Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 13, 2022
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church

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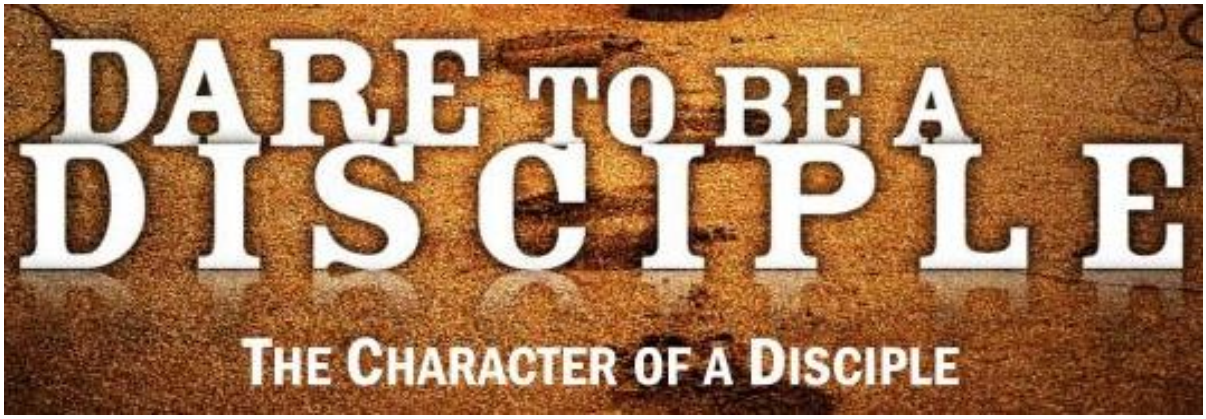
Sermon on the Plain

Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude: The Beatitudes



Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 are available for the faithful departed and the needs of the living. Please note the weekend Masses are 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**

Saturday (12th)
4:30 pm For the People
Sunday (13th)
10:00 am For the People
Monday (14th)
8:00 am ✝Joyce Bell Thompson
By Dr. Charles Bell
Tuesday (15th)
8:00 am ✝Jerome Leander Tilghman
By Sahon Palmer
Wednesday (16th)
8:00 am ✝James Richard Miller
By Sahon Palmer
Thursday (17th)
8:00 am ✝Donald Julian Hawkins
By Dianna Ledbetter
Saturday (19th)
4:30 pm For the People
Sunday (20th)
10:00 am For the People

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23
Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Quote for the Week

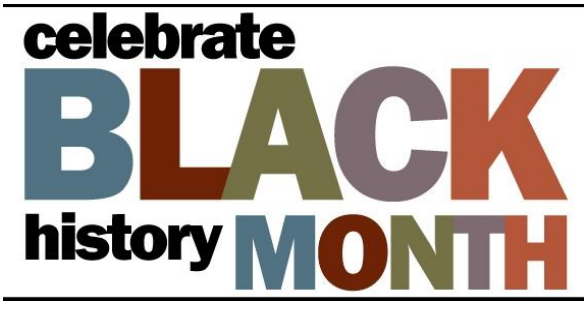
"Hope is a desire for something good, accompanied by the belief that you can obtain it."

Weekly Highlights

Sunday, February 13th:
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Sunday School Class – WSG
Monday, February 14th:
Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Of Cyril and Methodius, Saint John Paul II wrote, *"their pastoral attitude of concern to bring the revealed truth to new peoples while respecting their cultural originality remains a living model for the Church and for the missionaries of all ages".*

Valentine's Day started in 500 A.D. It was started by Pope Saint Gelasius I, the third pope of the Catholic Church. He named the day after Saint Valentine or Saint Valentinus. The name Valentine is derived from a Latin word "valens" meaning worthy, strong or powerful. Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a minor Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. In general, Valentine's Day is a special day to celebrate romance and love. It is usually celebrated by giving significant others flowers and gifts to demonstrate affection. It is celebrated in honor of St. Valentine, a third century Roman saint associated with love and marriage.

Thursday, February 17th:
10:30 am LOC Food Pantry
Saturday, February 19th:
4:30 pm Mass
Sunday, February 20th:
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Sunday School Class – WSG



Church News

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
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Masses Are Live-Streamed On The OLPH Website

Sunday 10:00 am	**Monday-Thursday 8:00 am**
Saturday 4:30 pm	**NOT LIVE-STREAMED**

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions may NOT be made on Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays at this time.
Saturday and Sunday Masses are offered *For the People of OLPH* until further notice.
(Since Sundays are not available, Monday Masses following the third Sundays are for Ladies' Auxiliary No. 213)
Mass stipend donation $10.00

Contact Doris Savoy to reserve your intentions preferably by email: dsavoy0642@aol.com.
If you do not have internet access, call the Rectory Extension 2 Monday-Thursday 9 am-1:00 pm

When requesting your intentions, please check your calendar dates and make sure they are not on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays until further notice.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

If you have any questions contact your child's Catechist or Cynthia.

