

Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular
Parish founded 1920

Mission Statement

United in our belief in Jesus Christ and His Call to Love and Service, we dedicate ourselves to live His Word through the Celebration of the Sacraments, Evangelization, Catechesis and Ministry to the people of Saint Petersburg.



1920 - 2020 100 years Strong

One hallmark of Franciscan spirituality, also epitomized by Pope Francis, is to extend Welcome to All. On behalf of the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular, the staff and 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.



Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday through

Friday 12:10pm

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days

Please check the bulletin for
Mass times.

National Holidays

Mass will be celebrated at
9:00am only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday

11:30am-Noon

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm and by
appointment.

**For Sacramental
information please call
the Parish Office.**

Baptism:

We ask that all families
interested in Baptism be active,
registered parishioners 6 months
prior to the reception of the
Sacrament.

Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made 6
months in advance by contacting
our Wedding Coordinator.
Participation in a marriage
preparation program is required.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

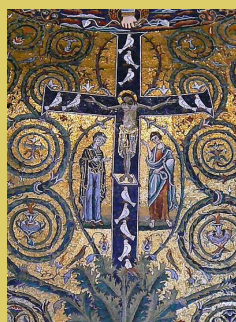
1st Wednesday of the month
from 12:45pm-2pm.

We welcome all of our new parishioners

who have come to worship with us. If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to one of our Friars. If you are visiting and interested in registering, we kindly ask that you pick up a blue registration form found in the church or visit our Parish Office and complete all of the information asked and 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 parish can issue a certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors.

Low Gluten Hosts

Anyone wishing to receive a low gluten host (0.01%) at communion time due to a wheat intolerance, please visit the sacristy before Mass. It is a privilege to provide this for consecration.



For our hearing impaired Parishioners, signing is available at the 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays.



Which Purple?

Advent has a twofold character: a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. (General Norms for the Liturgical Year #39) Advent has developed with several historical meanings. The solar calendar is reflected in the way the Christmas feast is arranged with a Mass at midnight, a Mass at Dawn, and a Mass at midday. Epiphany is thought of as the fullness of the day, and the end of the entire cycle is thought of as night, through the feast of the Presentation on February, 2.

Advent, following this solar theme, is the night. It is associated with waiting for the light to come, both the light of our Lord's historical coming and his return at the end of time. The color that symbolizes the night watch is dark blue or sarum blue (from the Benedictine Abbey at Sarum, England). The church called this dark blue, purple, like indigo is thought of as purple, but our correct language calls it blue. There was a period when Advent was called "Saint Martin's Lent." The color of purple used began to resemble the purple of Lent. But at its origin, Advent and Lent were two different shades of purple; one, dark blue/sarum (indigo) and the other red-purple also known as Roman purple.

Here at Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace we wear the more traditional color (royal purple) of Advent so we will not associate Advent with Lent, both of them being penitential. Advent has a different kind of preparation. It does not call us to repent; rather it calls us to prepare for the fullness of Christ, for which we are still waiting. The wearing of the royal purple strengthens our awareness that we wait as Mary did and as the whole of Israel waited for the coming of its Messiah. This time of waiting is a period in which we break the darkness through Christ who brings light to the whole world. My sisters and brothers, the Lord is coming --- today, tomorrow, and at the end of time. May we use this Advent season and the words of Saint Mathew who will accompany us to ready ourselves to meet him in every person and around every corner.

I extend to each of you blessings of holy expectation.

