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Wednesdays in the Church from 8:30am
to 7:00pm with Benediction at 6:30pm**

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Friday: from 9:00am to noon.

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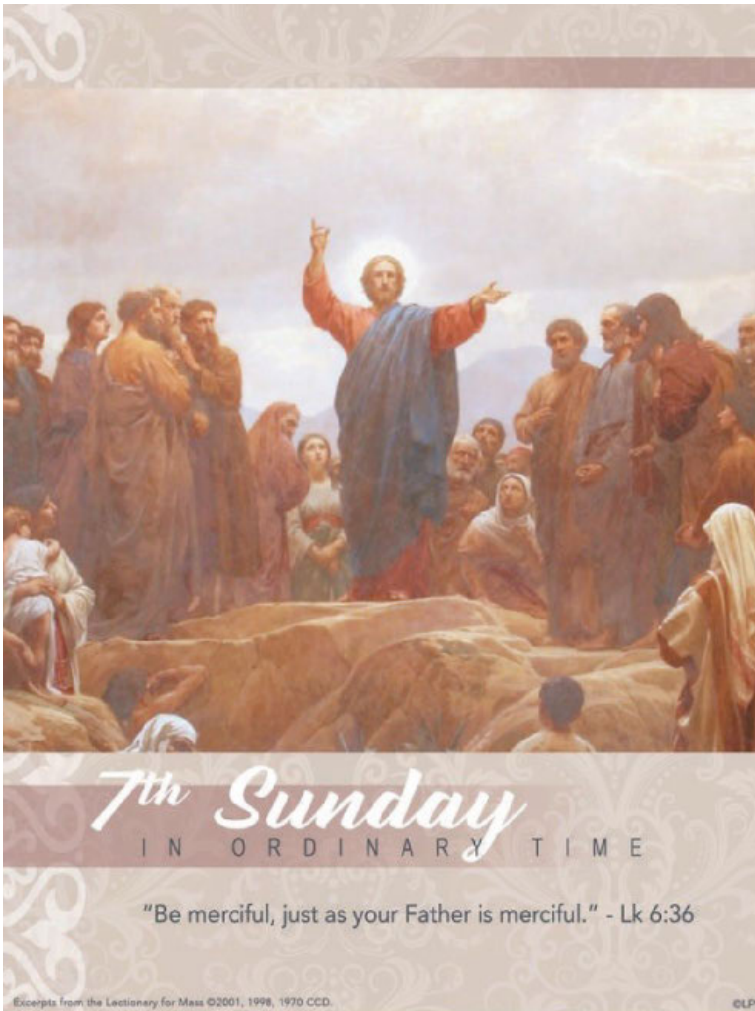
Every Saturday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm; also after
the 8:00am Mass on the Thursday before the first
Friday of each month.

BAPTISM:

Arrangements are made six weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE:

Six months formation program is required.




MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	Confession 3:00pm 4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am
Domingo	Confesión 2:00pm 3:00pm Misa en Español
Monday to Friday	8:00am
Saturday	8:00am

TODAY'S MASS:
JOURNEYSONGS
#948

**Ash Wednesday is March 5th
The Mass Schedule is 8am, Noon & 7pm**



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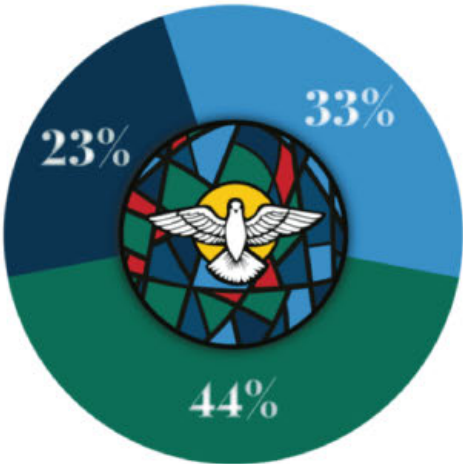
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Catholic website



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CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

