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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C

June 14-15, 2025

Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Parish Pastor: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguele Toko
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Bernard Gibs

Maintenance:
Landscaping: Rick Berry Landscaping
Secretary: Ms. Jennifer Estime
Office Volunteers: Ms. Elizabeth Harris
Mrs. Linda Sibilly

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 am-12:00 pm
Mass at 12:00 noon
Wednesday: 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Thursday: 12:00 pm
Friday: 12:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Confessions – Daily, before and after Mass
Saturday – 5:00 – 5:45 pm
Sunday – 8:00 – 8:45 am
(By appointment, or as needed)

Baptism – Please contact the Parish Office. Register one (1) month before classes. Infant baptisms will be the last Saturday of the month.

Reception Into the Church (RCIA) – Make arrangements with the Pastor.

Marriage – Please call the Parish Office or make arrangements with the Pastor.

Anointing of the Sick – Home visits by the Pastor will be made on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, and whenever an emergency arises. Please call the Parish Office to include a sick or shut-in family member who is at home or in the hospital.

Funerals – Please contact the Parish Office or Priest.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Coordinator: Elizabeth Harris

September – May: CCD Classes: Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:45 pm. Confirmation candidates must prepare for sacraments at their Parish, even if they attend Sts. Peter & Paul School.

Spiritual Counseling: Contact the Church Office to speak with the Priest.

PRAYER AND PARISH GROUPS

Sons of Mary and Joseph – Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Church. All male parishioners are invited to attend.

Order of Malta Recitation of the Rosary – 1st Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 pm by Our Lady's Grotto.

Wednesday Prayer Group – Weekly at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcomed.

Lectors – Last Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Altar Servers – Every Thursday, 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS				SICK AND SHUT-INS
<u>DAILY MASSES</u>				<p>Dear Lord, we ask that you heal the sick and infirm among us. We pray for those who are suffering with pain and illness, that they may be comforted in their time of need. May they feel your love and grace surround them. Heal their bodies, minds, and spirits as you extend your healing hands on:</p> <p>Let us pray for:</p> <p>Rita King (off-island) Priscilla B. Lawrence (off-island) Judith Turbe (off-island) John McDonald Noelise Noel Daphne Wallace Valencia Krause (off-island) Florence Kalloo Marie LaPlace Gwynneth Moolenaar (Hospital) Clely Berry Linda Sheviski</p> <p>We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Amen.</p>
Sat.	June 14	6:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Edwin Quetel Rb The Spenceley, Gibbs, & Quetel Family +For the repose of the soul of Evenor Gibbs, Rb His son, Benny and Family +In memory of Sonia Diaz, Rb Maggie Novoa ~Mass intention for Mary and her whole family, and special birthday blessings for Mary, Rb Mary	
Sun.	June 15	6:30 am	+For the repose of the soul of Christopher Fix, Rb Galtes Family +For the repose of the souls of Gaby Bryan’s family members, Rb A parishioner +For the repose of the soul of Leslie A Millin, Rb Nilda Colon Millin & family ~Happy Father’s Day blessings to Leslie A. Millin, Jr. Rb Nilda Colon Millin & family	
		9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Claire Foster, Rb John Foster & family	
Tues.	June 17	12:00 pm	No mass intentions	
Wed.	June 18	12:00 pm	No mass intentions	
Thurs.	June 19	12:00 pm	No mass intentions	
Fri.	June 20	12:00 pm	No mass intentions	
Sat.	June 20	6:00 pm	+For the repose of the soul of Emanuel LaPlace, Rb Cathy and Family +For the repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. John K. Mark Rb Benny and Brenda Gibbs	
<u>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</u> Week of June 16-June 22, 2025				
Mon.	June 16	Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42		
Tues.	June 17	Weekday 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48		
Wed.	June 18	Weekday 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		
Thurs.	June 19	Weekday 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15		
Fri.	June 20	Weekday 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23		
Sat.	June 21	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34		
Sun.	June 22	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17		
<u>REFLECTION</u>				
MEDITATION ON THE HOLY TRINITY “C”:				
<p>Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the feast of God Himself who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In fact, it is important to know God in order to know Who we do adore and how to adore Him. We all talk about God in the world but without referring to the same reality. That is why in the catholic tradition, we start our prayers with the sign of the cross. This is meant to call on God and to signify that the God to whom we want to address ourselves or to whom we want to talk now is the one who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and not any other else; He is the one we are invoking now and not the one of Buddhism, nor of satanism. What is interesting to notice in the Holy Trinity is the bond of love that unites them. Each of them is united to the other two persons through love. It is this love which maintains them in relation. This relation of love is what characterizes God. As we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also called to be in a relation of love with everyone. The relation which unites the Father to the Son and the Holy Spirit should also unite us to all men and women in the world if we were to really be in the image and likeness of God, that way the world would be a better one because we would be seeing ourselves in the other person, relating in love with him, and seeking to remain united. That is our call and our challenge.</p>				
CATECHESIS				
<p>WHO is God? We have learned from catechism since childhood that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that there are three persons in One God. Yes, but very often it difficult to understand that. What characterizes God is RELATION. Our God is essentially a relational Being. The Father is in relation with the Son and with the Holy Spirit, and vice versa. It is a relation that keeps the three divine persons united in one God. We too, are created by God in his image to reflect the Trinity in our relation. That is why each of us is born of a father and of a mother. We are also supposed to be relational and to form a Trinity of love that binds us together. That is the challenge of each person and of each family who believes in God-Trinity. It is the opportunity to ask ourselves whether we are relational and whether we do reflect God’s love in the family?</p>				