F. Damian TOR

Rev. Fr. Damian Amantia TOR
Rev. Fr. Laurence Uhlman, TOR
Rev. Mr. Michael Menchen
Wendy Luck (ext 206)
Joan High (ext 201)
Claudia McIvor (ext 207)
Alice Coston
Michelle Rego (ext 208)
Jim Kochen
Calvin Adams

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Deacon
Business & Physical Plant Director
Parish Secretary
Director of Faith Formation
Wedding Coordinator
Director of Liturgy and Music
Sacristan
Physical Plant Custodial Care



DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

EVENTS

SUNDAY 12/1		
†Vicki Dewey By Jacky Dawson and Tom Dilauro	8:00am	
Parish & Staff †Mayra Nunez By Jakzeel Nunez	11:00am	Voices of Grace Francis Choir at the 11:00 am Mass
MONDAY 12/2		
†Jeanne Murphy By Roy Duttweiler	12:10pm	RCIA 7:30pm (MMH)
TUESDAY 12/3		
†Dr. Benjamin Mosguera By Sylvia Gonzales and Family	12:10pm	
WEDNESDAY 12/4		
Vocations †Dr. Benjamin Mosguera By Milo Santos and Family	12:10pm	Adoration after Mass (CH) Wednesday Group 7:30pm (MMH)
THURSDAY 12/5		
Patrick Uli By Terry Uli	12:10pm	Legion of Mary 1:30pm (SA)
FRIDAY 12/6		
†Dan & Emilie Kovachevich By Judge Kovachevich	12:10pm	Blessing of Prayer Shawls Following Mass (CH)
SATURDAY 12/7		
†Dan and Emilie Kovachevich By Judge Kovachevich	4:00pm	Voices of Grace Francis Choir at the 4:00 pm Mass
SUNDAY 12/8		
†Dan and Emilie Kovachevich By Judge Kovachevich	8:00am	
Parish & Staff †Sarah Przybyla By Jerry Przybyla	11:00am	

Location Key:
(CH) Church; (MMH) Monsignor McNulty Hall; (SJC) Saint Joseph of Cupertino
Room/Library; (SA) Saint Anthony of Padua Classroom

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

John Sainato, Carolyn Wilson, Dr. Michael Flynn, Kimberly Mullick, Marie & Don Mulholland, James A. Burke, Barbara Louise Denny, Janine McGill, Jim Althoff, Fran Shivers, Richard Bodalski, Karla McClintock, Stephens B. Woodrough, Dorothy Sanderson, James Patrick King, Alex Ian Mitchell, Elisa Theresa Nowak, and Eddie Connaughton.

Please inform the Parish Office of prayer requests as they are updated monthly.

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

†Frank Bellafante

requested by
Susanna Bellafante

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

Ray & Susan Kikel

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.

Altar Servers
Al Hoel

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Sean Denny

Bereavement Ministry
Michelle Rego

Daystar Life Center
Jane Walker

Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion
Jim Messina
Connie Messina

Holy Communion to the Sick
Jim Kochen

Faith Community Nursing
Ministry
Sylvia Gonzales

Faith Formation
Claudia McIvor

Hospitality Ministers/Ushers
Nelson Ortiz

Legion of Mary
Jim Gillis

Ministry to the Deaf
Carol Downing

Music Ministry
Michelle Rego

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Kathy Russell

Readers
Kevin Curran/Anne Ghosh

Refugee Resettlement
Ministry
Claudia McIvor

Saint Mary's Merry Makers
Pam Hatton

Secular Franciscans
Jim Gillis 727-564-1733

Respect Life Ministry
Elaine Clark

Young Adult Ministry
Claudia McIvor

For information call the
office at 896-2191 ext. 201



An Advent Reconciliation Service in the Spirit of Taizé

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Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00 pm in the church

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Please join us for Meditative Music,
Scripture and Silence.

All will have the opportunity for
individual reception of the Sacrament
of Reconciliation.

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Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace
515 4th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701
727-896-2191

December 1, 2019 1st Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know
on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew
24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-
death experiences generally have a greater
appreciation for each day being a gift from
God. The rest of us usually take for granted
that we will be around tomorrow. But when
you start to look at each day as a gift, you
realize all the little miracles that happen daily
and grow in gratitude for all that we have
been given. You begin to see God's active
presence in your life.

The Advent Herald First Sunday of Advent Issue TODAY!

