

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

### Parish Email:

[info@stmaryolg.org](mailto:info@stmaryolg.org)

Knights of Columbus # 2105

For questions or assistance,

please call: Rick Smith

727-403-3932

[Kofccouncil2105.org](mailto: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



## ***When God Created Fathers***

When the good Lord was creating fathers, he started with a tall frame. A female angel nearby said: What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping.

God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

The angel shook her head sadly and said: 'Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails, or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats.'

God smiled and said: "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day, yet small enough to cup a child's face."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.

The angel nearby nearly had a heart attack. 'Boy, this is the end of the week, all right,' she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

God smiled and said: "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy hand on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet that anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

God smiled and said: "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to 'ride a horse to Banbury Cross,' or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice, eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant

Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"

The angel shutteth up.

Erma Bombeck, June 1974

*On behalf of Frs. Larry, Jim, Deacon Michael, the parish family and myself....to all those men  
who are special in our lives that lead and love with a father's care,  
blessings to each of you on this Father's Day.*





## 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*



**The Rosary in a Year**  
**Start any Saturday of the year!**

Explore the Rosary & our city.  
We meet at various coffee shops in St Pete

**Saturdays 10 - 11:30A**  
**Led by Theresa Pacuicrk**



Contact Theresa (727) 470-1671  
for this week's café location

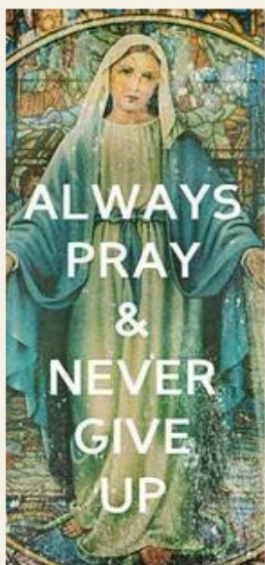
### Are you ready for your Greatest Adventure?

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.**



**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.

**Celebrating with Michelle and Mike  
on the birth of Mariah.**



**Sunday 6/15**

8:00 am Parishioners and Staff

11:00 am †Richard Bodalski  
by Mary Lynn Bodalski**Monday 6/16**8:00 am †Olga Parker Barnes  
by Judge Kovachevich**Tuesday 6/17**12:10 pm †Chesley Dilbert  
by Marilyn Caparas**Wednesday 6/18**8:00 am †Joseph Vaccaro  
by The Vaccaro Family**Thursday 6/19**8:00 am †Luz Amparo Valderrama  
by Sandra Amrhein  
(there will be no 12:10 pm mass today)**Friday 6/20**8:00 am †Special Intention  
by Pat Dillinger**Saturday 6/21**4:00 pm †Ted Kasprow  
by Henry Kasprow**Sunday 6/22**8:00 am †Dan and Emilie Kovachevich  
by Judge Kovachevich

11:00 am Parishioners and Staff

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



*The flowers at  
the statue of  
Our Lady of Grace  
are made possible  
by a generous  
donation from*

*Ray and Susan Kikel*

**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!



**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.*

*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.*

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.



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 details!

## 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

A heartfelt THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO MADE MY 50th  
ANNIVERSARY on May 24 a  
SPECIAL DAY!  
Fr. John Vignone



### Mass update

for holiday, Thursday, June 19  
There will be an 8AM Mass but there will **not**  
be a 12:10 PM Mass this day only!



# 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!**

