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Our Lady of Perpetual Help

WELCOME TO
church

EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY "C"

August 2-3, 2025

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Maintenance: Domingo Uvalles (Moreno)
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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

DAILY MASSES

Sat.	Aug 2	6:00 pm	~ Personal Intention, Rb Carmen Querrard
Sun.	Aug 3	6:30 am	+ For the repose of the soul of Albert Sibilly, Rb Julia Sibilly + For the repose of the souls of Sylvester and Eirene McDonald Rb Judith Richardson
		9:00 am	+ For the repose of the soul of Valerie Danet, Rb Chantal Overbeek ~ For the recovery of Marie LaPlace, Rb Herself ~ Mass Intention for John Foster's recovery, Rb R. Bourne-Vanneck + For the repose of the soul of Elton Chongasing, Rb Beverly Chongasing + For the repose of the soul of Fr. John Mark, Rb Beverly Chongasing
Tues.	Aug 5	12:00 pm	~ Special Intention for Fr. Eduardo Ortiz, Rb Chantal Overbeek
Wed.	Aug 6	12:00 pm 6:00 pm	+ For the repose of the soul of Louise Olive, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive + For the repose of the soul of John Gumbs, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive
Thurs.	Aug 7	12:00 pm	+ For the repose of the soul of Leopold Olive, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive
Fri.	Aug 8	12:00 pm	~ Birthday blessings for Reign Sibilly, Rb Her Grandparents + For the repose of the soul of Jean Gigout, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive
Sat.	Aug 9	6:00 pm	+ For the repose of the souls of Louis & Angelina Berry, Rb The Family + For the repose of the soul of Evelyn Olive, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive

SICK AND SHUT-INS

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:

John Foster
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

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
and Savior. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 4- 10, 2025

Mon	Aug 4	Saint John Vianney, Priest Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tues.	Aug 5	Weekday Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36
Wed.	Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thurs	Aug 7	Weekday Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Fri.	Aug 8	Saint Dominic, Priest Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Sat.	Aug 9	Weekday Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sun	Aug 10	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

REFLECTION OF THE 18TH SUNDAY "C"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the liturgy of today helps us to meditate on what gives meaning to our lives. For many, it is the amount of money we have in the bank. For others, the quantity of accumulated goods. But in the eyes of God, all these are meaningless. That is why after observing the reality of life, the author of the book of Ecclesiastes comes to the conclusion that without our faith, all our strivings lead to nothing: "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" We can therefore understand Jesus who in the parable of the gospel makes us discover how foolish and vain are those who put all their trust in their riches instead of making an effort to be rich in what matters to God. If Jesus were here, he would still make us understand that the value of life does not lie in the quantity of goods that we have accumulated, but in listening to God's voice and living a life worthy of Him. St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians that it consists of selflessness, gentleness, patience, and bearing love for one another. That is the challenge of the Christian life that we are expected to live, and which is not evident. That is why we should be begging God to grant us the grace to have our eyes set on the realities of heaven and not of the earth so that our lives may have a true meaning as we find our true wealth in God.

CATECHESIS

God or Money (Material thing)? The choice between these two things seems evident, but it is not. In fact, it is not a matter of accepting one and rejecting the other. It is rather a question of not putting the two on the same scale, considering money as our Master and guide. Some people are so guided in their lives by money that it is like their "god" commanding them in their actions and relation to others. Everything depends on the money they are going to gain or lose. That is what determines their action. This way of relating to money and material things prevents us from considering God as our Lord and Ruler of all the world. Although money is necessary for the vital things we need, it is not to be considered as our Ruler and Guide. If we have God, we have everything. That is why Jesus says: "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Mt 6:33) If it is God who gives meaning to our lives. He will therefore take care of us with our real needs.

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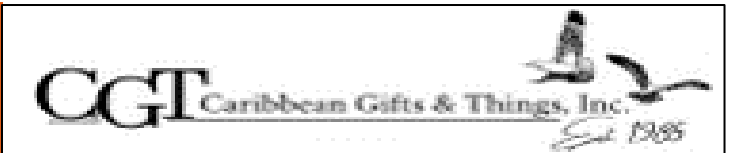
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This rich man only thought about his treasures on Earth. He had a lot of food, oxen, and money. God told him to focus on the treasures of Heaven by praying and helping others more than himself. God doesn't look at how many cool toys you have; He looks at your heart.

Year C: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC HUMOR

- What religion does a cat practice? Catlick.
- Chemistry teacher: Did you know protons have mass?
Student: I didn't even know protons were Catholic.
- What do you call a Catholic that argues in church?
A mass debater.
- Why can't muggers catch Catholics during Lent?
They fast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a second collection this weekend for renovations.
- Catholic charities of the VI is seeking volunteers to help with meal preparation at our Bethlehem House Shelter and our Soup Kitchen locations. Contact the main office at 340-777-8518, option 1. Thank you in advance for your support.
- All families are encouraged to enroll their children at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School as we are the only Catholic School on the Island. The newly appointed principal, Fr. Ronan Sarmiento, and his excellent team of teachers look forward to welcoming you into the family. Avail yourselves of the affordable tuition being offered now. Contact the school office at 340-774-2199.
- Holy Family Church invites us to the 78th Annual Cassi Hill pilgrimage of Our Lady of Cassi Hill on Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 2:00 pm, starting at Four Winds Plaza.
- We will be scheduling meetings with parishioners in early August to get your input on the 2025-2026 pastoral plan which is due to the Dioceses by mid-August.

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

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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
July 26-27, 2025

First Collection (7/26)	6:00 pm	\$362
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$140
First collection (7/27)	6:30 am	\$620
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$124
First Collection	9:00 am	\$353
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$132

NOVENA FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

FEASTS FOR AUGUST

1. Alphonsus Liguori, Memorial First Friday of the month
2. Eusebius of Vercelli; Peter Julian Eymard, Opt. Mem. First Saturday of the month
3. **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**, Sunday
4. St. John Vianney, Memorial
5. Dedication of St. Mary Major, Opt. Mem.
6. Transfiguration, Feast First Wednesday dedicated to St. Joseph
7. St. Sixtus II and companions; St. Cajetan, Opt. Mem.
8. St. Dominic, Memorial
9. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Opt. Mem.
10. **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**, Sunday
11. St. Clare, Memorial
12. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Opt. Mem.
13. St. Pontian and Hippolytus, Opt. Mem.
14. St. Maximilian Kolbe, Memorial
15. ASSUMPTION OF MARY, Solemnity (Holy Day of Obligation)
16. St. Stephen of Hungary, Opt. Mem.
17. **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**, Sunday
19. St. John Eudes, Opt. Mem.
20. St. Bernard, Memorial
21. St. Pius X, Memorial
22. Queenship of Mary, Memorial
23. St. Rose of Lima, Opt. Mem.
24. **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**, Sunday
25. St. Louis IX of France; St. Joseph Calasanz, Opt. Mem.
27. St. Monica, Memorial
28. St. Augustine, Memorial
29. Passion of St. John the Baptist, Memorial
31. **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**, Sunday

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

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