

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT SAINT MARY'S

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)

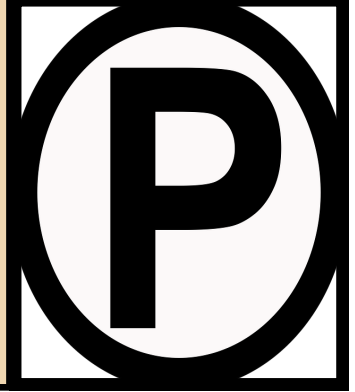


SAINT MARY'S PARKING UPDATE:

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!



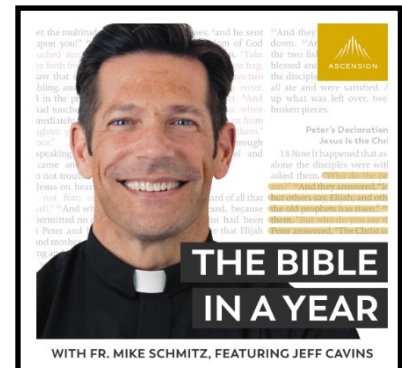
Please continue to pray for Patsy and Sasha, our elect, who will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive First Eucharist at our Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 pm! All are welcome to come to this most solemn liturgy of the year and rejoice with our newest parishioners!

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.

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



**Sunday 3/24**

8:00am Parishioners and Staff

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

Monday 3/25

8:00am †David Derek Barnes
by Judge Kovachevich

Tuesday 3/26

12:10pm NO MASS TODAY

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of
Saint Jude is at 11:00am

Wednesday 3/27

8:00am Vocations
†Andrew Patrick Glynn
by Mary Glynn

Thursday 3/28

7:00pm †Carmen Amantia
by Fr. Damian

Friday 3/29

3:00pm Special Intentions
by Judge Kovachevich

Saturday 3/30

8:00pm †Ted Kasproh
by Henry Kasproh

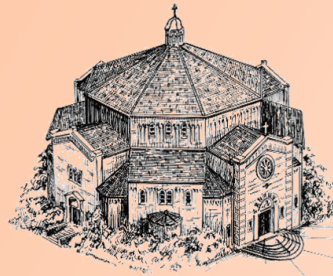
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7:30am Parishioners and Staff

9:30am †Sean Craig
by Friends and Family

11:30am †Patricia Licata-Amantia
by Bill Carpenter

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



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

†Geneva Deslauriers
requested by
The Amantia Family

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

Ray and Susan Kikel



**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,
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,,
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.



Saint Mary's Men's Group will meet again on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited to come and watch a video, discuss matters of the faith, and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, call Deacon Mike Menchen at the parish office, 727-896-2191 ext. 205

The Liturgies of Holy Week

Palm Sunday Palm Sunday is meant to commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, when, as the Gospels tell us, the people of the city hailed Jesus as their king. This feast was known as Passion Sunday in Rome during the days of the early Church, with the focus being on the cross that awaited Christ in Jerusalem. However, in Jerusalem itself, the focus was on a reenactment of the hailing with palms branches. Thanks to the written testimony of such pilgrims as Egeria, who was most likely a fourth-century Spanish nun who kept a journal of the Holy Week liturgies during her visit to Jerusalem, the palm tradition of Jerusalem was brought west, and eventually was blended with the Passion focus, giving us the combination we have today.

The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper is meant to commemorate Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, and it also marks the institution of the priesthood. Holy Thursday is the beginning of the Easter Triduum, which encompasses Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday ("triduum" is Latin for "three days"). The Sacred Triduum is the highest feast in the liturgical life of the Church. The washing of feet, or the "pedilavium," is perhaps the most distinctive rite that can be used during the Holy Thursday liturgy. Saint John's Gospel is the only one not to include a Eucharistic institution during the Last Supper account. Instead, it records the foot washing as an instruction for the entire life of community, charity and humility that should govern the Church: "If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." — Jn 13:14.

Good Friday is the anniversary of Christ's crucifixion and death. The Good Friday service usually begins at 3 p.m., the time of Christ's death. The Gospel is the Lord's Passion as recorded by Saint John. It is important to note that the Good Friday liturgy is not a Mass. Nonetheless, Holy Communion is distributed from the reserved Sacrament of Holy Thursday. Good Friday has several other unique elements, including the solemn intercessions, which include prayers for the unity of all Christians and that all other non-Christians may come to embrace the fullness of Christ's truth.

Commencing at nightfall on Holy Saturday, **the Easter Vigil — or the "Great Vigil"** — is the high point of the Easter Triduum and of the entire liturgical year. The Easter Vigil today consists of four parts: 1) The Service of Light, 2) The Liturgy of the Word, 3) The Liturgy of Baptism, with Christian Initiation (including Confirmation) and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, 4) The Liturgy of the Eucharist. During this first Mass of Easter the newly-baptized are permitted to join their brothers and sisters in Christ as they receive the Body and Blood of our Resurrected Lord for the first time.

Masses during daylight on **Easter Sunday** typically don't contain as much splendor as the Vigil, but they are extraordinary celebrations nonetheless. A wonderful liturgical practice that is always done on Easter Sunday is the use of the Easter Sequence, "Victimae Paschali Laudes" (the title is from the first line, which translates as "Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises") immediately before the proclamation of the Gospel.

We hope you will join us for all the wonderful liturgies this Holy Week!



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**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



Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus, you make the world radiant with the splendor of your presence. You embrace our humanity, so that we may share in your divinity.

You reveal yourself to us as the Living Bread that comes down from heaven. Share your heavenly light with me, O Lord, so that I may see you in the Eucharist. Fill me with awe and wonder for the gift of your Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Through the mystery of the Eucharist unite our hearts to yours, that we may be a sign of communion for the whole world, and may live with you forever. Amen.