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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



NINETEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY "C"

August 9-10, 2025

Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Maintenance: Domingo Uvalles (Moreno)
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 – 2nd 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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> <table><tr><td>John Foster</td><td>Lorraine McDonald</td></tr><tr><td>Nancy LaPlace</td><td>Noelise Noel</td></tr><tr><td>Daphne Wallace</td><td>John McDonald</td></tr><tr><td>Florence Kalloo</td><td>Marie LaPlace</td></tr><tr><td>Clely Berry</td><td>Linda Sheviski</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Rita King (off-island)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Priscilla B. Lawrence (off-island)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Judith Turbe (off-island)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Valencia Krause (off-island)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Gwynneth Moolenaar</td></tr></table> <p>We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Amen.</p> | | John Foster | Lorraine McDonald | Nancy LaPlace | Noelise Noel | Daphne Wallace | John McDonald | Florence Kalloo | Marie LaPlace | Clely Berry | Linda Sheviski | Rita King (off-island) | | Priscilla B. Lawrence (off-island) | | Judith Turbe (off-island) | | Valencia Krause (off-island) | | Gwynneth Moolenaar | |
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| Gwynneth Moolenaar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun. | Aug 10 | 6:30 am | + For the repose of the souls of Albert Sibilly, Eleanore Querrard, and Jenine Berry, Rb Julia Sibilly + For the deceased family members of Andrew & Gaby Bryan Rb Andrew and Gaby Bryan ~ Birthday blessings for Laney A. Millin, Rb Lynn Millin & Marlena Lowe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 9:00 am | + For the repose of the soul of Fr. George Franklin, Rb Beverly Chongasing ~ For Fr. Eduardo Ortiz, Rb Chantal Overbeek ~ Birthday blessings for Robert Attidore, Rb His mother, Noelise Noel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tues. | Aug 12 | 12:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Anthony LaPlace, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive + For the repose of the soul of Mitchell & Yelva Berry, Rb Their Children | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed. | Aug 13 | 12:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Lucy Loffler, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive + For the repose of the soul of Dr. Kab Kyun Kim, Rb Paul & Maria Ferreras | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 6:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Ann Greaux, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thurs. | Aug 14 | 12:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Jean Dompe, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive ~ Birthday blessings for Sheryll Johnson, Rb Lynn Millin & Marlena Lowe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri. | Aug 15 | 12:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Linda Lange Powell, Rb Marcia & Joe Wilkins + For the repose of the souls of Emile & Cecile Sibilly, Rb Clara Bryan & Family ~ Birthday blessings for Fernando Bryan, Rb Clara Bryan & Family | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat. | Aug 16 | 6:00 pm | + For the repose of the soul of Richard Berry, Rb Steve & Virginia Olive ~ Birthday blessings for Sheryll Johnson, Rb Lynn Millin & Marlena Lowe | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of August 11-17, 2025 | | | REFLECTION OF THE 19TH SUNDAY “C” | | |
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| Mon | Aug 11 | Saint Clare, Virgin Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 | <p>Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the liturgy of today invites us to reread our history in order to see how we are loved by God. The acknowledgment of this divine love should stir us to have more faith and trust in God, and to be vigilant in life, even in the face of difficulties and doubts. We are called to be vigilant and ready for the coming back of Christ. In the 1st reading from Wisdom 18:6-9, we see that the people of Israel remember the night of the Passover that was known beforehand to their fathers. It is not just a souvenir. They remember and celebrate that event of liberation as their own and they commit themselves to God in faith. It is through that experience that they have been saved and that they also exist today. That is why it is not just looked upon as a past experience of their fathers, but as an event that has a bearing on their present lives. As a consequence, they too have to act in gratitude to God and commit their life to Him, trust Him. In the gospel, Jesus uses the image of the servant who awaits their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes back and knocks. In the meantime, they should be awake with their lamps lighted because they do not know the time of their master’s arrival. Jesus concluded by saying “happy are they if their master finds them vigilant on his arrival. It is at the time we do not expect that the Son of Man will come. We, therefore, need to be prepared in order to welcome Him. In fact, our whole life on earth is that time of expectation and preparation for the meeting with Christ. There will be difficulties as we may fall asleep, but we must keep awake with the light of our faith received at baptism, and in the blessed assurance that He will come. This is our hope that should keep us committing our life to God like Abraham our father in faith.</p> | | |
| Tues. | Aug 12 | Weekday Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 | | | |
| Wed. | Aug 13 | Weekday Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 | | | |
| Thurs | Aug 14 | St. Maximilian Kolbe Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23 | | | |
| Fri. | Aug 15 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 | | | |
| Sat. | Aug 16 | Weekday Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 | | | |
| Sun | Aug 17 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 | | | |

| CATECHESIS | |
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| <p>Faith and Hope: These are two virtues that are intrinsically linked because one does not go without the other. As St. Paul says, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen.” By faith, Abraham believed in God and obeyed when he was called to leave his country and go to an unknown land that was promised to him. He hoped to see it and the hope was fulfilled when he reached there. It is the fulfillment of this hope that kept him in faith and made him stay in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob. He talked about God to them and transmitted his faith to his children who were to do the same. That is what we too should be doing. If we read back our history, we will also notice that we received the faith from our parents or from our family members who placed their trust and their hopes in God. The fulfillment of their early hopes made them commit their life to God in faith, putting their hope in Him. That is why we too do not loose hope in a better future. Our hope stirs us to believe in God and trust Him. Because we have faith in God, we place all our hope in Him and listen to his Word to which we commit ourselves, acting with charity. Faith, hope and charity are the three virtues that go together in every Christian life.</p> | |

