



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, 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

(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: (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

Alan and Dale Stewart, Christine Freas

Holy Communion to the Sick

Fr. Larry Uhlman

Faith Community Nursing Ministry

Legion of Mary

Sylvia Gonzales

Faith Formation

Claudia McIvor

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers

John Davis

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



LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT MARY'S

Lent Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 6-7 pm in the church

Individual Confession will be available during this time

PALM SUNDAY/March 23-24

4:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 and 11:00 am Sunday

Distribution of Palms at all Masses

CHRISM MASS at the Cathedral of Saint Jude

Tuesday, March 26 at 11:00 am

all are invited to attend this Mass, and so the Friars and Deacon may attend,

Saint Mary's 12:10 pm Mass will be suspended that day

HOLY THURSDAY/Thursday, March 28

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm followed by adoration until 9:00 pm

(No 12:10 pm Mass this day)

GOOD FRIDAY/Friday, March 29

12:10 pm Solemn Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm CELEBRATION of the LORD'S PASSION

(No 8:00 am Mass this day)

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER/Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm Mass

(No 4:00 pm Mass or Confessions this day)



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 31

7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses

(Note that this differs from our normal weekend schedule)

Monday, April 1,

Church and Office will be closed for the holiday,

(No 8:00 am Mass this day)



Adult Faith Formation

The Bible in a Year - Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 AM

Please join us in the Parish Hall. Enter by the carport door.

Lenten Wednesday group continues through 3/20, 10 - 11:30 AM

Topics include: Conversion and Holy Week. Let us know if you want to join us: claudiamcivor@gmail.com

Men's Group - the first Wednesday of the month - will meet on April 3, 7 pm in the parish hall. Video, discussion and Adoration.

Please call the parish office for full details:
727-896-2191, extension 207

Children and Families Faith Formation

If you have a child grade K through 8 and would like to register for our
Faith Formation program,
please contact the parish office. Upcoming classes and topics are...

Sunday, April 14 - Assessment of Religious Knowledge Testing

Sunday, May 5

May Crowning in the parking lot/Our Blessed Mother



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER...

...was a great success, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made soups, and secured all the items needed for this annual parish event!

A delicious time was had by all, and if you couldn't join us this time, we hope you will next year!!



Thank you for your voluntary donations. Over \$300 will be shared with Daystar Life Center to help feed the poor in our community.

**Sunday 3/17**

8:00am †Olga Parker Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

11:00am Parishioners and Staff

Monday 3/18

8:00am †Sean Craig
by Friends and Family

Tuesday 3/19

12:10 pm †Josphe and Helen Kovachevich
Sr. and Family
by Judge Kovachevich

Wednesday 3/20

8:00am Vocations
†Patricia Licata-Amantia
by Theresa and Bob Domicca

Thursday 3/21

12:10pm †Mike Renwick
by The Legion of Mary

Friday 3/22

8:00am Lainey Garrett and Family
by David and Myra Gross

Saturday 3/23

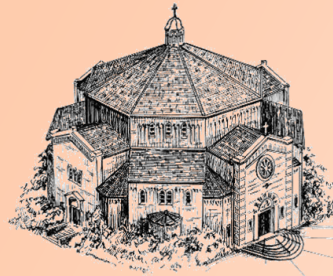
4:00pm †Ted Kasprow
by Henry Kasprow

Sunday 3/24

8:00am Parishioners and Staff

11:00am †Patricia Licata-Amantia
by Dianne and Billy

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*

†Deborah Murphy

requested by

Moira Benzing

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

**†Patricia
Licata-Amantia**

requested by

**Ruthann Pullen
and Julie Szucsik**

*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,
Patrick "Bear" Uli,
Judith Miller, Clarice Carpenter.
Angelito Gonzales,
Mary Jean Rego, Lola Walker,
Theo Rennard, Rosalind Flynn,
Linda & Kennedy Johnson,
Tom Foote and Vincent Russell.*

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.

The **SCRUTINIES** are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, by those people who are preparing to be baptized at Easter, known as "The Elect". They are important and special rites of the Church.

THE THIRD SCRUTINY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - (MARCH 17/11:00AM)

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

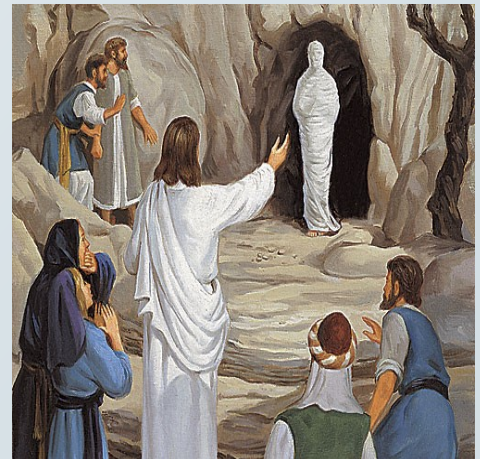


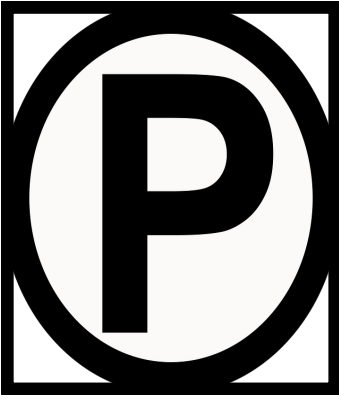
At the 11:00am Mass this weekend, we are privileged to journey alongside the elect as they prepare for the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Why are these rituals so important?

The Scrutinies are about *seeing sin in its right aspect, and coming to understand the way we fall victim to it. They are also about the transformative healing possible for us through Christ, as He offers Himself to us.*

Once we see sin for what it really is, and better understand our own personal weaknesses, we can begin to exercise the freedom and liberation we have received through Jesus. With God's grace, we can turn away from the darkness of sin, reject disordered patterns, and step into the light. This is possible for us because we believe in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ, and we entrust ourselves to Him.

These are important foundational teachings for the Elect to understand and experience. During the three-week period of the Scrutinies, the Elect open the eyes of their souls, examine carefully how sin works in their lives, and make the deliberate choice to turn away from sin so they can step joyfully into the light of Christ at their Baptisms.



**SAINT MARY'S PARKING UPDATE:**

In a collaboration with our neighbors, Johns Hopkins hospital, Saint Mary's has been given permission to use the grass-only side of the lot that sits adjacent to the parish center. To park here, when our own lot is full, enter the lot from the 6th Avenue side, and proceed to **park on the right. (grassy side of lot ONLY)**

The paved/gravel left side of that lot is for hospital valet parking **ONLY**.

The right side is for our worshippers. In return, the hospital employees and visitors will not be using our church lot, keeping it clear for masses and other parish activities. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and for your patience!



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