

# 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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## + Ascension of Our Lord +

Today my friends, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension...forty days after Jesus rose from the dead. The following week we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost... fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead.

It is interesting to note how this feast is recorded in the different parts of the Scriptures according to the particular purpose of each of the writers. Saint Matthew does not describe the ascension at all. He implies that there was a time when Jesus parted from them and this seems to have taken place in Galilee. Matthew wants to emphasize more the fact that even though we can no longer see our Lord, He is still with us.

Saint Luke has Jesus leaving from Bethany, outside Jerusalem. In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke tells us Jesus ascended 40 days after Easter. In reading Mark's gospel, we get the impression that He rose on Easter Sunday. Saint John's gospel gives us the impression the ascension took place on Easter Sunday and that Jesus gave the apostles the Holy Spirit on Easter Sunday night.

As we celebrate this feast, it becomes obvious that neither the day nor the place is as important as the meaning of the event. Christ is with us now as we gather in His name. He gives himself to us in the Eucharist. We are left with the job of continuing His work, bringing the faith and the love of God to others.

May the Lord give us the continual grace to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel.



## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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 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 & to receive a list of meeting dates.



THANK YOU FROM OUR

BROTHERS & SISTERS

AT DAY STAR



Parishioners Emma & Tyler go to Rome & attend Pope Leo's Inaugural Mass!

Day Star Volunteer Orientation & Tour Saturday June 7 (10:00 - 11:00AM)

Discover where you're needed

WAYS TO LOVE OUR **NEIGHBORS** 

- FOOD PANTY
- FRONT DESK
- CLOTHING CLOSET
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- AND MORE!

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## Sunday 6/I

8:00 am †Jake Donaghy by Ray Donaghy

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

## Monday 6/2

8:00 am †Sharon Simms by Denis and Eleanor Koelsch

## Tuesday 6/3

12:10 pm †John Rooney by Matt Steindl

## Wednesday 6/4

8:00 am †Barbara Louise Herrmann by Friars and Staff

## Thursday 6/5

12:10 pm †Daniel Boniface Barnes by Judge Kovachevich

### Friday 6/6

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

### Saturday 6/7

4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow by Henry Kasprow

### Sunday 6/8

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Aura Garcia DiGirolomo by Dianne and Billy O'Connor

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

> †Anna Catherine Herrmann

> > requested by

Carol Steckel

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, Marie & Don Mulholland, Karla McClintock. James Patrick King, Kent Gilbertson, Eddie Connaughton, Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams, Daniel Sharpe, Pat Dillinger, Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron, Judith Miller, Clarice Carpenter, Sylvia Gonzales, Theo Rennard, Rosalind Flynn, Linda & Kennedy Johnson, Tom Foote, Erica Swenson, JoAnn, Mikro & Alaina Dimovski and Joseph John Cala.

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 show up ANYTIME according to the schedule below, all ages welcome! Call Michelle Rego at 727-8976-2191 ext 208 for

## Summer Choir Schedule 2025 Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace



...this choir is OPEN TO ALL ages, voices, and is ideal for families! To sing on ANY given date below, please report to the Parish Center

(ring the bell #5 (or scroll down to "Music Director)

SUNDAY	JUNE	1	10:00 am for 11:00 am MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	8	10:00 am for 11:00 am MASS
SATURDAY	JUNE	14	3:00 pm for 4:00 pm MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	22	10:00 am for 11:00 am MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	28	7: 15 am for 8:00 am Mass



The Brotherhood of Our Lady Saint Mary Men's group

June 4, 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) June 1, 2025 page 7



Lord. Amen

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT**

We are over 80 percent closer to our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal!

It's never too late to make a pledge. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the doors of the church, or ask anyone with a name tag to find one for you!

Help us meet this year's assessment! We thank you for your generosity and support of your parish home!

