

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

In the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 2026

As we begin 2026, please allow me to wish you and yours heartfelt blessings. May the New Year bring an abundance of good things into your life and allow you to give thanks for the blessings along your journey. I share with you the words of Ralph Marston, one of my favorite authors titled, *The Very Best Year Ever*. A small gift I know, but hopefully, one that will leave you with a message to share with others in the year ahead.

To have the best year you've ever had, live each of its days as the best person you've ever been. This year will be what you make it, and you can make it great.

Many challenges will come your way, and unexpected interruptions will push you off track. Yet you can make the choice to persevere, to innovate, to thrive and to prosper no matter what.

Life is not easy and life is not fair. Nonetheless, you can live each day with grace, integrity, purpose, love, compassion and richness.

The decisions you make in each small moment will determine how this year unfolds for you. Decide right now to make the most of that amazing opportunity.

All sorts of outside factors will have an impact on your life this year. Yet the overall quality of your life will be determined by the way you choose to be.

Choose to be your authentic best, in each moment and in every situation. And create the very best year ever.



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


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

The Sacrament of Baptism For Theo Roy Escalante

Congratulations Patrck & Jessica Escalante
& Grandmother Susan Slack





Sunday 1/4

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff
11:00 am Donald Mulholland
by Rose and Ed Coryn

Monday 1/5

8:00 am †Patricia Amantia
by Bill Carpenter

Tuesday 1/6

12:10 pm †John M. Koelsch
Denis Koelsch

Wednesday 1/7

8:00 am †Celestine Cioccio
by Jim Barron and Philip Boyle

Thursday 1/8

12:10 pm †Michael Dillinger
Pat Dillinger

Friday 1/9

8:00 am †Arlene Winsch
by Harry Winsch

Saturday 1/10

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 1/11

8:00 am †Carmen Leon
by Krista and Mike Kelleher
11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS
Are available for Masses
upon request.

If you require a gluten-free host, please come to the sacristy before Mass starts to request one, and we can accommodate you!



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.

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

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 2026 starts this weekend, Jan. 4 at 3:00 pm and continues on to January 25 at 3:00 pm. All concerts are FREE and open to all. We rely on generous donors and sponsors for the continuation of the series. To make a donation, use this QR code or pick up a flyer at the ramp door of the church!



Thank you for your support!



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.



January 25, 2026
Starts at
3:00 PM

Isaac Mingus
Jazz Quintet

Isaac Mingus, a Sarasota-based bassist and cellist, leads a quintet with pianist Judi Glover, guitarist Norman Johnson, drummer Mark DeRose, and trumpeter Victor Mongillo. Together, these friends and colleagues create a lively musical conversation, sharing timeless tunes and memories from the Great American Songbook and beyond.



The Merry Makers Present
Tropical Luau Trivia

SATURDAY
JANUARY 24, 2026

START AT 5 PM
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

Scan the QR Code to get your tickets today or purchase them in person after the following masses:
January 10, 11, 17, and 18.

Join us for an evening of Trivia, fun prizes, and a full Hawaiian Luau Feast! Each Trivia Ticket includes a full Hawaiian Feast and are \$30 per person.

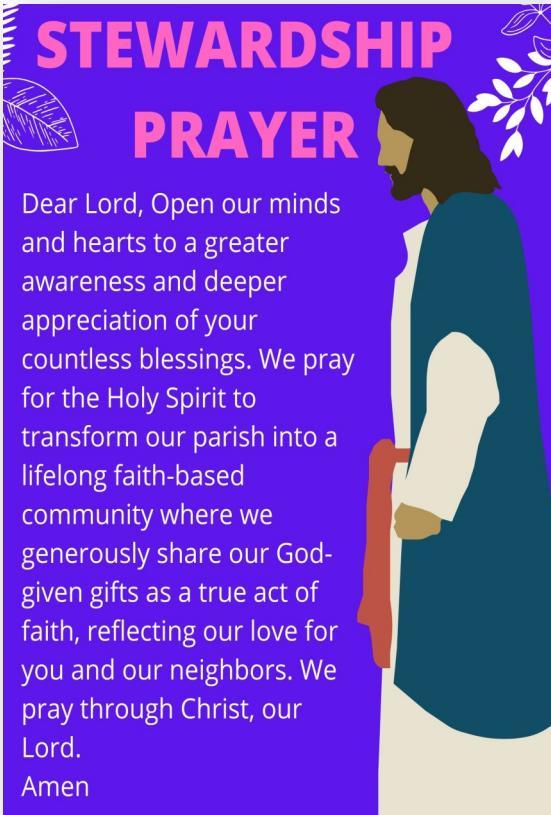
MENU

Kalua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Fried Rice, Chopped Kale Salad and Dinner Rolls followed by Hawaiian Inspired Desserts

The Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the **Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th at 3:00pm**.

This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year. **Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Thursday January 15th.**





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!**

