

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2021*  
*Centennial Theme: "Remembering, Rejoicing and Reaching in Faith"*  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church*



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**Request for 2019 Annual Contribution Statements and Calendar**

**REMINDER:** Statements **WILL NOT** be mailed out this year. If you wish to receive your statement please fill in the request form found on-line. Forms may be hand-carried or mailed to the Rectory marked **Attention Mrs. Bernice Waller**. Mrs. Waller will notify you when your copy is available for pick-up. OLPH Calendars are available in the Rectory and may be picked up. **ONLY ONE (1) CALENDAR PER HOUSEHOLD.**

### **OLPH History, Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values**

Matthew 28:18-20:

The Commissioning of the Disciples

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish** has a rich, black cultural history. From its formation in 1920, the Black Catholics of Anacostia contributed to its development and growth through their sacrifices of time, talent, skills and funds to provide a parish plant of their own. Thus, the uniqueness of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish places it in a leadership position to interact with other Black and non-black parishes in utilizing the gifts of Black spirituality through music, dance, education, and special action.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the people, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, therefore, acknowledge that our Pastoral Mission is to **proclaim** Christ and **teach** the "Good News", to **worship** and **bear witness** in the community, to **love and serve** as Jesus commanded, and to **preserve and share** our rich Black heritage.

**VISION STATEMENT:** "A Roman Catholic church that is actively visible in the Community, shares its spirituality through fellowship, and is committed to serving God."

#### **CORE VALUES**

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS:** We will always speak the truth, respect the opinions and roles of all parishioners, and value each person, always maintaining Christian charity in all of our actions.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** We will seek to increase the understanding of our Catholic faith and expand our spiritual growth by participating in and supporting charitable and spiritual activities, in addition to attending Mass.

**STEWARDSHIP:** We will become involved in church activities and commit our time, talent and treasures.

**INCLUSION:** We will be open and inviting by extending ourselves to all by sharing in our parish life; thereby, reaffirming our vision of being actively visible in the community.

**LEGACY:** We will preserve our rich Black cultural history by respecting the past, continuing in service and faith in the present, and committing to the future of OLPH.

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Mass Intentions are available for the faithful departed and the needs of the living. In addition, every weekend one Mass is offered for the parishioners of our parish.

**Call the office to request a Mass intention.**

An offering of \$10 is suggested.

**Memorials** are noted by: † Indicates **Deceased**

**BD** means **Birthday** **AD** means **Anniversary of Death**

#### **Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>)**

10:00 am For the People of OLPH

#### **Monday (18<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am St. Joseph's Ladies' Auxiliary No.213

#### **Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am **BD** Charlene Hursey

By her sister Bernadette Smith

#### **Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am †Robert F. Brown

By Gloria A. Lessington

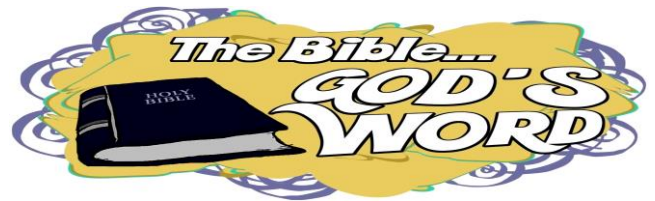
#### **Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>)**

8:00 am **BD** Reynaldo Thurston

By his wife Rose Thurston

#### **Sunday (24<sup>h</sup>)**

10:00 am For the People of OLPH



### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5,10

**Responsorial Psalm** 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:14-20

### **Quote for the Week**

***"Good enough never is!"***



## This Week

### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Virtual Sunday School

### Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>:

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

### Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>:

6:30 pm Virtual Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:

**Memorial of Pope Fabian:** He was the bishop of Rome from 10 January 236 to his death on 20 January 250, succeeding Antherus. A dove is said to have descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope. He was succeeded by Cornelius. Pope **Saint Fabian**, it's so easy to believe that peace means a life without conflict or suffering. Help us to see that the only true peace is the peace Christ brings. Never let us as a Church or as individual Christians choose to deny our beliefs simply to avoid an unpleasant situation.

**Memorial of Saint Sebastian:** (An early Christian saint and martyr). -- According to traditional belief, he was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He was initially tied to a post or tree and shot with arrows, though this did not kill him. He was, according to tradition, rescued and healed by Saint Irene of Rome, which became a popular subject in 17th-century painting. In all versions of the story, shortly after his recovery he went to Diocletian to warn him about his sins, and as a result was clubbed to death. He is venerated in the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. He is a patron saint of archers and athletes and of those who desire a saintly death. He was also venerated as a protector from the bubonic plague and as a patron of plague victims.

### Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>:

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10:30 am LOC Food Pantry – 3P

### Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**Memorial of Saint Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon and Martyr:** Today's Saint Vincent of Saragossa Quote: Do you wish to be at peace amidst suffering and temptation? Then make it your principal endeavor to grow in habits of prayer and in union with Christ. Have confidence in Him. He will make you victorious over your spiritual enemies and over yourself. He will enlighten your darkness and sweeten your sufferings, and in your solitude and desolation He will draw nigh to you with His holy angels.

### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm-1:00 pm Virtual Sunday School



### **MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE OLPH WEBSITE**

Sunday 10:00 am      Monday-Thursday 8:00 am



**8:00 am Weekday Masses** are available for you to offer prayers for your family, friends and yourself.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mass Intentions may NOT be made on Solemnities, Fridays, or Saturdays.

(Because Sundays are not available, all third Monday Masses are for Ladies' Auxiliary No. 213)

Mass stipend donation \$10.00

**Remember ALL Sunday Masses are offered  
For the People of OLPH until further notice.**

**Contact Doris Savoy** to reserve your intentions preferably by email: [dsavoy0642@aol.com](mailto:dsavoy0642@aol.com).

If you do not have internet access, call the Rectory Monday-Thursday 9 am-1:00 pm.

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### **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**

**Please listen carefully to the Prompt Messages.**

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### **SPECIAL ALERT NOTICE!**

Mail was not received in the Rectory for over two weeks. On Monday, January 11, a large amount of mail was received which included some of your 2019 contributions. We are unable to go back and record in previous months, so your statements may not reflect all of your 2019 contributions.

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### **Items Available in the Rectory**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

*Saint Joseph Sunday Missal* for 2021 \$5.00

*The Word Among Us* \$1.00

*The Living Faith* \$1.00      Candles \$3.00

Lector's Handbooks Also Available \$5.00

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN (INFANT – 5 YEARS OLD)



The next Baptism Preparation sessions for children begins on **Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 pm.** It will be Virtual. **Baptism will be celebrated on February 7.** Parents, Godparents and Christian Witnesses must attend. Please pickup or download the registration form. Completed forms **must** be faxed or brought to the rectory by **January 22.** For more information contact the rectory.

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**Tuesday Night Class 6:30 pm  
(Back in Session)**

**Virtual with Deacon Chase**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343759396?pwd=TnFXT3JzdS9ZT0JqY0pjeTgvYWWhXZz09>

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## Tithes & Offering

**Collection last weekend: \$11,241.00**

**Many thanks** to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your tithes and offerings. You may continue to remit your offerings via mail (**Attention Mrs. Waller**), pay on-line, or dropped off at the office. **Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you in advance.**

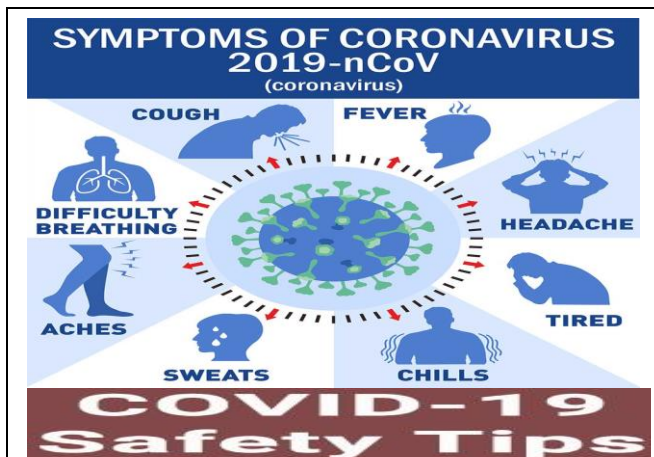
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## JOURNEY OF FAITH

**Leading people to Jesus**

*In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, **families helped one another to know and follow Jesus.** We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life. Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42. In our family life, **we also help to lead one another to Jesus.** Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.*

*A  
Family  
that prays together,  
stays together.*



**COVID-19 Safety Tips**

Wear a Mask, Wash hands frequently, Avoid touching your face, Cover mouth when you cough, Practice social distancing, Avoid contact (touching) others, Avoid non-essential travel, Clean & disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### VACCINE ALERT FOR DC

All seniors in DC **65 years or older** can register to get the vaccine in their neighborhood by visiting this site: [vaccinate.dc.gov](https://vaccinate.dc.gov). or call 1-855-363-0333. It is a quick process.



