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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C

June 21-22, 2025

Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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
DAILY MASSES				<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 21	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 Gibs	
Sun.	June 22	6:30 am 9:00 am	+For the repose of the soul of Donavan Drigo, Rb His mother, Mary +For the repose of the soul of Marguerite Bryan, Rb Family & Friends	
Tues.	June 24	12:00 pm	No mass intentions	
Wed.	June 25	12:00 pm	+Heavenly birthday blessings for James Sibilly II, Rb His Parents	<p>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of June 23-June 29, 2025</p> <p>Mon. June 23 Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5</p> <p>Tues. June 24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80</p> <p>Wed. June 25 Weekday Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20</p> <p>Thurs. June 26 Weekday Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29</p> <p>Fri. June 27 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7</p> <p>Sat. June 28 Weekday Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17</p> <p>Sun. June 29 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19</p> <p>CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY REFLECTION</p> <p>Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, last Sunday, we learned about God. Today we continue to discover who He is in the person of the Son. The Word of God reveals something about Him and about Man. The Gospel shows us how Jesus is sensitive to the needs of the people, and works to come to their help readily; but the attitude of man, visible in the reaction of the apostles, is different. They want Jesus to dismiss the crowd so that they can go and get something for themselves in the surrounding villages and farms because they are in a deserted place. It is interesting to see how Jesus reacted before them: “Give them some food yourselves.” And the apostles answered: “five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” This dialogue between Jesus and the apostles reveals two attitudes, two ways of looking at things: Jesus’ sensitivity and man’s indifference, as they wanted Him to send the people away for each to go and fend for himself. That is exactly how we are in the world today, very individualistic and egoistic, not sensitive to the needs of those around us. We tend to undermine what we have and do not want to share the little we have with others either out of greed or because we deem it is not enough for us; therefore, we cannot be sharing with others. We forget that the little we have can be multiplied by God who provides. We want to rely on ourselves and we forget that it is God who blesses even the little we have and who grants satisfaction to people. Just as it is difficult for us to give what we have to help others; it is even more difficult to give a bit of ourselves to some people. In the feast of today, we see how Jesus does not only give things to help people, but gives Himself, his Body and Blood, not only for the nourishment of people, but also for their salvation. We who are his followers should also be able to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others as well. That is our challenge as Christians. Let us beg God to grant us the grace for that!</p> <p>CATECHESIS</p> <p>The providence of God: Our God is a providential God, that is a God who sees the needs of man and who provides. That is why Jesus often tells us that even before we open our mouth to pray or make a request to God, He already knows what we need. In the gospel of today, we see that the crowd did not make any request to Jesus; they did not complain at all; but Jesus knew that they were hungry, that they needed to eat something and that not all of them had the means to buy anything. That is why “He provided.” But He did so from what they had: five loaves and two fish. God uses the little we have to provide for the needs of others. That is why we should be generous and allow God to bless others through us and with the little we have. This is only possible if we offer ourselves with what we are and with what we have for Him to use as instruments of His grace for people. Only then shall we have more blessings, more graces in return, just as the apostles who had twelve baskets left over. Let us therefore not forget that God provides!</p>