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Religious Items Available

Pamphlets ($1.00 each)
Candles ($3.00 each)
2022 Saint Joseph Sunday Missal ($5.00 Each)

Check With Our Ministers of Hospitality

Tuesday Night Class 6:30 pm
Virtual with Deacon Chase
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343759396?pwd=TnFXT3JzdS9ZT0JqY0pjeTgvYWhXZz09
Meeting ID: 833 4375 9396 Passcode: 881635

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Collection last weekend: $8,597.83
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.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

If you have not made your request, know that the system for the 2021 statements AUTOMATICALLY closes on February 15th.

PLEASE DO NOT ADD YOUR GLOBAL DONATIONS ON-LINE WITH YOUR THITHES.

NOTE: Donations to the **Global Meals Project WILL NOT** be included in your annual statement. It will be sent as a separate statement for your records. This donation may be included on your tax return.

Share In Mission Fund

It is very important that you please WRITE a SEPARATE check payable directly to:

The Josephites.

We cannot send checks made payable to OLPH to The Josephites. **(Their envelopes and enclosed checks are mailed directly to them.)**

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life. Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

Bobby & Shelia Greene 22nd on February 16th
Thomas & NewVelvet Washington 62nd on February 20th

12th Bernadette Waters
13th Nicole Shaw
16th Leia Conrad
17th Joseph Thomas
18th Pearl Baylor Jasmine Handon
21st Kayla Carter Betty Durr Bill Shelton
22nd Gloria A. Lessington
23rd Kayona Dade
25th Very Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ
26th Braxton Wheeler
27th Denise Durham
29th Most Rev. Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ

PARISHIONER TIDBITS

HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL and/or *NURSING/REHAB
Nettie Biscoe, *Sonnie Boulware, Carolyn Brown, Lorraine Brown, Shelia Conway, Roberta Dade-Young, Agnes Dua, *Cordella Gough, Elease Gravett, Terry Hawkins, *Michael Holley, *Charles Jackson, Audrey Jones, Hilda Kearney, Marie Lucas, Vincent Matthews, Antoinette Reese, Charles Smith, Delores Smith, *Bernadette Waters, and Kobe Williams.

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.**

When Names Can Be Removed, Contact Doris Savoy.

Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Demarquis Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, William Clemons, Margo Cooke, Steve Cooke, Beverly Ford, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, Tondra Hannah, Karin Joy Hodge, Ken Houston, James Jackson, Joan Jackson, Vincent Jordan, Jessica King, Jimmy Logan, Crystal Marsh, David McNeill, Deborah McNeill, Elizabeth Moeller, Yvonne Moody, Milton Morgan, Joan Morris, Teresa Naylor, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Mattie O'Neal, Terrance Oxyner, Betty Paisley, Charles Penny, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Michele Kim Matthews-Sims, Gladys Reid, Clementine Smith-Easley, Cynthia Salter-Stith, Tamala Sappington, Amy Scroggins, Eric Scroggins, Travia Stone, Augustus Thomas, Rose Thurston, Janice Washington, Nicky Wilkinson.

HEADS UP!!!!
COVID-19 IS STILL AMONG US!!!!
Let's Fight Covid-19 Together

Get Vaccinated: Continue to Wear a Mask: Wash Hands Frequently: Practice Social Distancing

It is known that no one has been left untouched by the COVID-19 crisis. Everyone's life has been disrupted. Everyone's life has changed. All of us have had to deal with unexpected cancellations, sudden shutdowns, and painful closures. Some of these have been a minor inconvenience. Others have been difficult to accept. And still others have been devastating. The one word that embodies all of these experiences is loss. We have all lost something during this pandemic. And with the loss there comes confusion, sadness, anger, and grief. So let us offer prayer for everyone: Pray for those people who are hurting and going through some unimaginable circumstances. Pray for those who want their lives to be better and all to be free from things that may be holding them back. Even though you may not know them, God knows their situation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, dear Lord, see us through these hard times.

2022 Annual Appeal – Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I donate to the Annual Appeal when I can support individual Catholic ministries?

As Catholics, we are united in our faith, the sacraments and the good works of the Church. The Annual Appeal is a way to support critical services and ministries of the Church in an effective and meaningful way, and to support ministries larger than any particular parish or agency. Further, there are many ministries supported by the Annual Appeal that do not have a means to receive support from direct charitable donations.

