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.”

Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular

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 parish, please introduce yourself to one of our Friars. To become a member, pick up a blue registration form found at the entrances to the church or at the parish office. Completed forms can be returned in the collection basket or given to any hospitality minister.

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

***Matrimony**: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance by contacting our Wedding Coorindator (see below for email address.) **Funerals**: contact our Director of Liturgy and Music at the parish office.*

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
Email: stmaryolg@gmail

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
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE SINCE 1982

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

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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

Companions of Saint Anthony of Padua
Jen Ehrhart

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sean Denny

Rosary Mondays
Suzanne Hester

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday in our homes this week, Fr. Larry, Deacons Michael and Richard and I invite you to join us around the table of the Word and Eucharist this **Thanksgiving morning at 9AM**. It is most fitting that we gather to celebrate and give thanks and praise to God for all the many gifts given to us through our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Let us rejoice my friends in God's love and give thanks for the blessings showered upon us, our families and our community here at Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace.

During this celebration a special collection of canned goods and non-perishable items will be collected for Daystar Life our parish outreach ministry. I ask that you please be generous and bring an item or two so that we may provide families with food baskets during the holidays.

We extend to each of you heartfelt blessings on this special day set aside to give thanks and praise. Should you be unable to join in the celebration here at church please know that you and your family will be remembered from grateful hearts for the gift you are to each of us and to our community.

As you are sharing around the table with family and friends here is a short story that I hope brings a smile as well as a prayer of thanks for all your blessings.

An atheist was walking through the woods one day in Alaska, admiring all that evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What a powerful river! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. Turning to look, he saw a 13-foot Kodiak brown bear beginning to charge toward him. He ran as fast as he could down the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was rapidly closing on him.

Somehow, he ran even faster, so scared that tears came to his eyes. He looked again and the bear was even closer. His heart pounding in his chest, he tried to run faster yet. But alas, he tripped and fell to the ground.

As he rolled over to pick himself up, the bear was right over him, reaching for him with its left paw and raising its right paw to strike him.... he yelled out, "OH MY GOD!"

Time stopped…. The bear froze…. The forest was silent…. Even the river stopped moving.

As a brilliant light shone upon the man, a thunderous voice came from all around, GOD SPOKE: "YOU DENY MY EXISTENCE FOR ALL THESE YEARS, TEACH OTHERS THAT I DON'T EXIST AND EVEN CREDIT CREATION TO SOME COSMIC ACCIDENT. DO YOU EXPECT ME TO HELP YOU OUT OF THIS PREDICAMENT? AM I TO COUNT YOU
NOW AS A BELIEVER?"

Difficult as it was, the atheist looked directly into the light and said, "It would be hypocritical to ask to be a Christian after all these years, but perhaps you could make the bear a Christian?"

"VERY WELL," said GOD.

The light went out...The river ran...The sounds of the forest resumed...

And the bear dropped down on his knees, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, thank you for this food which I am about to receive. Amen."

Abundant blessings to all,





ADULT FAITH FORMATION

AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Have you felt drawn to the Catholic Church, or know someone who is curious about the faith?

Are you exploring Baptism, Confirmation, or what it means to follow Christ?

If Jesus is calling you to grow closer to Him, we invite you to join us.

Walk with us on a spiritual journey as we explore the richness of the Catholic faith, reflect on the Gospel together, and receive personal mentorship along the way.

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

SEEK FOLLOW BELONG

You are invited. You are welcomed.
You are not alone.



We look forward to welcoming you.

We meet two Sundays each month at 12:15 PM in the Parish Center.

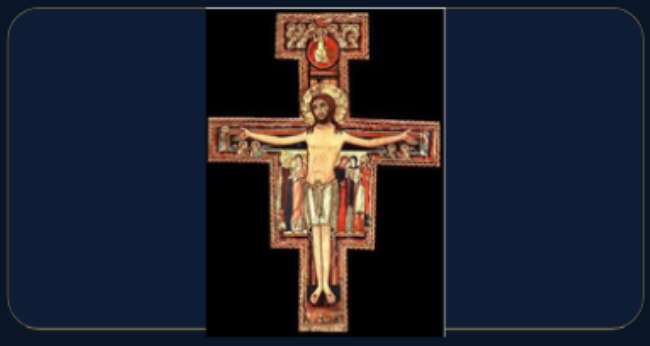


Do Something Bold this Advent

When was the last time you had the kind of Advent that changed your life?

Men's Catholic Scripture Study

Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace



Strengthen your relationship with God through a better understanding of scripture.

All knowledge levels are welcome/bibles provided.

2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month
7:00 - 9:00PM • Parish Hall

Will (727) 482-4801

Sunday 11/22

8:00 am †Jim Prior
by Nancy and Robert Shannon

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

Monday 11/23

8:00 am †Edgar Martin Koepsell
by Grace Calixto

Tuesday 11/24

12:10 pm †James McGarry
by Jennifer Ehrhart

Wednesday 11/25

8:00 am †Perry Quimbo
by Quiimbo Family

Thursday 11/26

12:10 pm †Mariza Marques de Oliverira
by Thall and Christiana Fichter

Friday 11/27

8:00 am Rick George
by Denis Koelsch

Saturday 11/28

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 11/29

8:00 am †Ivan, Agnes and Lauren Arnold
by Mark Arnold

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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

Low-gluten hosts are available upon request.

Simply come to the Sacristy prior to the start of mass and let the priest and sacristan know you are in need of one!



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.

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

†Francesco 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

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, Lyric Adams, Daniel Sharpe, Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron, Clarice Carpenter, 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.

ASTRALIS
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE



To learn more about our Winter Concert Series, scan the QR code below

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Saint Mary,
Our Lady of Grace

Winter Concert Series 2026-2027 starts

Sunday, Dec. 13, 3:00 pm

"Pastorales de Noel"

The musicians of the Astralis Chamber Ensemble, Angela Massey (flute), Jason Lan (viola), and Abigail Kent (harp) present a magical program of music depicting the Advent season and coming of Christmas. Join us for an enchanting program of music for holidays!
No admission fee, but a free-will offering will be taken to defray costs

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Saint Petersburg, 33701.

Show you care, Give a Pair.

NOW COLLECTING

Help Daystar Life by donating a pair of new socks or underwear for our neighbors in need.



REQUESTED ITEMS:
- New men's and women's socks
- New men's and women's underwear

Please donate new, unused items only.

Donation box provided by
Knights of Columbus, Council 2105.

OUR MISSION
Daystar Life educates and empowers our community members to fight nutritional insecurity and financial instability by creating opportunities that lead to self-sufficiency.

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Put your faith into action.

Learn more at knights2105.org

What's Happening...

Rosary Mondays	Legion of Mary Tuesdays	Living Our Faith Wednesdays
		
8:30 AM in the church	10:30 AM in the Parish Hall	10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

All are welcome.

Interested? Contact parish office (727) 896-2191

It's easy to give to our parish at any time! Use the QR code below, or text to 91999 using the keyword MARYOLG

Another way: visit our website: stmaryolg.org and you can give a one-time or ongoing donation!

Thank you for your generosity!

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 choose to receive contribution envelopes, or simply opt to do your stewardship online.

WELCOME to Saint Mary's!