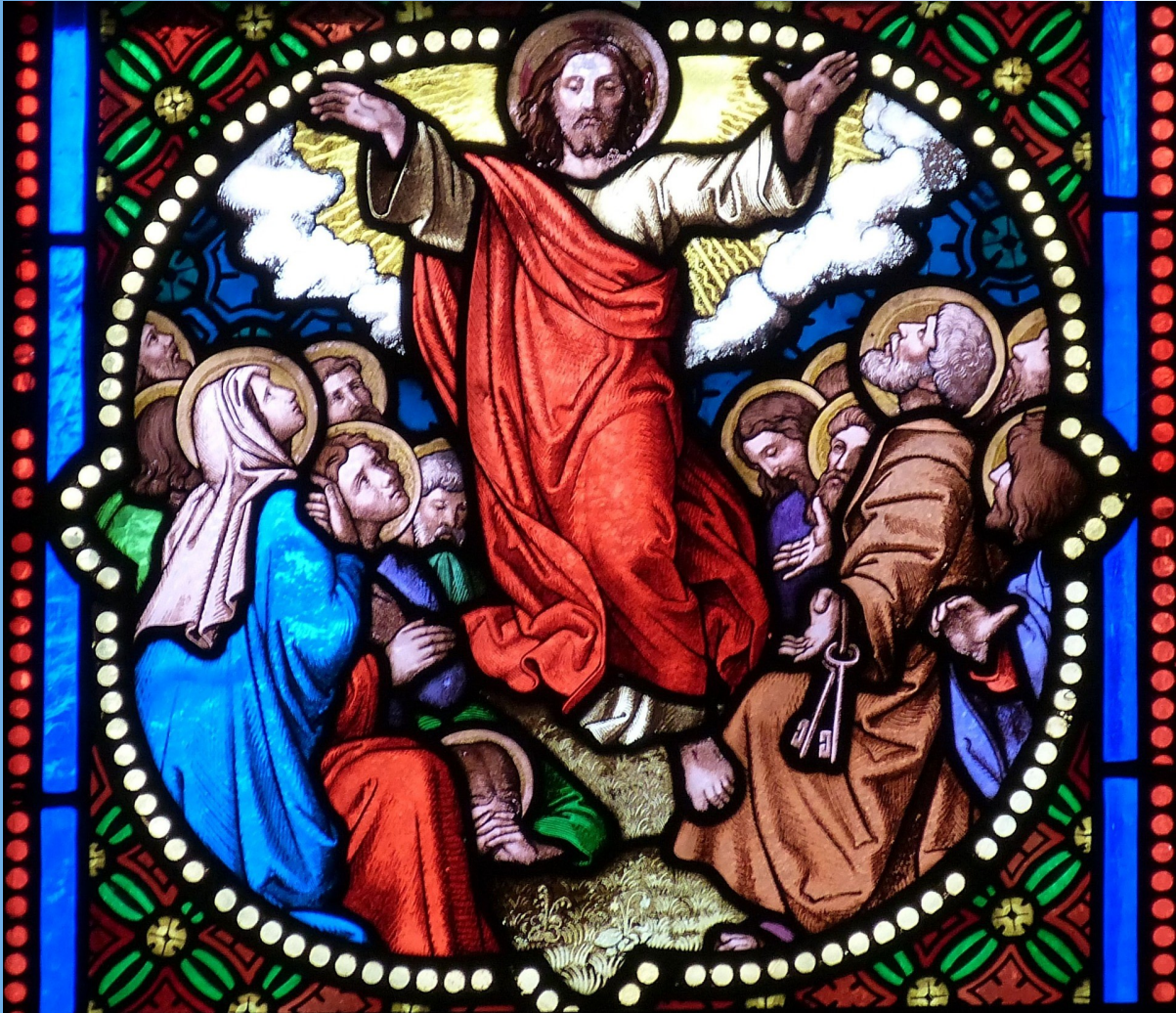


# Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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 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

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**



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



## + Ascension of Our Lord +

Today, my friends, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension... forty days after Jesus rose from the dead. The following week we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost... fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead.

It is interesting to note how this feast is recorded in the different parts of the Scriptures according to the particular purpose of each of the writers. Saint Matthew does not describe the ascension at all. He implies that there was a time when Jesus parted from them and this seems to have taken place in Galilee. Matthew wants to emphasize more the fact that even though we can no longer see our Lord, He is still with us.

Saint Luke has Jesus leaving from Bethany, outside Jerusalem. In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke tells us Jesus ascended 40 days after Easter. In reading Mark's gospel, we get the impression that He rose on Easter Sunday. Saint John's gospel gives us the impression the ascension took place on Easter Sunday and that Jesus gave the apostles the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday night.

As we celebrate this feast, it becomes obvious that neither the day nor the place is as important as the meaning of the event. Christ is with us now as we gather in His name. He gives himself to us in the Eucharist. We are left with the job of continuing His work, bringing the faith and the love of God to others.