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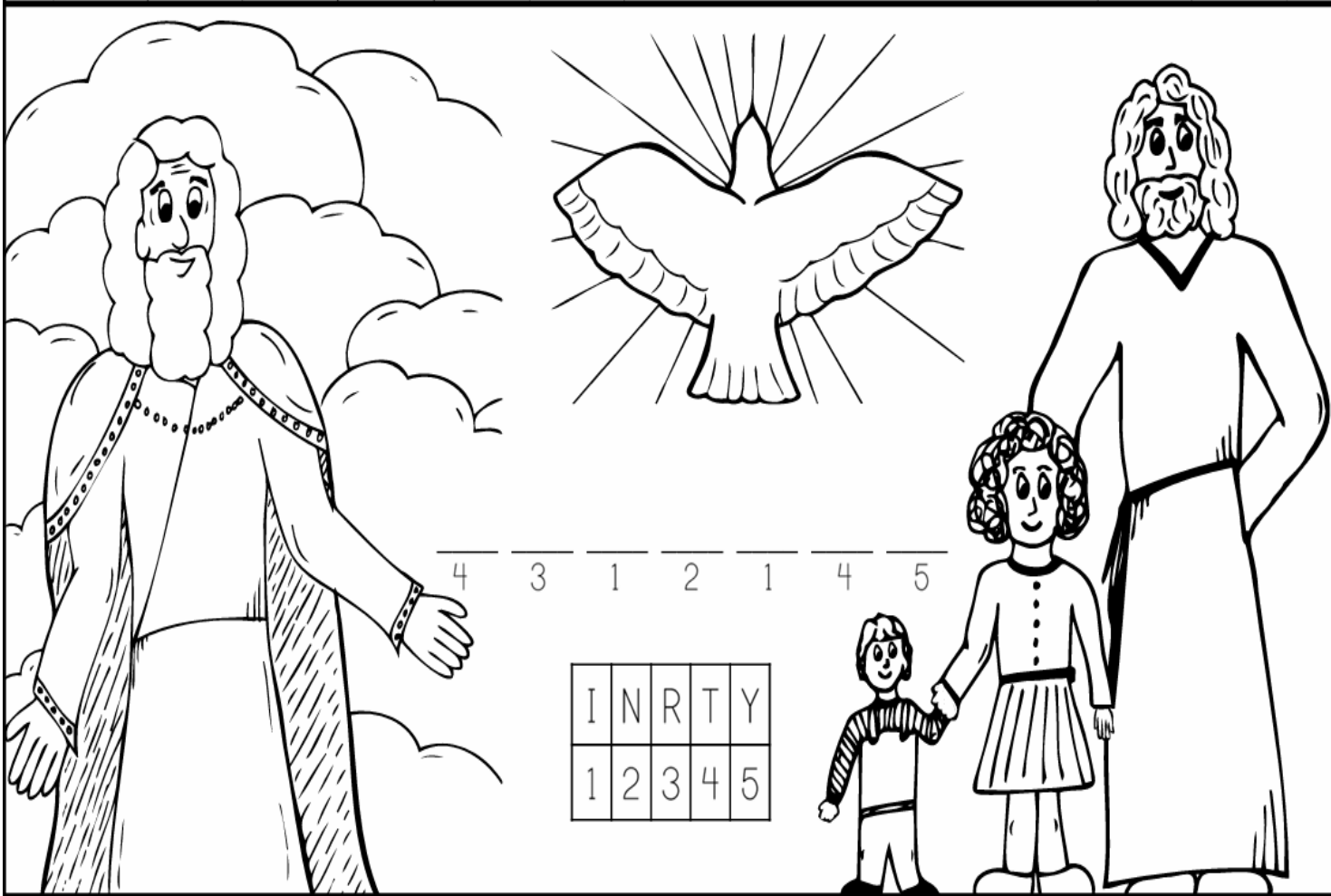
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Gospel Today, we learn about the Trinity. The Trinity means that we have three names for one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are all God. We remember this when we pray the Sign of the Cross.

