



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

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





Therefore, in the grace of this night, receive, holy Father,
the evening sacrifice of this praise,
which the holy church presents to you
by the hands of your ministers
in this solemn offering of a candle
from the work of bees.



Now we know the excellence of this pillar...
which, although divided into parts,
suffers no loss from its light being borrowed.



For it is nourished by the melting wax,
which the mother bee produced
for the substance of this precious lamp.

+ Exsultet (translated from the Latin)



The Paschal candle that adorns the sanctuary of our church is the prime Christ/Easter symbol. This beautifully decorated candle representing Christ among us remains lit from its enthronement during the Easter Vigil for the fifty days of Easter until it is extinguished on Pentecost.

The light of Christ represented by this candle tells us of the first early light of Easter morning, when all things were changed: He lives and the darkness of the tomb is shattered. He lives and the chains of evil are broken. He lives and the finality of death is vanquished. The life-giving death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the very core of our faith. It molds us and shapes us as an Easter people who have been redeemed in the sacrifice of Jesus. By his death, Jesus, the son of God, has liberated us from sin, and in his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to new life.

My sisters and brothers, as the all-pervasive and warming light of dawn breaks through the clouds this Easter, may Christ, the light of the world, warm our hearts and enlighten our lives so that we may truly reflect his Paschal Mystery. May the indescribable joy of the disciples at the first Easter fill us as we proclaim the Easter message to all the world: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia!

J. Damian

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.**



PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING WILL OFFER
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
AFTER THE 8:00 A.M. MASS ON APRIL 12.

WE WARMLY INVITE REGISTERED NURSES AND
VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THIS CARING MINISTRY.
NO HEALTHCARE BACKGROUND IS NEEDED TO
VOLUNTEER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL PAM SUETHOLZ 727-512-4800.

*"It is not how much you do,
but how much love you put
in the doing."*

Mother Teresa



MEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

ST MARY OUR LADY OF GRACE

STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
THROUGH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

All knowledge levels welcome
Bibles are provided

Parish Hall
7 pm - 9 pm



Contact Kevin
571-405-1133





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.

Sunday 4/5
 7:30 am †Geneva Deslauriers
 by *The Amantia Family*
 9:30 am † John Overmyer
 by *Terry Uli*
 11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

Monday 4/6
 No Mass today

Tuesday 4/7
 12:10 pm In Thanksgiving
 by *Carol Steckel*

Wednesday 4/8
 8:00 am †Michael Amantia
 by *The Amantia Family*

Thursday 4/9
 12:10 pm †Jon Fuhrman
 by *Jim Barron and Philip Boyle*

Friday 4/10
 8:00 am †Mary Amantia
 by *The Amantia Family*

Saturday 4/11
 4:00 pm †Ted Kaspro
 by *Henry Kaspro*

Sunday 4/12
 8:00 am †Bud and Tommy Lammers
 by *Skip Lammers*
 11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

Gluten Free-hosts are available upon request.

Simply stop by the Sacristy before Mass and let the Sacristan or Presider know of your need!

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The Vigil candle burning at the statue of Our Lady of Grace is in loving honor of †Marion McCarthy requested by Stacy Sullivan and Jennie McCarthy

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.

*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.

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.

At our Saint Francis shrine in the church, marking the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis, you will see a first-class relic of the Saint displayed in a reliquary. When discussing relics, we often hear the terms “first-class,” “second-class,” and “third-class.” What These “classes” are the categories into which the Church organizes her relics, based on each relic’s proximity to the saint in question.

First-class: This is the “highest” form of relic, and refers to a piece of the body of the saint—including bones, hair, etc. This class also includes relics of Christ’s Passion, such as pieces of the True Cross.

Second-class: These relics are items that belonged to or were used by the saint, such as clothing, books, and rosaries, or an instrument used in the torture or death of a martyr.

Third-class: These are items—such as a rosary, piece of cloth, or prayer card—that have been touched to a first or second class relic.

Please visit the Saint Francis statue and relic all throughout this year in our sanctuary, as our parish has been listed as a pilgrimage site during this important Franciscan anniversary!

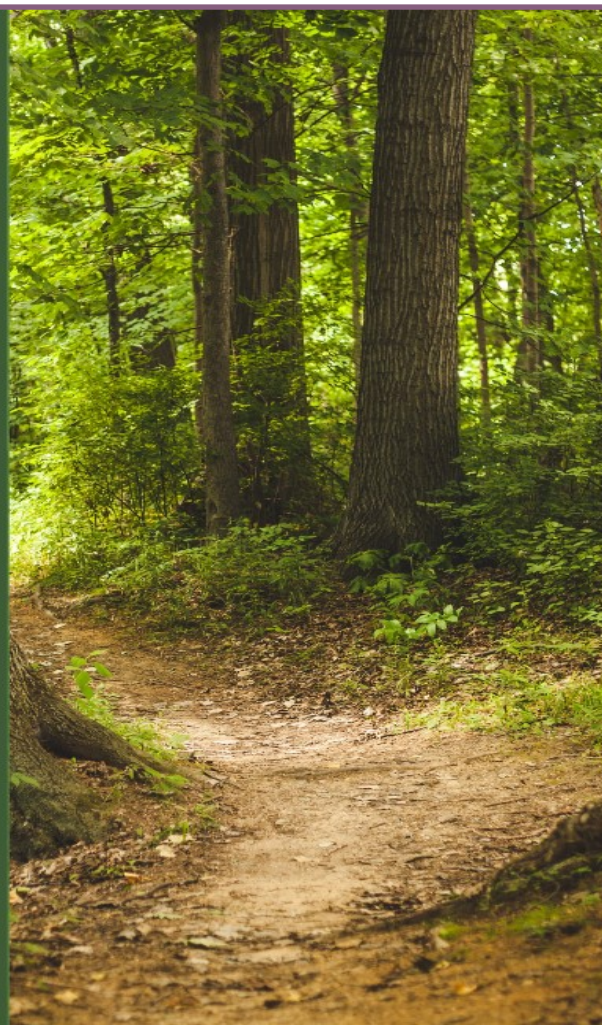


OUR LEGACY OF GRACE CONTINUES...

Please consider a gift—of any amount,
at any time—to the
Saint Mary Endowment Fund.
Your generosity helps support our
parish for generations to come.

You can make a contribution easily
using the QR code (below)
or the Endowment Fund links
on our parish homepage.

Thank you for being part
of our lasting legacy of faith and grace.



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!**