CMA GOAL as of 2024	\$ 135,915
Pledges	137,190
Total Paid	136,508



Pastor's Column

Dear Friends in Christ,

02/23/2025

I can remember my first assignment change as a young priest just two years ordained at the age of thirty adjusting from the Sponge docks of Tarpon Springs to the cow pastures of Valrico. I had arrived at St. Stephen's in July of 1993 and discovered that it was a bedroom community of Tampa. I vividly remember a young military mom asking me how my adjustment was going, and I said fine. She looked at me with empathy and said, "Father, I am used to moving every two or three years with the military but at least I can bring my family with me. For you as a priest you have to adjust to (or even create) a whole new family." At that time in my life, it was what I needed to hear. I was convinced that the Episcopal motto (Deus Providebit – God Provides) of the bishop who ordained me was true not just for Bishop Favalora but for all of us.

Last weekend, I used this column to let you know that there will be a significant change in the office as Ozzie Quevedo will be leaving us at the end of this week. I am thrilled to announce that beginning March 3rd, Carmen Hilmes will be taking over the role of parish Office Manager. She has most recently been serving as the executive assistant to the VP of Mission Advancement for EWTN in Birmingham, AL. She also has experience in managing parishes in Washington state and on military bases in Germany. Once I saw that she was the Executive Secretary for Bishop Lynch from January 2012 thru December 2015 I knew that I had to give her an interview, even though I had thought that we were finished interviewing at that point. As most of you know, Dcn. Paul retired from his day job here in the office, even though he will still be with us in his role with diaconate ministry on the weekends and for about 10 hours of volunteer service each week once he returns from his sabbatical. To help close the gap, I am bringing Mike Manion onto the staff as my Pastoral Assistant in a part-time role beginning March 3rd. He already serves the parish as a volunteer with the choir and training the altar servers. Additionally, our long-time sacristan Tracy Marshall asked me over a year ago if she could retire due to her increased need of caring for her aging parents. We have finally been able to find someone to step up and take the role of Head Sacristan. Maria Acuria will begin her time on the staff on March 3rd as well but Tracy will stay in place for training purposes until after Easter.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tom J. Anastasia
Pastor



LADIES, please join us...

The March Meeting of the St. Michael Council of Catholic Women will be held on Saturday, March 8th at 10am in the Cenacle.

The speaker this month will be Denise Mercado. She will be speaking on her latest book, which is the life story of one of the priests, Father Camilo, at St. Luke's in Palm Harbor. Father Camilo will be available to sign the book for anyone that wishes to purchase it at the meeting. What a great gift to give!

*Denise Mercado is an award-winning local author, member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Palm Harbor, Florida, and an Associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame. She recently received the Nihil Obstat from the diocese of St. Petersburg for her book on the Stations of the Resurrection. As a solo traveler, Denise explores the beauty and history of the Catholic Church and shares her experiences in her **Catholic Travel Blog**. For more information about Denise's books, blogs, and travel plans, visit her website at www.denisemercado.com.*

We hope to see you at the meeting!



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Our Parish Nurses are offering
Free Blood Pressure Screenings
this Sunday, February 23rd
located in the Cenacle
after all Masses



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the week of February 23rd
in front of the Blessed Virgin
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If you would like to place flowers in the
sanctuary to commemorate a special
occasion, please call or visit the Parish Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
upcoming events...

Ash Wednesday - Meager Meal
Wednesday, March 5th, 2025

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Thursday, March 13th, 2025
Doors open at 6:30pm
Dinner is served at 7pm



Come and enjoy a traditional corned beef
and cabbage dinner, live performances,
awesome door prizes and raffles. Tickets are
\$30 each and can be purchased after the
Masses, during Coffee & Donuts and at the
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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 23