Mitchell & Mary Baylor 18<sup>th</sup> on January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Raymond & Roberta Young 12<sup>th</sup> on January 31<sup>st</sup>



17<sup>th</sup> Jerry Gant  
18<sup>th</sup> Charlene Hursey    Courtney Polite-Jackson  
19<sup>th</sup> Yvette Cobb  
21<sup>st</sup> Reynaldo Thurston  
30<sup>th</sup> Jackie Johnson  
31<sup>st</sup> Louis Lloyd

## PARISHIONER TIDBITS

### ENTERING THE HOSPITAL?

Parishioners planning to enter the hospital are encouraged to receive the **Sacrament of the Sick** prior to admission. Because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify parishes of a parishioner's stay. **Please notify the Rectory** of the name of person, hospital and room number, also **when the person returns home**.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

We would like to keep our LIST current.

Please contact Doris Savoy via email [dsavoy0642@aol.com](mailto:dsavoy0642@aol.com). or call the Rectory when a **request to add** as well as the **request to remove** a name.



**Remembering Our Homebound Members**  
HOMEBOUND, \*\*HOSPITALS and/or \*NURSING/REHAB  
Nettie Biscoe, \*Sonnie Boulware, \*\*Carolyn Brown, John Brown, Lorraine Brown, Shelia Conway, Roberta Dade-Young, Agnes Dua, \*Cordella Gough, Elease Gravett, \*Michael Holley, Hilda Kearney, \*Geraldine Lee, Marie Lucas, Vincent Matthews, Antoinette Reese, Charles Smith, Delores Smith, \*Reynaldo Thurston, and Kobe Williams.

## Prayer Requests

Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Louis Carter, Brittany Chase, William Clemons, Sylvia Cofield, Margo Cooke, Steve Cooke, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Karin Joy Hodge, Charles Jackson, James Jackson, Joan Jackson, Jessica King, Elizabeth Moeller, Yvonne Moody, Joan Morris, Teresa Naylor, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Mattie O'Neal, Betty Paisley, Marilyn Pearson, Charles Penny, Deidre Dorsey Point, William Queene, Tamala Sappington, Amy Scroggins, Eric Scroggins, Edward Stoner, Kelly Tucker, Rose Thurston, and Bernadette Waters.





*Did you know...*

*Over 100 people attend our Sunday Live stream Mass*

*An average of 30 people attend our Live Stream Daily Mass*

*Over 1,253 people attended our Live Stream Christmas Masses*

*Over 419 people attended our New Year's Day Mass*

*Would you like to SEE, pray and reflect with one another?*

*Join us for Zoom gathering on*

*Saturday, January 30*

*11:00am - 1:00pm*

*You must register in advance for this meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMufu2qpjssGN1kd7EywNVHoAFt4VLhkWXo>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

*If you join, please turn on your camera and your speaker. The point of this gathering is to SEE each other. We respect your privacy. If you prefer not to turn on your camera, please do not join and thus free up the space for others. We only have 100 slots available. Use the following link to register. You will also find the link on the webpage. See you there!*

*For more information contact the rectory.*



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**INFANT BAPTISM REGISTRATION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name (Include Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments Received   Baptism   Confirmation   Eucharist   Matrimony

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments Received   Baptism   Confirmation   Eucharist   Matrimony

Godfather's Name (Must be active Catholic) \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother's Name (Must be active Catholic) \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Witness' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Witness' Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

**OLPH Office of Faith Formation Use Only:**

Interviewed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Census checked by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Godfather Certification Form Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Godmother Certification Form Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for Baptism by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Presider \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate (Circle One)   Picked up/Mailed   Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 10 Things You May Not Know About Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Explore surprising facts about the Civil Rights Leader



### 1. King's birth name was Michael, not Martin.

The civil rights leader was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929. In 1934, however, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.

### 2. King entered college at the age of 15.

King was such a gifted student that he skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling in 1944 at Morehouse College, the alma mater of his father and maternal grandfather. Although he was the son, grandson and great-grandson of Baptist ministers, King did not intend to follow the family vocation until Morehouse president Benjamin E. Mays, a noted theologian, convinced him otherwise. King was ordained before graduating college with a degree in sociology.

### 3. King received his doctorate in systematic theology.

After earning a divinity degree from Pennsylvania's Crozer Theological Seminary, King attended graduate school at Boston University, where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1955. The title of his dissertation was "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman."

### 4. King's '*I Have a Dream*' speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial.

Six years before his iconic oration at the March on Washington, King was among the civil rights leaders who spoke in the shadow of the Great Emancipator during the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom on May 17, 1957. Before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000, King delivered his first national address on the topic of voting rights. His speech, in which he urged America to "give us the ballot," drew strong reviews and positioned him at the forefront of the civil rights leadership.

