Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace
Catholic Church

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular
Parish founded 1920
515 4th Street South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701 + Diocese of Saint Petersburg

One hallmark of Franciscan spirituality, also epitomized by Pope Francis, 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
Rev. Fr. Damian Amantia, TOR

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Fr. Laurence Uhlman, TOR

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Michael Menchen

Business & Physical Plant Dir.
Antoinette Magnani (ext 206)

Parish Ministry Assistant
(ext 201)

Director of Faith Formation
Claudia McIvor (ext 207)

Wedding Coordinator
Alice Coston

Director of Liturgy/Music
Michelle Rego (ext 208)

Sacristan
Jim Kochen

Physical Plant Custodial Care
Calvin Adams

Parish Office Hours:

9am-3pm Mon—Thurs
Office is Closed Friday

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: (727) 678-0183

Parish Ministries:

Altar Servers
Al Hoel

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sean Denny

Daystar Life Center-*727-825-0442*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Marty Estevez

Holy Communion to the Sick
Jim Kochen

Faith Community Nursing Ministry
Legion of Mary
Sylvia Gonzales

Faith Formation
Claudia McIvor

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers
Nelson Ortiz

Ministry to the Deaf
Carol Downing

Music Ministry
Michelle Rego

Readers
Kevin Curran

Saint Mary's Merry Makers
Pam Hatton

Secular Franciscans
Jim Gillis 727-564-1733

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LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

FOLLOWED BY

Lenten Soup Supper

Friday March 31st at 6pm - Parish Hall

BRING A CROCKPOT OF LENTEN SOUP TO SHARE!

RSVP & SOUP SIGN UP AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES AT THE RAMP DOOR

Laura 727 460 7827 or Pam 727 460 4697

Congratulations to
Emily Parsons
Who celebrated the Rite of Election on February 26, 2023

Emily now enters her final preparations for FULL INITIATION at Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion

Faith Formation Dates March 2023

Sacramental Preparation for children receiving First Communion,
9:30 AM in the parish hall April 2, April 23, May 7 and May 28. All sessions are mandatory for children preparing to receive First Holy Communion this year on June 4, 2023 at the 11:00 Mass.

Family Faith Formation for all enrolled children and their parents/caregivers
9:15 AM in the parish hall. Our remaining sessions are on March 5 and 26; April 16 and 30; and May 21.

Farewell and God Bless to our former refugee friends, (now US Citizens!), the Apalale Ngongo family, as they move to Milwaukee for dad's job. This family has been in our parish for 7 years, The children have been baptized and received their Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation here. We have been their godparents and their catechists. We are sorry to see them leave, but thank God for the many ways they have blessed us with their presence. You will remain in our prayers, friends!

Farewell

Initiation Ministry - OCIA *(formerly the RCIA)* prepares adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, as well as giving instruction on how to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- Have you felt the call to grow spiritually?
- Do you have questions about the Catholic Church, its teachings, or it's prayer practices?
- Do you want a richer prayer life and participation in the Christian Mysteries?

We invite you to join us on Sundays after the 11:00 Mass. Bring a lunch and meet in the parish hall at 12:15 unless otherwise indicated. Please check our website for the full schedule of sessions and to register.
No obligation - no cost - eternal rewards! Call the office for more information 727-896-2191, extension 207
Adult Initiation Ministry Dates and Topics (RCIA)

3/4 - 4/2 - Sunday sessions will cover the Gospel, prayer experiences, and Presentations of the RCIA at the usual time 12:15 - 1:45

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a time of reflection, and a time to make a clean start, by availing ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our parish.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 is an evening set aside, from 6—7 pm, for you to come and individually receive the Sacrament from one of the Friars.

Also, the Sacrament is available every SATURDAY (except Holy Saturday, April 8) between 3 and 3:45 pm, OR you can make a private appointment with one of the Friars.

Allow God to renew you, and give you peace through this wonderful Sacrament!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every THURSDAY in Lent
immediately after the 12:10 pm Mass

March 16, 23, and 30

A big and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for your get-well cards, gifts, and prayers for me during this time of my convalescence. I am humbled by your care and your support.

I am receiving physical therapy, and am getting around the Friary and the office a little bit better every day!

I hope to be back to celebrating the Liturgy with all of you very soon.
May God continue to bless you during these Lenten days, and give you peace,

Fr. Damian

Sunday 3/12

8:00am Parishioners and Staff
†John Zolfo Sr.
by Frank Zolfo

11:00am †William H. Cloud
by Susanna Bellafante

Monday 3/13

8:00am The Greene Family
by Lisa Corrado

Tuesday 3/14

12:10pm †Inez Van Eps
by Constance Weeks

Wednesday 3/15

8:00am Vocations
†Olga Parker Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

Thursday 3/16

12:10pm John Michael Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

Friday 3/17

8:00am †Mark Chiesa
by The Carella & Chiesa Families

Saturday 3/18

4:00pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 3/19

8:00am †Joseph and Helen Kovachevich Sr. and Family

11:00am Parishioners and Staff

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

Correction to an earlier bulletin:

The Ancient Order of Hibernians meets every THIRD THURSDAY (not Tuesdays) at the Moose Lodge in Tampa.
Contact Sean Denny for more details:

Sean Denny
venner20@aol.com
727-678-0183

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

†Jessie Hladik

requested by

Janice France

The flowers at the statue of Our Lady of Grace are in loving memory of

The Greene Family

requested by

Lisa Corrado

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. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Carolyn Wilson,
Kimberly Mullick,
Marie & Don Mulholland,
Barbara Denny,
Karla McClintock,
James Patrick King,
Kent Gilbertson,
Eddie Connaughton,
Noreen Schneider,
Nancy Hogan, Lyric Adams,
Daniel Sharpe, Pat Dillinger,
Teresa Russo, Jewel Barron,
Patrick "Bear" Uli ,
Judith Miller and
Angelito Gonzales.

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 $10 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.

Our parish is looking for volunteers with expertise in social media and communications, in an effort to boost our parish presence online.

Here are some things we'd like to do here, with YOUR help!

—-Short video production on various platforms (You Tube, Instagram, Facebook)

—-Content creation and management (taking current content and managing its distribution, as well as creating or editing content for parish publications online.

—-I-phone and Android photographers to take pictures at parish events for publication online and in the bulletin.

If you have skill in ANY of the above, and want to donate some time to your parish, please reach out to Michelle or Claudia at MRego@stmaryolg.org or cmcivor@stmaryolg.org

We are grateful for your help and willingness to serve!