

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church*



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**PARISH STAFF**

***Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor***

**Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones**

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Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola



☩ Lord, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather in worship and praise. We acknowledge Jesus as the sovereign ruler of all creation, whose dominion knows no end. Help us to recognize the royal path of love, compassion and service that Jesus exemplified, and inspire us to follow in His footsteps. May His kingdom of peace and justice be established in our hearts and throughout the world. Amen.

**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](mailto:dsavoy0642@aol.com).**

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



**First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A**  
**November 30, 2025**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Responsorial Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9**  
**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**  
**Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44**



**Collections Last Weekend**  
**Envelopes \$4874.00 On-Line \$4,965.00**  
**Total \$9,839.00**

**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 (23<sup>rd</sup>)**  
 10:00 am For the People

**Monday (24<sup>th</sup>)**  
 8:00 am +AD John Waters  
 By Dallas Lewis

**Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup>)**  
 8:00 am BD Michelle Bethea  
 By Yvonne Moody

**Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>)**  
 8:00 am Helene Matthews  
 By Dianna Ledbetter

**Thursday (27<sup>th</sup>)**  
 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day

**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.

**Quote for the week**  
 I must always remember that success is an  
 ongoing journey, not a destination.

## Church Announcements

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:

8:45 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am Mass

After Mass Frances Battles' Birthday – PR

Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>:

**Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr, and companions, martyrs. He was one of 117 people who were martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862.

Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

She was one of the most popular early Christian martyrs and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers (a group of Roman Catholic saints venerated for their power of intercession). She is the patron saint of philosophers and scholars and is believed to help protect against sudden death.

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>:

**Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:00 am**



Give thanks to the Lord!! May the beauty and blessings of Thanksgiving bring warmth and peace to your home this season. Enjoy the beautiful blessings around you this year!!

**Ladies of Charity Food Pantry**

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON

**Thanksgiving**

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>:

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, 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

**OLPH Parishioners**

Let's Take Another Look! Are there names that can be removed from the above listing?



22<sup>nd</sup> Jelani Franklin  
 24<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Williams  
 25<sup>th</sup> Frances E. Battle  
 26<sup>th</sup> Michael Craig  
 27<sup>th</sup> Donald Michael Hawkins, Jr.  
 28<sup>th</sup> Corren S. Brown  
 29<sup>th</sup> Dallas Lewis  
 30<sup>th</sup> Robert Ronald Robinson



William & Carolyn Alston 29<sup>th</sup> on November 28<sup>th</sup>

### Recent Deaths

In your prayers, remember the souls of

**Brenda Bullock** (DOD 11/6/25)

Aunt of Kayona Dade

Funeral Services will be held on

Monday, November 24, 2025

Faith City Central

2261 Oxon Run Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748

Viewing 10:00 am Service 11:00 am

**Delores Beasley** (DOD 11/17/25)

Relative of Dianna Ledbetter and Stephanie Garner

Services Pending at this time

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

## From the Pastor's Desk

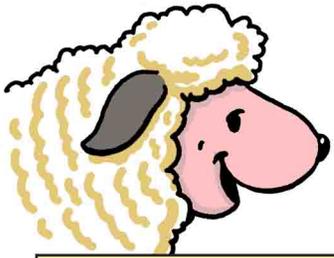
### CHRIST THE KING

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all. Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject. Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.) Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

### **GIVE BACK THROUGH #IGIVECATHOLIC! GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

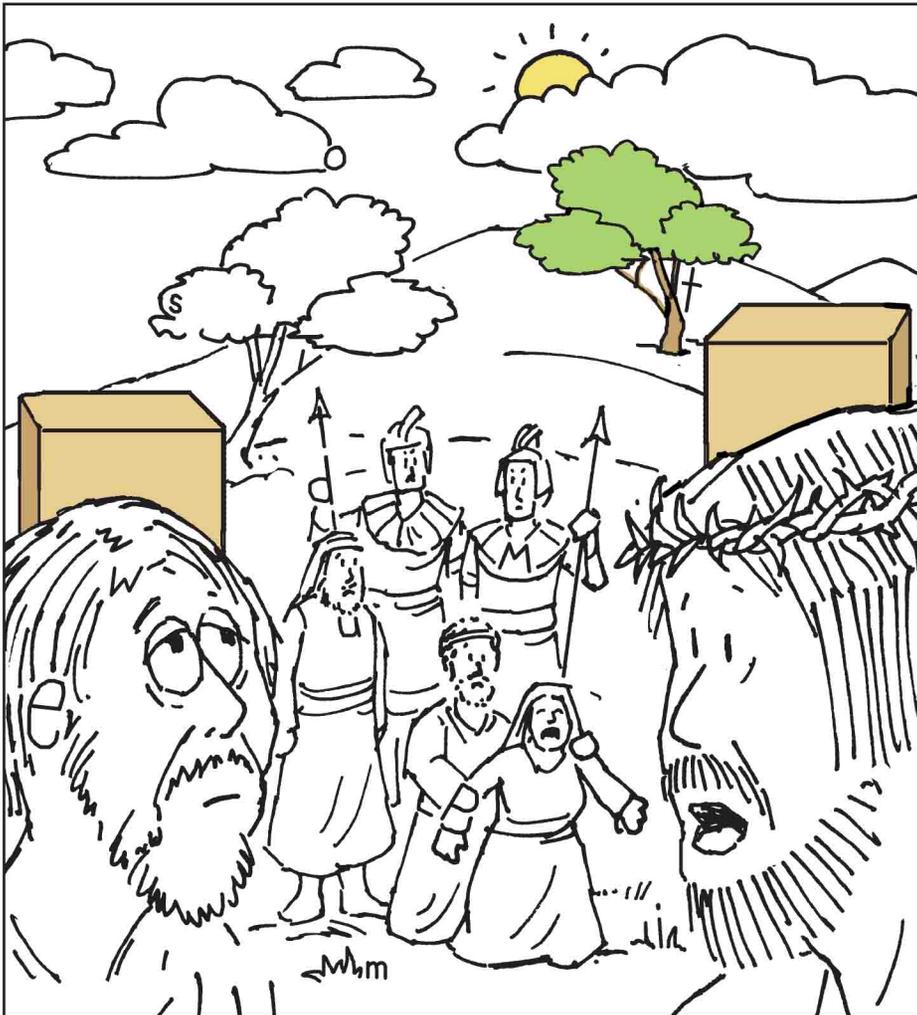
The mission of #iGiveCatholic is to unite Catholic communities and donors throughout the country to express their generosity in support of the organizations that have helped to shape our lives of faith: our parishes, schools, and ministries. #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity and kindness. **To support our church**, raise funds during this Thanksgiving season, please go to **www.igivecatholic.org**. **On the Home Page click on Search and type in Our Lady of Perpetual Help – there are several so BE SURE to click on Washington, DC**. Thank you for giving to our parish and may God bless and reward you abundantly. **Happy Giving Week!** #iGiveCatholic accepts online donations from November 25 during our Advanced Giving Phase through 11:59 PM on December 2.



Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture.

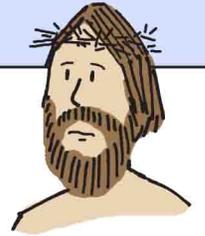
Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise."



# Christ, the King

Jesus was on the cross.

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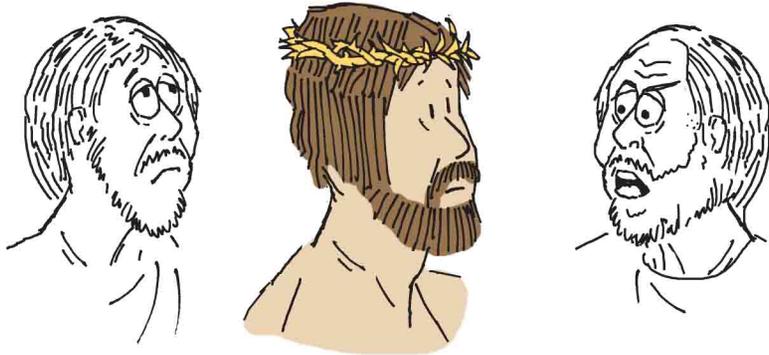
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Two criminals were crucified with Jesus.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks. Then write the circled letters in order to fill in the blanks of the final missing word.



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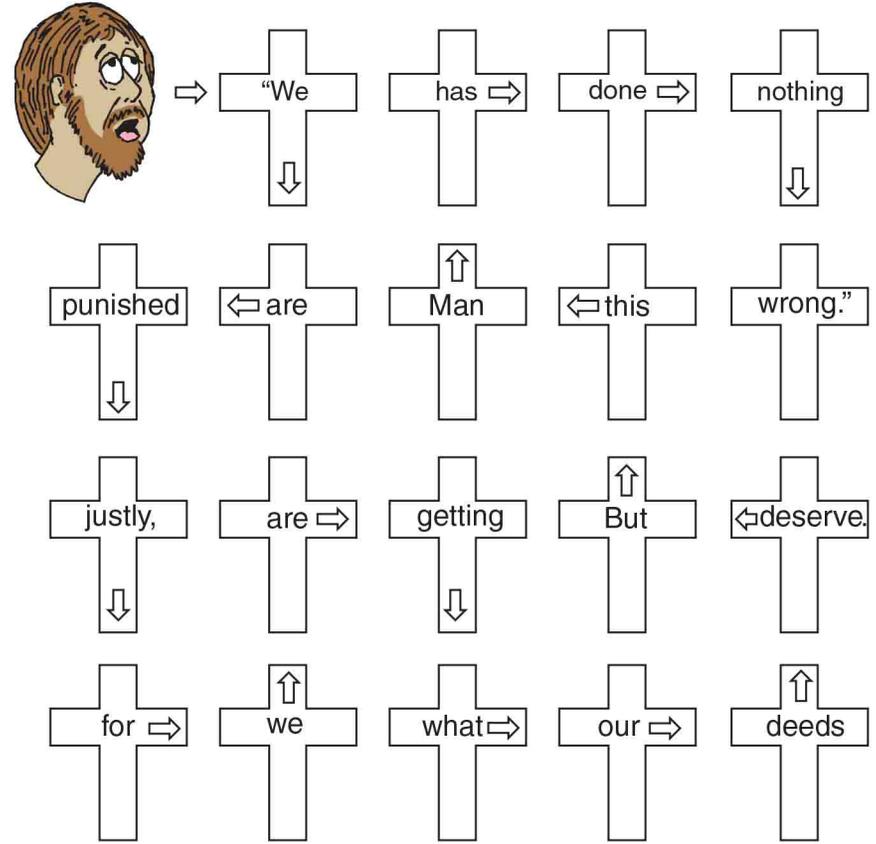
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Save Yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him.

"Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"

Starting in the top left corner, follow the arrows on the crosses to find what else the second criminal said. Transfer the words to the lines below.



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