8:00aM

9:30aM

11:00aM

Neil McLaughton
Pasquale & Violet Mancini
Our Parish Family

Monday, Feb. 24

8:00aM

Michael Higgins

Tuesday, Feb. 25

8:00aM

Theresa Drake

Wednesday, Feb. 26

8:00aM

Vocations

Thursday, Feb. 27

8:00aM

Robert E. Fitzpatrick

Friday, Feb. 28

8:00aM

Carmine J. Ciardullo

Saturday, March 01

8:00aM

4:00PM

Theresa Drake
Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 02

8:00aM

9:30aM

11:00aM

Paul & Marie Vecchio
Patrick Roche
Bernadette Ingram

WEEKLY EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23

9:00am	Catechesis of the Good Shephard	#2
9:30am	Grade Level 1	#7
10:45am	Grade 2nd/1st Communion	#5
10:45am	OCIC - Class Order 1st Level Kids	#3
12:15pm	Parish Library - Coloring	#13

Monday, February 24

Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	#5, 6 & 7
6:30pm	Catechesis of the Good Shephard	#1
6:45pm	Faith Formation - Grades 3rd - 9th	#3-12

Tuesday, February 25

Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	#5, 6 & 7
6:00pm	OCIC - Class Order 1st Level Kids	#11
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	#6 & 7
7:00pm	Adults - OCIA - English	#13

Wednesday, February 26

9:00am	Arts & Crafts	#11 & 12
Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	#5, 6 & 7
7:00pm	Music - Choir Practice	#4
7:00pm	KofC - Officers Meeting	#11

Thursday, February 27

Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	#5, 6 & 7
7:00pm	Hispanic Evening Prayer	#3
8:00pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Nights	#6 & 7

Friday, February 28

11:00am	Parish Library - Opened	#13
Noon	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	#5, 6 & 7

Saturday, March 01

11:00am	High Tea Event	Cenacle
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN QUESTION IS.....

Which saint who was a Carmelite Nun is known as the "Little Flower"?

THE ANSWER WILL BE IN
NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

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LAST BULLETIN QUESTION WAS.....

What is the term for sharing of the faith through witness of life and word?

ANSWER: Evangelization

Save the date...

Fast Rally at St. Michael's

7pm March 10th, 2025

Nehemiah at the First Baptist Church

1900 Gandy Blvd N

St. Petersburg, FL

7pm April 27th, 2025

Joshua (Location: TBD)

7pm May 12th, 2025



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading: Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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SUNDAY, FEB. 16, 2025

Offertory: \$ 20,940

Online: \$ 4,719

Attendance: 1,549

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38
Monday	Sir 1:1-10/ Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11/ Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Sir 4:11-19/ Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/ Mk 9:38-40
Thursday ST. GREGORY OF NAREK	Sir 5:1-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17/ Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/ Mk 10:1-12
Saturday THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sir 17:1-15/ Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/ Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sir 27:4-7/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45

Wondering what God wants you to do with your
life? The Parish Vocation Enrichment Team
recommends you to visit:

vocationnetwork.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For some years now St. Michael's grief support group has been guiding and comforting those who have lost a friend or loved one on their journey toward healing and a normal and fulfilling life once again.

There are many benefits in belonging to a support group. Two of the most important are understanding and caring among those who attend and hope for the future. Sometimes our friends and family let it be known that "we should be over it by now" but we know that each of us experience the death of a loved one in our own unique way, and there is no time within which we should recover from our loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past few years, you are welcome to our group.

Our meetings start on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, in Room 13 (Library) at 1:30p.m. for six consecutive weeks.

For further information call Sr. Therese 727-797-2375 Ext. 229

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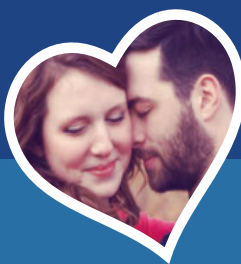
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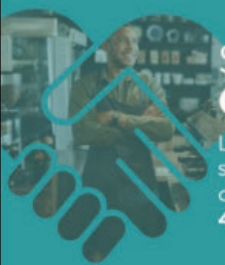
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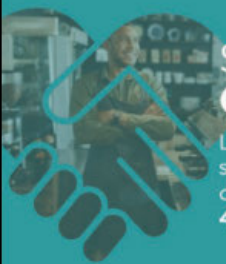
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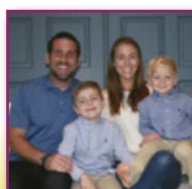
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