Make sure to get your copy of
THE ADVENT HERALD!

You'll find it as an insert in today's
bulletin, and on our parish website
via this link:

<https://www.stmaryolg.org/advent-herald-week-1>

In it, you'll find ways to celebrate the
Advent season, and ways to bring the
spirituality of the season into your
home, your work, and your heart.

Parish Office: 11:30am-3pm Mon
9am-3pm Tues-Thurs
Office is Closed Friday
515 4th Street South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 727-896-2191
Fax: 727-895-6279

Bulletin: Articles e-mailed
Wednesday by noon 10 days prior.
Holidays 15 days prior.
wluck@stmaryolg.org

Parish Website:
www.stmaryolg.org
Parish Email:
communication@stmaryolg.org
Parish Facebook:
St. MaryOlg

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be after the 12:10pm Mass on Friday, Dec. 6th.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of knitters and crocheters who make shawls for people who need comfort during illness, recuperation, and times of loneliness or mourning. These shawls provide them with hope, love and comfort. This year we will also be making tie blankets to give to infant and small children in need of hope, love and comfort. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please contact Kathy Russell at 727-515-0854.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Wednesday,
December 4, immediately
Following the 12:10 pm Mass
until 2:00 pm

Come spend some time with
our Lord!

POOR
BOX

**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.**

A prayer for the success of
our campaign:

Our Legacy of Grace 1920 + 2020

God of all times and seasons,
you have been ever faithful in
blessing the people who are the
Church, those who so faithfully
worship and give of themselves
at Saint Mary
Our Lady of Grace.

You formed this community of
believers who are wrapped in
the Blessed Virgin's mantle of
motherly love, and have
sustained them these one hundred
years with the precious gift of
your Son's Body and Blood.

May we in turn be faithful in
our continued building
of your kingdom as we celebrate
Our Legacy of Grace.

May we always seek to offer
you worthy praise
and find nourishment
for our service.

Open our hearts
so that we may see
the vision of what can be
and the courage to work together
toward its fruition.

Under the protection of
Saint Mary Our Lady of Grace,
we make our prayer
in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen



Midnight Mass of Christmas ***Saint Mary, Our Lady of Grace***

***Wednesday, The Nativity of the Lord,
December 25, 2019 at midnight.***

***Preceded by Carols and Anthems 30 minutes
prior to the mass.***

***All are welcome to celebrate in Word and Song
the birth of our Lord.***

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Weekend Dec.7/8

Do you remember the
sisters, brothers, or
religious order priests
who made or continue
to make a positive
difference in your life?
Today many Religious
are elderly and
need assistance.
Their communities
struggle to meet
retirement needs while
continuing to serve the
People of God.

Please give to next
week's second
collection.



Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Before using your Advent wreath, it is appropriate to bless the wreath. This blessing can be performed at home in the family.

Prayer

Father: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Father:

Let us pray. O God,
by whose word all
things are sanctified,
pour forth Thy
blessing upon this
wreath, and grant that
we who use it may
prepare our hearts for
the coming of Christ
and may receive from
Thee abundant
graces. Through
Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Council 2105



For questions or assistance,
please call: (727) 678-0183



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Saint Mary's Merry Makers

UGLY

SWEATER,

Trivia & Pizza Party!

Prizes, Friends, Fun & Laughter!

THE UGLIEST SWEATER WINS A PRIZE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 5:00pm

Tickets \$15.00 on Sale 11/23

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Council #2105



Anniversary Dinner

Celebrating our



January 18th, 2020

Serving CHICKEN or FISH

St Jude the Apostle Cathedral
5815 5th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33710

Mass @ 4:00PM * Dinner 6:00 PM

\$20.00 Donation per Person

Make checks payable to Christopher Services Foundation
Call for tickets and RSVP please by 1/10/2020

Jim Gillis 727-564-1733 or

Dobie458@hotmail.com

Doors open at 5:30PM

Cash Bar