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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12-13, 2025

Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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 – 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>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</p> <p>We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Amen.</p>
Sat.	July 12	6:00 pm	~Birthday Blessings for Marvin Bryan, Rb Clara Bryan and family ~For the repose of the soul of Dr. Orville Kean Rb Jonathon and Mona Spenceley	
Sun.	July 13	6:30 am	+For the repose of the soul of Rique Ashby Rb Nilda Colon Millin & Family ~For healing of Desmond Percell. Rb Lynn Millin	
		9:00 am	~God blessings on OLPH Parishioners, Rb Julio Voufo ~Birthday Blessings for Linda Sibilly, Rb Her family	
Tues.	July 15	12:00 pm	+Heavenly birthday blessings for Bishop Elliot Thomas Rb Chantal Overbeek	
Thurs.	July 17	6:00 pm	~Birthday blessings for Ramon Pabon, Rb His aunts +Heavenly birthday blessings for Johannes Overbeek Rb Chantal Overbeek	
Sat.	July 19	6:00 pm	~Special Intentions, Rb The Gibs family	
DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of July 14-20, 2025			REFLECTION OF THE 15TH SUNDAY “C”	
Mon.	July 14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1		
Tues.	July 15	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24		
Wed.	July 16	Weekday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27		
Thurs.	July 17	Weekday Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30		
Fri.	July 18	Weekday Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8		
Sat.	July 19	Weekday Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21		
Sun.	July 20	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37		
CATECHESIS				
<p>Love of God and love of neighbor: These are two sides of the same coin. The love of God is first and absolute: “with all our heart, with all our being, with all our strength, and with all our mind.” The love of God demands no reservation. The love of neighbor comes second and is in comparison with the love of ourselves in a positive sense, i.e we will love others with the love we have for ourselves. But although the love we have for God should come first and should be above any other, we tend to love man and other things first in the world, more than God. That is why we find many people who are not balanced. When they don’t have God first, they go mad when they lose your loved one, their car, their money, their house, their property, ... any creature or thing they deem dear to them. He who has God as his “ALL” will look at everything in the world differently, with a spirit of detachment. He will not fight nor go mad because someone else has taken his wife or husband, or because he has lost his children or his properties. Job understood that well. Shall we have the same attitude like him and say: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job1:21)? Let us ask for the grace to love God above all.</p>				

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.



Year C: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHOLIC HUMOR

- ❖ How many Catholics does it take to screw in a light bulb?
None. They just stand in the dark and ask God what they did to deserve it.
- ❖ In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples.
“Only take one. God is watching.”
Further down the line, is a pile of cookies.
A little boy makes his own note, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a second collection this weekend and every weekend during the months of July and August. We truly need your support to help with the needed renovations, upkeep and maintenance of the church.
- Our next social will be next weekend 7/19 & 7/20.
- Saints Peter and Paul School is currently accepting students from PK-11 for the school year 2025-2026. As the only Catholic School in St. Thomas, Saints Peter and Paul School prides itself by focusing on Faith, Discipline, and Academics towards a holistic upbringing of scholars. With a newly appointed principal, Fr. Ronan Sarmiento, and an excellent team of teachers, the school is geared towards honing your children to the best version of themselves. We look forward to welcoming you in our family. Avail of our affordable tuition fee now. Contact our school office at 340-774-2199.
- Submission of our 2025-2026 Pastoral Plan is due mid-August. We are engaging our parishioners to help us build the plan.

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
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

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 – 7/5 – 7/6

First Collection 7/5	6:00pm	\$532
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$144
First collection 7/6	6:30 am	\$294
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$109
First Collection	9:00 am	\$614
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$178

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

PROGRAM OF THE NOVENAS & FEASTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

☞ Month dedicated to the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

☞ Recommended Virtue: OBEDIENCE

☞ Protector of the Month: SAINT JAMES (Feast on July 25

– July 11: Saint Benedict
Beginning of 81 days of prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

– July 15: Saint Bonaventure (Memorial)

■ July 17 to 25: Beginning of the NOVENA TO SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOACHIM

– July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord (Fe

■ July 23: Beginning of the SPECIAL NOVENA OF THE MONTH: NOVENA OF POWER

– July 25: Saint James, Apostle.

– July 26: Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

– July 29: Saint Martha, Mary, and Saint Lazarus.

– July 31: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest.

May the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ purify us all!

May the Most Precious Blood that flows from the Sacred Head of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Temple of divine wisdom, the Tabernacle of divine knowledge, and the light of heaven and earth cover us now and forever. AMEN!
O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Heal the wounds of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, Save us and the whole world.

Have a blessed July, everyone!

PARISH LIFE

Keeping you informed:

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