May the Lord, give us the continual grace to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel.



**It's not hard to donate to our parish at any time!**

Use the **QR code to 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 receive 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!**



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

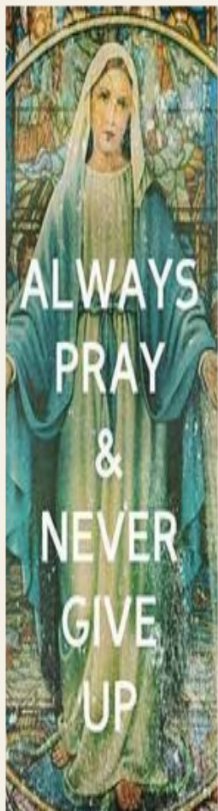
### An Invitation to Journey with Christ

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. We meet most Sundays at 12:15 PM in the Parish Center.

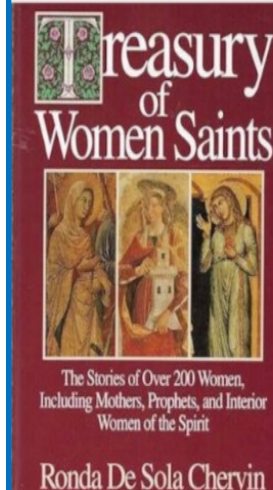


**Text (or call) Lynn 727-409-1392**  
for more information and to receive a list of meeting dates.



Join us in the pews  
as we pray the  
Rosary together  
after Mass on  
Mondays 8:30AM

IS PRAYING THE ROSARY NEW FOR YOU?  
WELCOME!  
WE HAVE A ROSARY FOR YOU  
AND WE'LL HAPPILY GUIDE YOU.



**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, May 20, 2026**

7:00 - 8:30PM - Parish Hall

**COMPANIONS OF  
SAINT CLARE**

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



Men—are you interested in service, faith, and fraternity?  
Call **Matt at (240) 687-7094** to learn about joining the  
**Knights of Columbus.**





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.**

*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.

<p><b>Sunday 5/17</b>                  8:00 am Parishioners and Staff                  11:00 am †Rosa Carrillo  <i>by Her Family</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 5/18</b>                  8:00 am †Linda Magnani  <i>by Antoinette Magnani</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 5/19</b>                  12:10 pm †Olive Hopson-Weller  <i>by Denis Koelsch</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5/20</b>                  8:00 am †Judith Miller  <i>by Friends</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday 5/21</b>                  12:10 pm Craig Merritt  <i>by Friends</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 5/22</b>                  8:00 am Craig and Sharon Merritt  <i>by Stephanie Mitchell</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 5/23</b>                  4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow  <i>by Henry Kasprow</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 5/24</b>                  8:00 am †Patricia Shannon  <i>by Nancy and Robert Shannon</i>                  11:00 am Parishioners and Staff</p>

*Requiescat in pace* +++  
 Fellow parishioner, Knight of Columbus, and liturgical minister Kenneth Criscio passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 26. His funeral Mass will be here at Saint Mary's on Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 am.  
 Also, fellow parishioner and Hospitality Minister Robert Auger passed away on hospice care on April 21. Bob will be interred in Maine.

Rest in peace, good and faithful servants!

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

*†Gloria Gallo  
 requested by*

*The Amantia Family*

*The flowers at the statue of Our Lady of Grace are made possible by a generous donation from Ray and Susan Kikel*

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.

## Summer Choir Schedule 2026 Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace



*...this choir is OPEN TO ALL ages, voices,  
and is ideal for families!  
To sing on ANY given date below, please report to the  
Parish Center  
(ring the bell #5 (or scroll down to "Music Director"))*

SUNDAY	JUNE	7	10:00 am for 11:00 am MASS
SATURDAY	JUNE	13	3:00 pm for 4:00 pm MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	21	7: 15 am for 8:00 am Mass
SUNDAY	JUNE	28	10:00 am for 11:00 am MASS

### CHOIR WEEKEND OFF JULY 4-5

SUNDAY	JULY	12	10: 00 am for 11:00 Mass
SATURDAY	JULY	18	3:00 pm for 4:00 Mass
SUNDAY	JULY	26	7: 15 am for 8:00 am MASS
SATURDAY	AUGUST	1	3:00 pm for 4:00 pm MASS
SUNDAY	AUGUST	9	10: 00 am for 11:00 Mass
SUNDAY	AUGUST	16	7:15 am for 8:00 am Mass
SUNDAY	AUGUST	23	10:00 am for 11:00 am Mass

The **Voices of Grace** of Saint Mary is our parish choir, and we are getting ready to start the **SUMMER CHOIR** season! Summer choir is for everyone who likes to sing! No rehearsals, just show up according to the adjacent calendar whenever it fits your schedule!



We joyfully celebrate the **Baptism of Matisse**, who was welcomed into the Body of Christ through the saving waters of Baptism.

Congratulations to the **Obrochta Family!**



# 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.  
**WELCOME to Saint Mary's!**