

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 16, 2025
BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church



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Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

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Director of Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor Youth Choir Director:

Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola



Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 (Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
 OLPH WEBSITE**
Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

Mass Intentions may not be made on
 Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.
 Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
 or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.

SUNDAY DONUTS
 Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
 will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.
 The Knights of St. John Commandery #286
 covers every 2nd Sunday.
 Organizations and/or Ministries, please
 contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
 will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study
 with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm
 Studying Matthew
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>
Meeting ID: 864 813 98261 Passcode: 509931

Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study
 with Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm
 Studying Nahum



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe
 November 23, 2025
First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43



Collections Last Weekend
Total \$5,606.03

Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your
 tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount
 recorded here is from envelopes marked
“My Sacrificial Gift” only.

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you
 put into those envelopes is recorded and provided
 to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a
 time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**.
 They can only be recorded on the actual date you
 submit them.



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
 BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

- Sunday (16th)**
10:00 am For the People
- Monday (17th)**
8:00 am St. Joseph’s Ladies’ Auxiliary No.213
- Tuesday (18th)**
8:00 am +AD George Moody
By Yvonne Moody
- Wednesday (19th)**
8:00 am Father P.G. Ekanem, CSsR
By Gloria A. Lessington
- Thursday (20th)**
8:00 am BD Gloria V. Moore (80th)

Quote for the week
*No matter how good I am today, I will need to
 improve, so that I don't get left behind.*

November Monthly Prayer From the Pope
For the Prevention of Suicide
 Let us pray that those who are struggling with
 suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and
 love they need in their community, and be open to
 the beauty of life.

Church Announcements

Sunday, November 16th:

8:45 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am Mass

Presentation of First Holy Communion Class

Memorial of Saint Margaret of Scotland

Also known as Margaret of Wessex, she was an English princess and a Scottish queen. Margaret brought clothes and food to the needy people of Scotland. She nursed the sick; she even brought homeless people into the castle. She died in 1093 and was canonized in the year 1250 by Pope Innocent IV in recognition of her personal holiness, fidelity to the Church, and her work for religious reform and charity.

Memorial of Saint Gertrude, Virgin

When just a child, she was placed in the care of Benedictine nuns, perhaps because of her parents' early deaths. Gertrude is one of the most provocative spiritual writers in the long and rich history of the Church. She was blessed with the gift of prophecy as well as the gift of miracles.

Monday, November 17th:

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

She was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary, Landgravine of Thuringia, Germany, and a greatly venerated Catholic saint who was an early member of the Third Order of St. Francis, by which she is honored as its patroness.

Tuesday, November 18th:

Dedication of the Churches of Peter & Paul

The Vatican Church, dedicated in honour of St. Peter, is the second patriarchal church at Rome, and in it reposes one half of the precious remains of the bodies of Saints Peter and Paul. The tombs of the great conquerors and lords of the world have been long since destroyed and forgotten; but those of the martyrs are glorious by the veneration which the faithful pay to their memory.

Thursday, November 20th:

10:30-12:30 LOC FOOD PANTRY

Friday, November 21st:

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord. The Feast was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, then removed from the calendar by Pope Pius V in the mid-16th century. Pope Sixtus V later reestablished the feast in 1585, and it is still celebrated today, commemorating the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

Saturday, November 22nd:

Memorial of Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

The names of the martyrs listed in the Roman Canon include today's saint, Cecilia. From one perspective, that is all we need to know. She lived. She was martyred. She was remembered. Cecilia's name was included in the only Eucharistic Prayer then said at Sunday Mass, presumably because she stood out from the many other martyrs for a particular reason. That reason has been lost. She is the patron Saint of Music and Musicians.

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 23rd:

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

8:45 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am Mass



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Agnes Dua, Edward Glover,
*Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly,
*Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, *Helene Matthews, David McNeill,
Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, *Rose Quander-Nevedon,
Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, *Amy Scroggins,
George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-
Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley,
Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-
Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas
Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-
Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis
Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase,
William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Carla Coleman, Margo
Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Linda Bogans,
Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford,
Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn
Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter
Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross,
Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael
Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal
Jackson, Kathy Jones, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones,
Paul Kearney, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna
Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall,
Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred
Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle
Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody,
Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone,
Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver,
Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence
(Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny,
Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda
Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard,
SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott,
Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley,
Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, George Stewart, Donna
Stewart-Moore, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph
Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White,
Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and
Raymond Young



