

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

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 - 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



Christmas at Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 pm

Carols and anthems at 3:30 pm

The Midnight Mass of Christmas

Thursday, December 25, 12:00 am

Carols and anthems 30 minutes prior

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday December 31, 2025, 4:00 pm vigil

Thursday, January 1, 2026 9:00 am

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

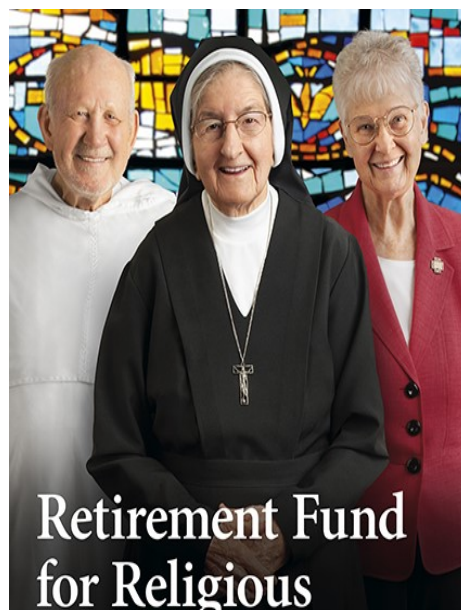
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Celebrated on the evening of WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 From 6– 7 pm.

Individual confessions will be held in the church. ALL ARE WELCOME as we PREPARE for CHRISTMAS!

This weekend, Dec, 13-14 our second collection will be for the retirement Fund for Religious, which helps clergy, and members of religious orders (like our own

Friars) with their needs in retirement. This yearly collection is in thanksgiving for the vocation of so many priests, sisters, and religious brothers who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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.

Start 2026 off right!

JOIN THE
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FAITH GROUP
A STUDY IN WISDOM:
GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE
(FROM ASCENSION PRESS)

All are Welcome
Every Wednesday beginning
Jan 7, 2026 (10 - 11:30AM)
in the Parish Hall.
Contact: Jen Ehrhart (727) 410-4140

WISDOM

Please order from
Ascension Press prior to Jan 7
Wisdom: God's Vision
for Life, Journal



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.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7:00 - 8:30PM - Parish Hall

**COMPANIONS
OF CLARE**

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

**Sunday 12/14**

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †William H. Cloud III
by Susanna Bellafante**Monday 12/15**8:00 am Elizabeth Kovachevich
by Judge Kovachevich**Tuesday 12/16**12:10 pm †Patricia N. Amantia
by Fr. Damian Amantia**Wednesday 12/17**8:00 am †Robert Paul Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich**Thursday 12/18**9:00 am †Patricia N. Amantia
by Fr. Damian Amantia**Friday 12/19**8:00 am Joe and †Linda Magnani
by Terry Uli**Saturday 12/20**4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow**Sunday 12/21**8:00 am †Jake Donaghy
by Ray Donaghy
11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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

Rest in Peace +++

Long-time parishioner and liturgical minister VINCENT RUSSELL passed away from complications of a fall on Sunday, November 30, 2025. A Memorial Mass will be held in new Jersey, where Vincent's family resides, at a later date.

Well-done, good and faithful servant! Our prayers are with Vincent and his family.

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

*†William H. Cloud III
requested by
Susanna Bellafante*

*The Bread and Wine
consecrated at
this weekend's Mass is
in loving memory of*

*†Patricia N. Amantia
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



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, Mary Fletcher, 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.

Winter Concert Series Begins this JANUARY 4! Mark your calendars!



January 4, 2026
Starts at
3:00 PM

“Afro Opera” presents Seasons of Soul:
Arias, Spirituals, Art Songs and More!

Join Afro Opera this winter for a heartwarming evening of music featuring Soprano Maiya Stevenson and Tenor Kevin Mitchell of St. Pete Opera. Their program blends Christmas favorites, soulful spirituals, timeless art songs, and soaring opera duets, from Mozart’s Don Giovanni to moving pieces like Sweet Little Jesus Boy and No Ways Tired.



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PARKING NEWS!

The paved parking lot adjacent to the church grounds is now open for our use thanks to the generosity of John’s Hopkins Hospital!

We are allotted 55 spots in this new lot, and the gates will be open for your entry 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

PLEASE USE ONLY THE SPOTS indicated here and by the signage you will see upon entry. You may be ticketed if you use hospital parking!

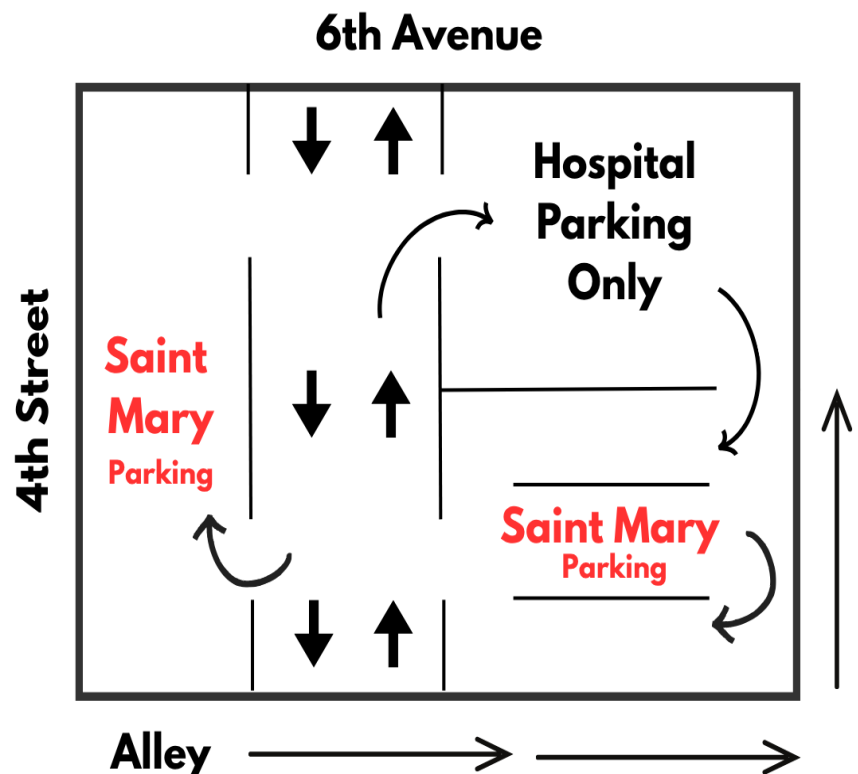
Thank you for your cooperation and thanks to our good neighbors at John’s Hopkins!

Thanksgiving 2025



Thank you generous Saint Mary’s Families for filling the Daystar Life Center van to the brim.

Parking Update



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!**