### 5. King was imprisoned nearly 30 times.

According to the King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on trumped-up charges, such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1956 for driving 30 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.



**6. King narrowly escaped an assassination attempt a decade before his death.**

On September 20, 1958, King was in Harlem signing copies of his new book, "Stride Toward Freedom," in Blumstein's department store when he was approached by Izola Ware Curry. The woman asked if he was Martin Luther King Jr. After he said yes, Curry said, "I've been looking for you for five years," and she plunged a seven-inch letter opener into his chest. The tip of the blade came to rest alongside his aorta, and King underwent hours of delicate emergency surgery. Surgeons later told King that just one sneeze could have punctured the aorta and killed him. From his hospital bed where he convalesced for weeks, King issued a statement affirming his nonviolent principles and saying he felt no ill will toward his mentally ill attacker.

**7. King's last public speech foretold his death.**

King had come to Memphis in April 1968 to support the strike of the city's Black garbage workers, and in a speech on the night before his assassination, he told an audience at Mason Temple Church: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now ... I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

**8. Members of King's family did not believe James Earl Ray acted alone.**

Ray, a career criminal, pled guilty to King's assassination but later recanted. King's son Dexter met publicly with Ray in 1997 and argued for the case to be reopened. King's widow, Coretta, believed the Mafia and local, state and federal government agencies were deeply involved in the murder. She praised the result of a 1999 civil trial in which a Memphis jury decided the assassination was the result of a conspiracy and that Ray was set up to take the blame. A U.S. Department of Justice investigation released in 2000 reported no evidence of a conspiracy.

**9. King's mother was also slain by a bullet.**

On June 30, 1974, as 69-year-old Alberta Williams King played the organ at a Sunday service inside Ebenezer Baptist Church, Marcus Wayne Chenault Jr. rose from the front pew, drew two pistols and began to fire shots. One of the bullets struck and killed King, who died steps from where her son had preached nonviolence. The deranged gunman said that Christians were his enemy and that although he had received divine instructions to kill King's father, who was in the congregation, he killed King's mother instead because she was closer. The shooting also left a church deacon dead. Chenault received a death penalty sentence that was later changed to life imprisonment, in part due to the King family's opposition to capital punishment.

**10. George Washington is the only other American to have had his birthday observed as a national holiday.**

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that created a federal holiday to honor King. The holiday, first commemorated in 1986, is celebrated on the third Monday in January, close to the civil rights leader's January 15 birthday.

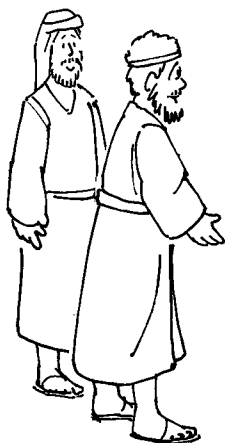


What did this disciple say?

Follow the directions to find out.

1. Change the ▲'s to A's, the ■'s to E's, the ●'s to I's, the ◆'s to O's and the ★'s to U's.
2. Change the 2's to T's, the 3's to F's and the 4's to V's.
3. Change the M's to W's and the W's to M's.
4. Change the B's to H's and the P's to N's.
5. Change the ☀'s to D's and the 😊's to S's.

“ M ■ B ▲ 4 ■ 3 ◆ ★ P ☀  
 2 B ■ W ■ 😊 😊 ● ▲ B ”



Ages 7+

January 17, 2021 • John 1:35-42

## Jesus' First Disciples

John was with two of his disciples.  
 What did John say when he saw Jesus passing by?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

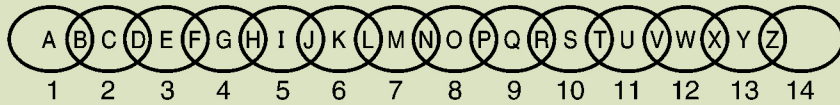
John said, “Look, the Lamb of God.”



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What happened next?

Use this code to find out.



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2,3 5 10 2 5 8,9 6,7 3 10

3,4 8 6,7 6,7 8 12 3 2,3

5,6 3 10 11 10 10,11 4,5 3 13

12 3 7,8 10,11 1 7,8 2,3 10 1 12

12 4,5 3 9,10 3 5,6 3 10 11 10

12 1 10 10 10,11 1 13 5 7,8 4

1 7,8 2,3

10 8,9 3 7,8 10,11

10,11 4,5 1 10,11

2,3 1 13

12 5 10,11 4,5

4,5 5 7



What was the name of one of John's disciples that met Jesus?

Write the word that means the opposite of the word given.  
Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

old 3

summer 2 4

lightweight 6

night 5

tall 1

6 3 5 1 4 2

