

# 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](http://www.stmaryolg.org)

### Parish Email:

[info@stmaryolg.org](mailto: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 to the Sick

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

*Advent, a Latin word that means "coming," is a four-week season that calls us to prepare for the Lord's coming. The prophet Isaiah tells us to "clear the way" so that we can welcome and receive God's promised Savior, Christ the Lord.*

My sisters and brothers, the Lord is coming --- today, tomorrow, and at the end of time. May we use this Advent season to ready ourselves to meet him in every person and around every corner. I extend to each of you blessings of holy expectation.

*J. Lamian*



Bishop Parkes has asked that a special collection be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg **on the weekend of Nov. 29-30, 2025**, for the support of those dioceses impacted by natural disasters, including those adversely affected by this year's hurricanes. For those who wish to make a financial gift to our diocesan Disaster Relief Fund, details for doing so electronically or by mail are included at this link: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5f44220f014e0/user/guest>. We thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and their Pilgrim Icon program for bringing the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to our church this past week. This icon, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni is venerated in the church of the Jesu in Rome. It is one of more than 300 icons traveling the world through the Pilgrim Icon program, which allows the faithful to see and venerate these works of sacred art.

Holy cards with a Novena prayer to the Sacred Heart on behalf of our Pope Leo the XIV are available alongside the icon before and after masses today.

We pray for our Lord to make His heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what He sees and loves in us.



## 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.



BEST **Advent** EVER

### Slow Down to the Speed of Joy this Advent

Sign up now to get FREE daily  
Advent reflections from Matthew Kelly.



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[DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/SLOWDOWN](http://DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/SLOWDOWN)



On November 16, 2025

**Paige and James**

were welcomed into full

communion with the Catholic Church.

Thank you sponsors **Vince and Arthur** for  
accompanying Paige and James on their faith journeys.

**Sunday 11/30**

8:00 am †Carmen Leon  
by Krista Kelleher

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

**Monday 12/1**

8:00 am †Pat and Mike Dillinger  
by Pat Dillinger

**Tuesday 12/2**

12:10 pm †Frank De Paola  
by Pat Dillinger

**Wednesday 12/3**

8:00 am Casey Kowalski  
by Friend

**Thursday 12/4**

9:00 am †Dan and Emilie Kovachevich  
by Judge Kovachevich

**Friday 12/5**

8:00 am †Patrick Uli  
by Terry Uli

**Saturday 12/6**

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow  
by Henry Kasprow

**Sunday 12/7**

8:00 am †Pedro Perez  
by Kraesly Liu

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

Readings for the day can be  
located at: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**THANK YOU...**

To our parishioners and guests  
for your generous support of our  
Mission Co-Op program this past  
August.

We collected @2,673.00 on  
behalf of the Saint Elizabeth  
Mission Society, which is the  
missionary arm of the Franciscan  
Sisters of Allegany.

As always, we are grateful for  
your generosity!

*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.*

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.





## The Brotherhood of Our Lady Saint Mary Men's group

Will meet on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 3, 2025**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM** in the Parish Center. All men college-aged and above are invited to join the Brotherhood meetings for spiritual discussions and faith sharing followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Register or get more info by emailing Mark Egeling (markegg66@gmail.com) OR simply plan to attend any of the upcoming first Wednesday meetings.

## November's Young Adult Gathering



Stay tuned  
for our  
next event  
coming  
soon!

## PARKING NEWS!

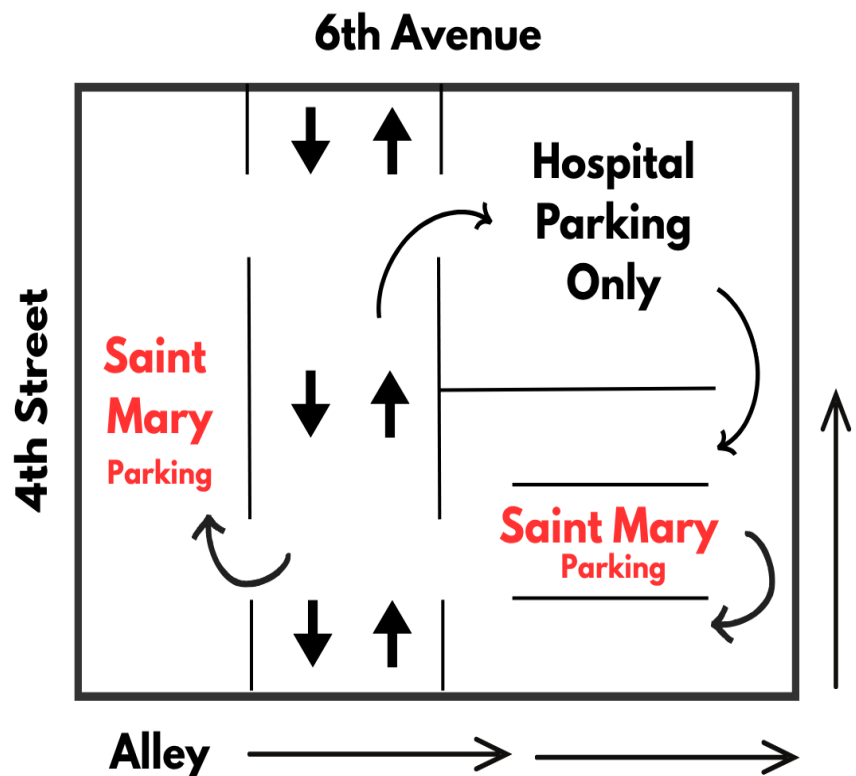
The paved parking lot adjacent to the church grounds is now open for our use thanks to the generosity of John's Hopkins Hospital!

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!

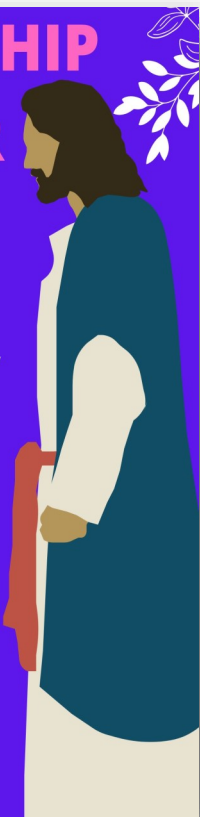
Thank you for your cooperation and thanks to our good neighbors at John's Hopkins!

## 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!**