- 15th Anita Alexander
- 18th Bridget Gotay
- 20th Michelle Alexander Michelle Bethea
 Demetria Savoy
- 21st Doretha Jones-Wallace Charles Williams
- 22nd Jelani Franklin
- 24th Cheryl Williams
- 25th Frances E. Battle
- 26th Michael Craig
- 27th Donald Michael Hawkins, Jr.
- 28th Corren S. Brown
- 29th Dallas Lewis
- 30th Robert Ronald Robinson



Carlos & Janine Graham 16th on November 15th
William & Carolyn Alston 29th on November 28th

The New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal:
Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2026
is now available.
Donation is \$5.00

ATTENTION LECTORS

The 2026 Workbooks for Lectors... are in.
Please contact Joan Jackson
to pick up your copy.
Donation \$5.00

LOC Annual Giving Tree Project
It's that time of year when we think of others who want to celebrate the joy of giving. The Tree will be up next weekend with notes for needed items for our children, newborn to twelve years of age. The flyer is on the web page but will be in the bulletin next weekend.

From the Pastor's Desk

Courage and Strength

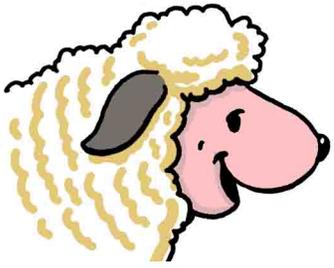
“Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” Luke 21:12-15

It could be said that these are among the least consoling words that Jesus ever spoke. Imagine what His disciples would have thought upon hearing this. Some of them might have changed their minds about following Jesus and walked away. Why would anyone want to be seized and persecuted, or thrown into prison? Jesus even went on to say that “they will put some of you to death.”

We must hear Jesus’ words today as His battle cry, spoken to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and unchristian world will be hostile. The leader of the kingdom of darkness, the devil, is very active and, with his legion of demons and followers, is seeking to destroy us. For our part, we must decide whether we will retreat and hide or enter the battle for the salvation of souls.

Instead of shying away from the various forms of persecution we may experience, we need to allow our Lord to stir up a courage within us that is fueled by love. We must deeply desire the salvation of every soul and remain certain that the only way to salvation is through fidelity to Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that we are all in a battle for the salvation of souls, beginning with our own. We cannot be passive bystanders. We must move forward with much courage and strength. We must trust in the guidance given to us by our Lord. We must be open to the words He will inspire us to speak when needed. Resolve to follow our Lord into this holy battle, and He will equip you with all you need to be victorious



What else did Jesus say?

Write the name for each picture. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.



32 33 3



7 28 14 5 19

20 6 12 17 2

29 22 8 25



34 24 1 27 11 23 10

9 26 15 30



16 31 21 35

4 18 13

“ 10 2 28 30 4 16 12 15 34

26 19 4 9 18 33 7 12 11 11

35 24 12 30 11 12 16 23 ”

Troubles and Persecutions

Some of the disciples remarked about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God.

Find 15 differences below.



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Jesus said something to the disciples about this. What did He say?

Write all of the 1's in order.
Then return to the top and write all of the 2's in order. Then return to the top and write all of the 3's in order. Do the same with the 4's.

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that	3	I	4	what	1	left	2	you	3	am	4
you	1	on	2	are	3	he	4	see	1	another	2
not	3	and	4	here	1	every	2	deceived	3	the	4
the	1	one	2	For	3	time	4	time	1	of	2
many	3	is	4	will	1	them	2	will	3	near	4
come	1	will	2	come	3	Do	4	when	1	be	2
in	3	not	4	not	1	thrown	2	My	3	follow	4
one	1	down	2	name	3	them	4	stone	1	Watch	2

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Jesus said He would help His followers. What did He say He would do?



Add and subtract letters to find out.
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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 G+2 Z-3 H+1 N-2 K+1 J-3 G+2 U+1 H-3

 Z-1 L+3 W-2 V+1 L+3 U-3 A+3 V-3 C-2 L+2 G-3

 Z-3 H+1 V-3 C+1 R-3 L+1 S+1 K-3 C-2 R+2

 M+1 Q-2 P-2 C+2 P-1 H-2 W+2 L+3 X-3 Q+1

 D-3 C+1 U+1 H-3 Q+1 Q+2 D-3 P+2 L-3 H-3 R+1

 Y-2 F+3 K+1 N-2 E-3 D+1 D-3 A+1 K+1 C+2

 S+1 R-3 P+2 C+2 Q+2 L-3 V-3 S+1 M+2 Q+1

 F-3 M+2 M+1 W-3 P+2 B-1 C+1 F+3 F-3 R+2
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