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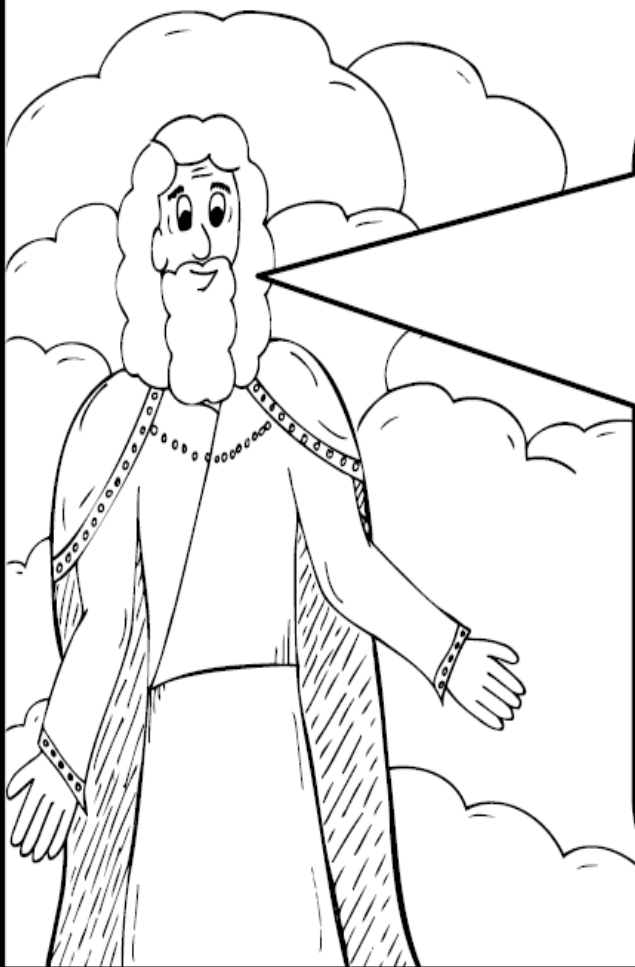
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Jesus tells a parable about servants. A good servant is always ready for his master to come home. God wants us to be like those servants and always be ready to meet Him.

Year C: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC HUMOR

- What’s the most important part of the Popemobile?
The catholic converter.
- How do you identify the Catholics at a Star Wars convention?
When you say, “May the force be with you!”
The Catholics all respond, “And with your spirit!”
- Which kind of corn holds the highest position in the catholic church?
Popcorn.
- What do you call a religious nomad?
Roman Catholic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The funeral of Jeanette Querrard will be taking place next Thursday, August 14th, viewing at 9:30 am, followed by mass at 10:30 am.
- From Tuesday, August 12 to Thursday, August 14, there will be prayer of the rosary in preparation of the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption, at 5:30 pm in the OLPH Church, followed by mass.
- Friday, August 15th is the Assumption of Mary. There will be mass at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm.
- The Fundraising Committee will be having its social next week, Sunday, August 17th. There will be Bingo on Sunday, August 24th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come relax and enjoy!
- We want to thank all those that have contributed in one way or another to our new bulletin. It has certainly been a success! Sponsor letters for renewal will be going out soon for those that have so graciously advertised or sponsored this endeavor. Sponsorship letters will also be available for those that wish to advertise their company or sponsor us. Please inquire in the Church Office. Thank you!
- We will be having a Clean-up Day on Saturday, August 16th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be cleaning the downstairs section in order to resume with renovations/repairs. Coffee, refreshments, snack, and lunch will be served. Please come and join us!

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

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. PS33

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
August 2-3, 2025

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| First Collection (8/2) | 6:00 pm | \$ 880 |
| Second Collection (Repairs) | | \$ 306 |
| First collection (8/3) | 6:30 am | \$ 496 |
| Second Collection (Repairs) | | \$ 127 |
| First Collection | 9:00 am | \$1,120 |
| Second Collection (Repairs) | | \$ 158 |

NOVENA FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Dear Mary, our Queen and our Mother, during this Novena we commend to Thy Immaculate Heart the petitions and intentions we have placed on Thine altar, that they may be granted as they are pleasing to the Divine Will and for the good of souls. We further commend to Thee and place under Thy protection: His Excellency, our Most Reverend Bishop; our Community of Clergy, Brothers, Sisters, and lay families; our Priory, Seminary, Schools, Friary, and Convent; all of our Fatima Cells and Crusaders; our loved ones, benefactors, the conversion of our enemies and detractors; and all those who have asked to be remembered in our prayers. Amen.