Is any support for the Annual Appeal used for legal fees or settlements related to the clergy abuse crisis?

No. The Annual Appeal funds are restricted to support only the mission and ministries outlined in the case for support. Funds received for the Annual Appeal are not used for any other purpose, including legal fees and/or settlements that the Archdiocese of Washington may incur. Additionally, the Archdiocese continues to insist that any allegation of abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult be reported to the police and other government agencies that deal with child abuse or elder abuse as well as to our Office for Child and Youth Protection and Safe Environment.

What is the cost to conduct the Annual Appeal each year?

The annual cost for outreach, gift and data processing, pledge reminders, gift acknowledgments, and other correspondence relating to the Annual Appeal is seven (7) cents per dollar raised. The Archdiocese of Washington pays this cost from other revenue sources, so that 100% of donations support the ministries of the Annual Appeal.

Where can I find key financials on the Archdiocese of Washington, such as independent audits and IRS forms?

The Archdiocese of Washington is independently audited and produces a financial report each year. The Archdiocese of Washington has procedures in place for people to report financial or any other misconduct in one of our parishes, schools or ministries, using EthicsPoint, an independent reporting service.

Are there other ways to contribute beyond writing a check or giving through my credit card?

Yes! We gratefully accept gifts from:
- Publicly-traded stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- Traditional IRA transfers (must be 70 ½ or older)
- *Donor-advised funds and private foundations
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Our legal name is **"Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington"** and our CFC number is 71625.

**If you use a donor-advised fund, private foundation or a group charitable giving site, please include your name, parish and that it is for the Annual Appeal.*

Some other words of Jesus to the crowd are hidden below.

Cross out the word that fits the definition in each line.
The word that remains fits in the blank below.

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S	E	W	L	A	U	G	H
M	O	U	R	N	J	O	B
G	L	A	D	W	E	E	P

1. precipitation
2. a superior grade
3. a mass of vapor in the sky
4. to depart from a place
5. fasten with needle and thread
6. work done for pay
7. happy

"Woe to you who are 1) _____ , for you have already received your 2) _____.

Woe to you who are well 3) _____now, for you will go 4)_____.

Woe to you who 5)_____now, for you will 6) _____and 7)_____."

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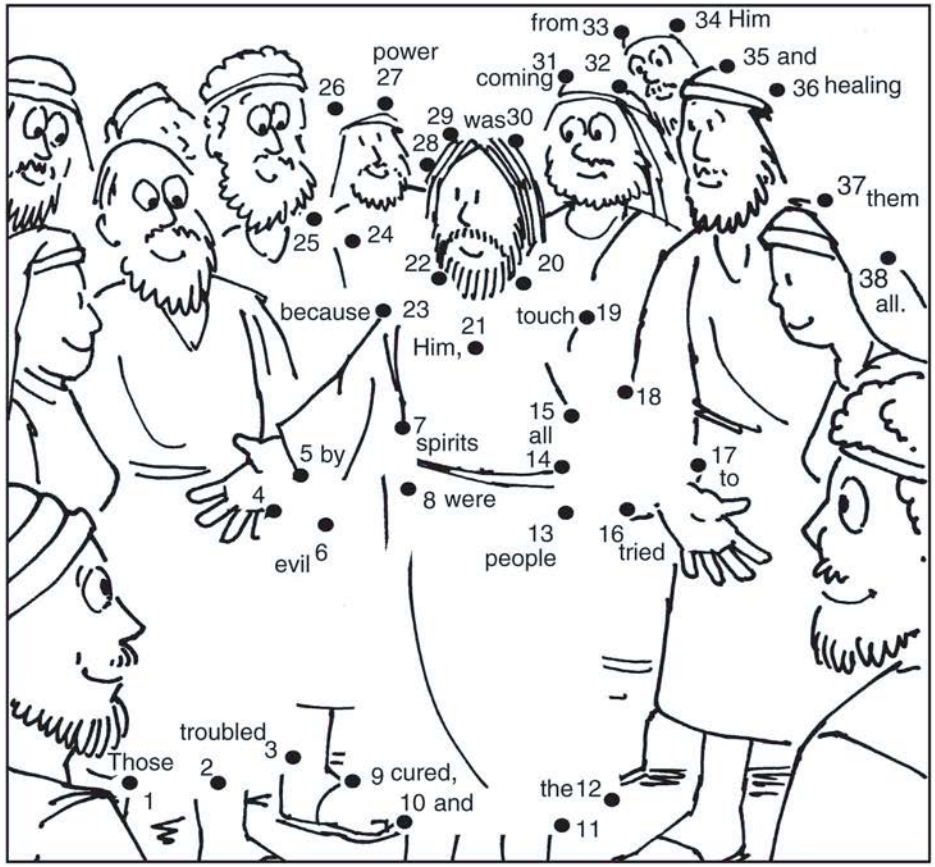
Ages 7+

Blessings and Woes

Jesus spoke to a large crowd of people. What happened to the people there?

