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

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 Kofccouncil2105.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



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PROPER RECEPTION of HOLY COMMUNION:

(taken from the United States Catholic Bishops' website)

The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. For some, however, the experience of the Communion Procession is akin to standing in line in the supermarket or at the motor vehicle bureau. A perception such as this is a dreadfully inaccurate and impoverished understanding of what is a significant religious action. The Communion Procession is an action of the Body of Christ. In fact, each time we move forward together to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of all the baptized who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonized and uncanonized saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers.

This action by Christ's body, the Church assembled for the Eucharist, is manifested and supported by the Communion Chant, a hymn in praise of Christ sung by the united voices of those who believe in him and share his life. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* takes this hymn very seriously, mandating that it should begin at the Communion of the priest and extend until the last person has received Communion.

It is difficult for some of us to embrace this emphasis on Mass as the action of a community rather than an individual act of my own faith and piety, but it is important that we make every effort to do so. Baptism has joined us to Christ and to one another as the vine and its branches. The life of Christ, the Holy Spirit, animates each of us individually, and all of us corporately and guides us together in our efforts to become one in Christ.

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

When one receives from the chalice, the same proclamation is made by the person distributing Communion and the Communicant again responds, "Amen." It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the host he or she has received into the chalice. If, for some reason, the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup then that person should receive only under the form of bread, which always encompasses the totality of the Body and Blood of Christ.



Are you interested in the lives and legacies of Catholic saints? Join our upcoming discussions to explore the stories, virtues, and contributions regarding some of our beloved saints.

EACH WEDNESDAY 10 - 11:30AM

Text/Call 727-409-1392 for details

















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 relation-

ship 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 & to receive a list of meeting dates.



Welcoming into full communion Ryan, Alix, Jennifer, Tia & Chris.





Thank you Rick Hames for the beautiful crosses crafted from a retired pew.



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Sunday 6/22

8:00 am †Dan and Emilie Kovachevich by Judge Kovachevich

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

Monday 6/23

8:00 am †Julia Licata by Fr. Damian Amantia

Tuesday 6/24

12:10 pm †Jim Koelsch by Denis Koelsch

Wednesday 6/25

8:00 am †Daniel Boniface Barnes by Judge Kovachevich

Thursday 6/26

12:10 pm †David Derek Barnes by Judge Kovachevich

Friday 6/27

8:00 am †Dan and Emilie Kovachevich by Judge Kovachevich

Saturday 6/28

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 6/29

8:00 am †Charles and Bessie Kuchan Sr. and Family by Judge Kovachevich

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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.

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

†Julia Licata

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

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, 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.

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

Gluten -Free Hosts are available at all Masses. Please come to the sacristy prior to the Mass to request a gluten-free host. At Communion time, please make sure you are in the Celebrant's Communion line so that we can assure that you will receive your gluten free host. Thank you!

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.

Come join the Choir this summer!

Summer Choir is a great way to sing in the choir without the long-term commitment. No rehearsals during the week, and no auditions! Just come to the parish Center (ring "5" and the bell symbol at the door keypad for entry) ANYTIME according to the schedule below, all ages welcome!



SUNDAY JUNE 29 7: 15 am for 8:00 am Mass

CHOIR WEEKEND OFF JULY 5-6

SUNDAY	JULY	13	10: 00 am for 11:00 Mass
SATURDAY	JULY	19	3:00 pm for 4:00 Mass
SUNDAY	JULY	27	10:00 for 11:00 am Mass
SUNDAY	AUGUST	3	7: 15 am for 8:00 Mass
SUNDAY	AUGUST	10	10: 00 am for 11:00 Mass
SATURDAY	AUGUST	16	3:00 pm for 4:00 pm Mass



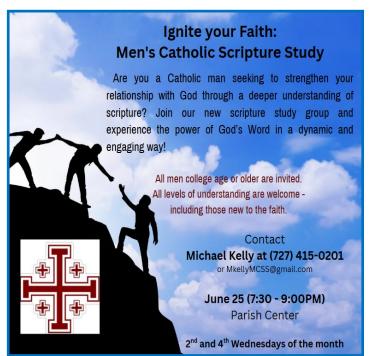
Join us in the pews as we pray the Rosary together after Mass on Mondays 8:30AM

IS PRAYING THE ROSARY NEW FOR YOU?

WELCOME!

WE HAVE A ROSARY FOR YOU

AND WE'LL HAPPILY GUIDE YOU.



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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!**

