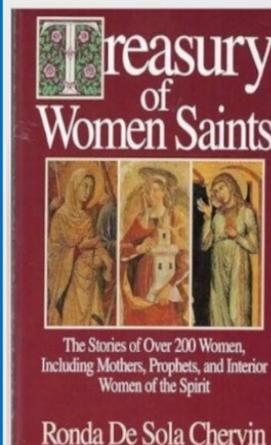
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES COMBINE PROFESSIONAL NURSING SKILLS WITH  
SPIRITUAL CARE TO SUPPORT HOLISTIC HEALTH FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

WATCH THE BULLETIN AND PRE-MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR UPDATES.

## Stations of the Cross

Held each  
**THURSDAY**  
of Lent,  
immediately  
following the 12:10 pm Mass in  
the Church.

All are welcome to attend and  
pray this traditional  
Lenten devotion.



### Companions of Saint Clare

our Saint Mary's women's group.

Grounded in the witness of Saint Clare of Assisi, we  
are a community of women who uplift and grow  
together in Christ.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

Join us for a new faith-exploration series  
inspired by *The Treasury of Women Saints*.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

7:00 - 8:30PM - Parish Hall

COMPANIONS OF  
SAINT CLARE

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

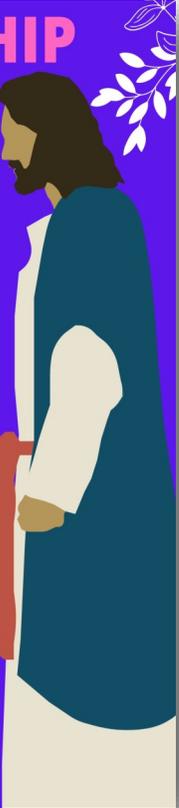
## *The door will be open just for you*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
will be celebrated on the evening of  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 7pm**



# 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!**