Connect the dots and read what happened.



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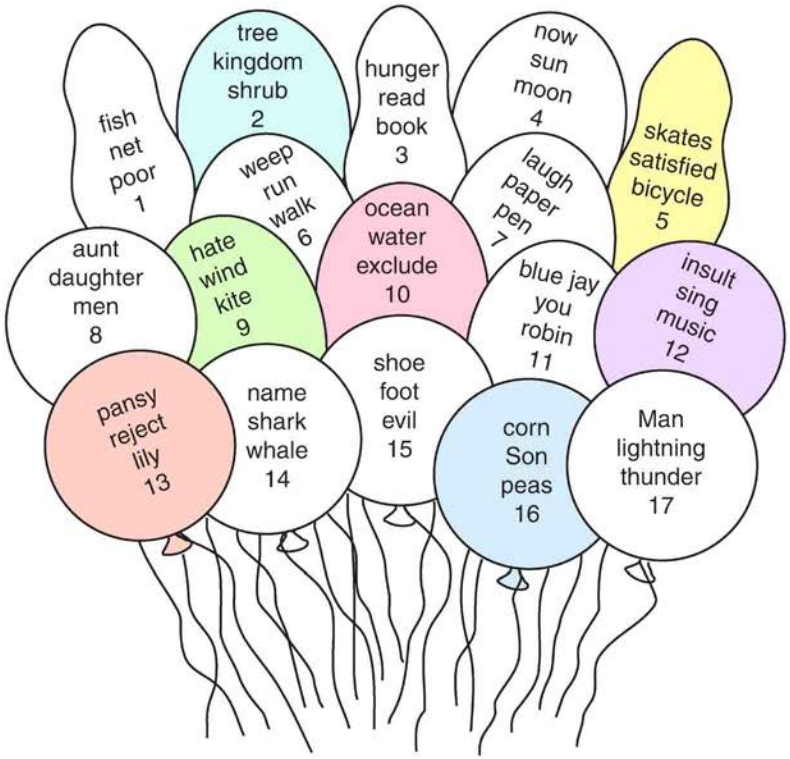
What did Jesus say?

Circle the word in each set that doesn't belong.
Write it on the numbered line below.



"Blessed are you who are 1) _____, for yours is the 2)_____of God.
Blessed are you who 3)_____ 4)_____, for you will be 5)_____.
Blessed are you who 6) _____ now, for you will 7)_____.
Blessed are you when 8)_____ 9) _____ you, when they 10)_____11)_____and 12) _____ you and 13)_____ your 14)_____as 15)_____, because of the 16)_____of 17)_____."

What else did Jesus say to the crowd?

Write the first letter of each picture on the line. What did Jesus say?

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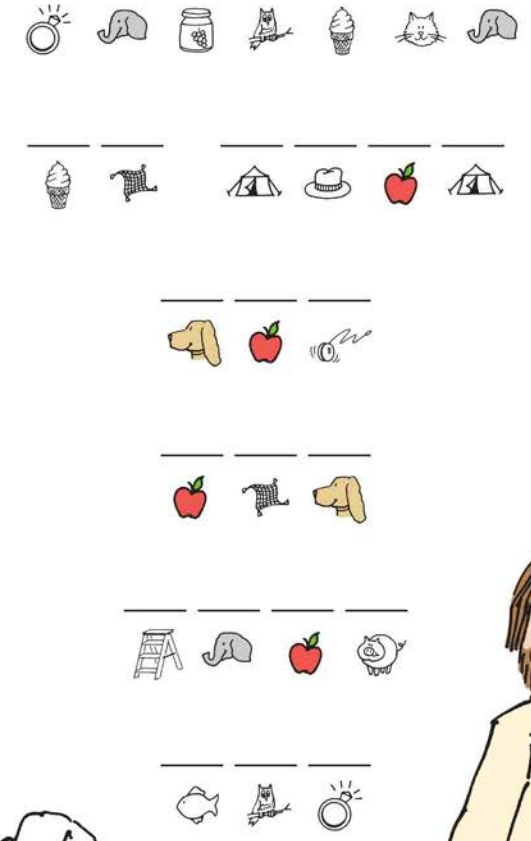

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