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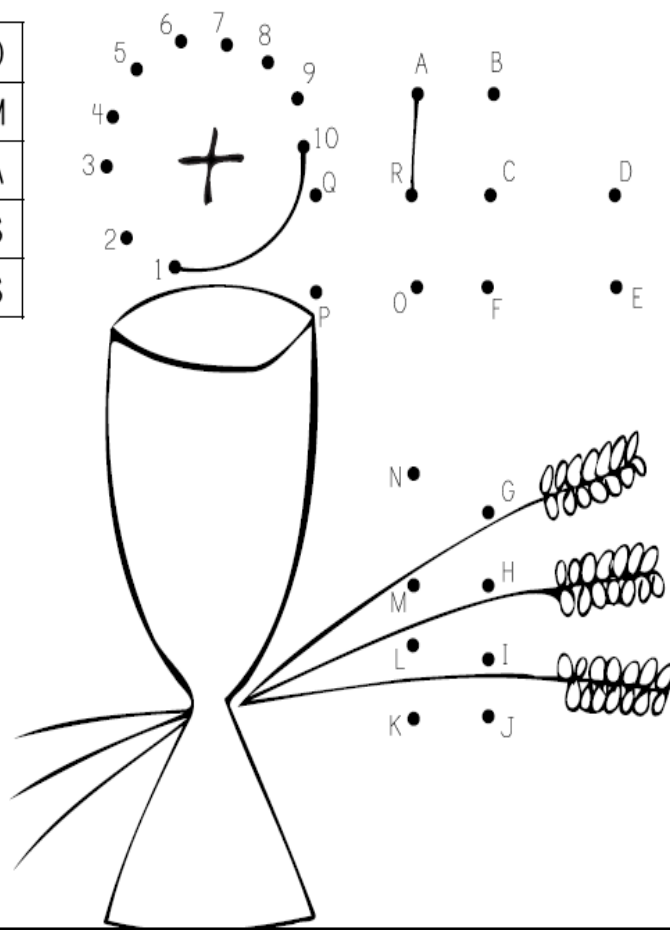
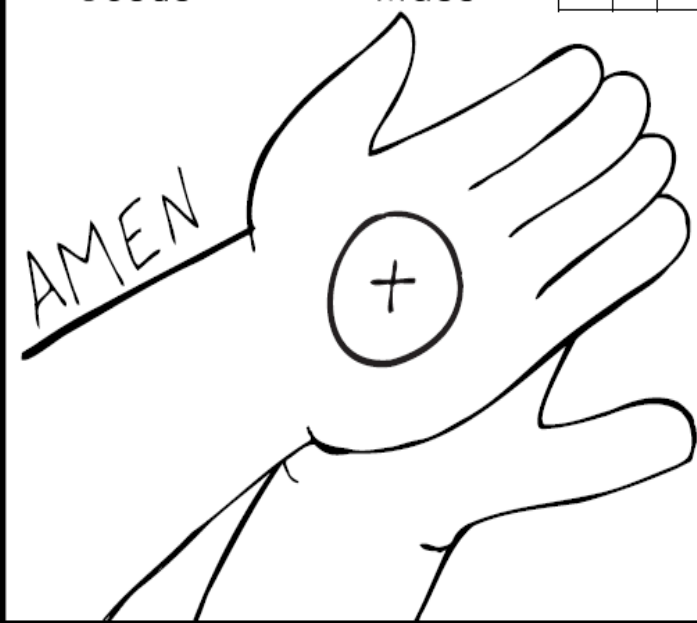


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CATHOLIC HUMOR

- ❖ 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

- We thank all the women who represented our parish at the women's retreat yesterday at OLPH.
- This coming Tuesday will be the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist. Mass at 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- Next Friday, June 27th, will be the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We would like to celebrate it exceptionally with a mass at 6:00 pm.
- 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 Gibbs 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.
- Next Sunday, June 29th, there will be a second collection for the Holy See.

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

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek!

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
6/14-15/2025

First Collection 6/14 -	6:00 pm	\$ 681
Second Collection		\$ 91
(Catholic Communication Campaign)		
First Collection 6/15 -	6:30 am	\$ 362
Second Collection		\$ 127
First Collection 6/8 -	9:00 am	\$ 544
Second Collection		\$ 156

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA:

God our Father, for Your glory and our salvation You appointed Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. May the people He gained for You by His Blood come to share in the power of His Cross and Resurrection by celebrating His Memorial in this Eucharist, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever, Amen.

PARISH LIFE

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF MODESTUS UGO DIKE JUNE 13, 2025



Congratulations Modestus Ugo Dike on your ordination! May your journey in faith and service bring light and hope to all. God bless you.

PARISH LIFE

JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 21 st	Women's Retreat at OLPH from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
Sunday, June 22 nd	Corpus Christi Sunday; Procession with the Blessed Sacrament after each mass
Monday, June 23 rd	Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist, mass at 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm
Thursday, June 26 th	Renewal of vows of a couple, Blessing at 5:00 pm
Friday, June 27 th	Feast Day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, mass at 6:00 pm
Sunday, June 29 th	Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Feast Day of the Cathedral

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