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CATHOLIC HUMOR

- ❖ Why can't Catholics worship at sea?
Because while there are a lot of landmasses, there aren't any ocean masses.
- ❖ How do you discretely find out if someone is Catholic?
Ask them how many O's are in Gloria.
- ❖ What's the difference between a Catholic and a Baptist?
If you see your Catholic friend at the liquor store, he'll say 'hello.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- There will be a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Catholic Communication Campaign.
- The Women's Retreat will take place next Saturday, June 21st here at OLPH from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Confession begins at 9:30 am. Please come join us.
- Thanks to those who attended the diaconate ordination and those who contributed to the reception and gift.
- Sunday socials will be held twice a month during the Summer and we will keep you abreast of any changes as we move forward.
- We are inviting all Parishioners to join us for Mass on July 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm to celebrate Deacon Benjamin Gibs on his retirement. There will be a farewell party after the mass. Those wishing to contribute towards this event can contact Cathy Querrard (340) 344-6514 or the Parish office.

HURRICANE PRAYER

God, all powerful Father, Christ, Our Savior, Spirit of Love, you reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in Your life and love. Be near to the people formed in Your image, close to the world Your love brings to life. Save us from all harm, draw us ever closer to You as we confidently seek Your protection from the destructive force of all storms which frighten us. Let every hurricane or natural threat of disaster serve only to blow us ever more securely into Your loving, merciful embrace. We ask this, Father, with the intercession of the Virgin Mother, Mary, Lady of all Nations, through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP! Grant that I may ever invoke Thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let Thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on Thee, for, in all my temptations, in all my needs, I shall never cease to call on Thee, ever repeating Thy sacred name, Mary, Mary. O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I utter Thy sacred name, or even only think of Thee. I thank God for having given Thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering Thy name; let my love for Thee prompt me ever to hail Thee, Mother of Perpetual Help.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
6/7-8/2025

First Collection 6/7 -	6:00 pm	\$ 614
Second Collection		\$ 66
(Renovations)		
First Collection 6/8 -	6:30 am	\$ 385
Second Collection		\$ 90
First Collection 6/8 -	9:00 am	\$1,121
Second Collection		\$ 194

NOVENA TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Let us begin, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
O Holy St. John, from all eternity you were chosen to prepare the way for Our Lord Jesus Christ. We implore your intercession for ... **(Mention your request here...)** For all of our members in their work and for all those we serve. Pray for us that we may receive the courage and strength to persevere in announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, to heal the broken hearted and to bind up their wounds. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit with good words of counsel for those in need. May we be strengthened by your prayers and good example as we prepare the way for the healing power of Jesus to heal and transform those entrusted to our care. We ask all of this through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Say 1: Our Father... Say 1: Hail Mary... Say 1: Glory Be...

PARISH LIFE

JUNE UPCOMING EVENT

- Saturday, June 14th Meeting with all the youth of the Parish (First communion and Confirmation) at 4:30 pm
- Sunday, June 15th Thanksgiving mass for those who received Confirmation on June 8th at 9:00 am
- Saturday, June 21st Women’s Retreat at OLPH from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
- Sunday, June 22nd Corpus Christi Sunday; Procession with the Blessed Sacrament after each mass
- Monday, June 23rd Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, mass at 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm
- Thursday, June 26th Renewal of vows of a couple, Blessing at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, June 27th Feast Day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, mass at 9:00 am
- Sunday, June 29th Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Feast Day of the Cathedral

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Confirmation



Congratulations to all the candidates who confirmed on Sunday, June 8th. We are so proud of you and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and empower you in your spiritual journey. God Bless you all.