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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY "C"

July 26-27, 2025

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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				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>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 26	6:00 pm	~ For the repose of the soul of Carl Bryan, Rb Maria & Paul Ferraras ~ For the repose of the of soul of Marguerite Bryan, Rb Marie LaPlace	
Sun.	July 27	6:30 am	~ Anniversary wishes for Annick & Alfred Galtes, Rb Galtes Family + Heavenly birthday blessings for Elaine Colon Sibilly Rb Nilda Colon & Family + For the repose of the soul of Albert Sibilly, Rb Julia Sibilly ~ Birthday blessings for Leslie Richardson, Rb Judith Richardson	
		9:00 am	~ Continued healing of John Foster, Rb Parishioners of 9:00 am Mass + For the repose of the soul of Fr. John Mark, Rb Marie LaPlace	
Tues.	July 29	12:00 pm	+ For the repose of the soul of Christianne John, Rb Chantal Overbeek	
Wed.	July 30		No Mass Intention	
Thurs.	July 31		No Mass Intention	
Fri.	Aug 1		No Mass Intention	

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of July 28-August, 2025			REFLECTION OF THE 17TH SUNDAY “C”
Mon	July 28	Weekday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35	<p>Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it is interesting to see how a disciple of Jesus asked Him to teach them how to pray just as John taught his disciples. It is a humble recognition and affirmation of their ignorance, and at the same time, the expression of their desire to learn from Jesus. Very often we presume that we know how to pray. Let us also turn to Jesus and beg Him to teach us how to pray. In fact, the gospel is an answer to that request. By teaching us the “Our Father”, Jesus makes us discover that in praying, we first have to praise God and seek the coming of his kingdom and the accomplishment of his will before making any demand; but do we really praise him, seek to do his will before begging anything from him? He also teaches us perseverance in prayer through the story of the one who goes to his friend at midnight and insists that he should get up and lend him three loaves of bread for his visitors. For true, we are not usually perseverant in prayer whereas it is part of the qualities of a good prayer. Some times, we do complain that our prayers are not granted despite our perseverance; but what do we ask from God? It is not because Jesus says: “ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you” that we should think we can ask for anything. At the end of the gospel passage of today, Jesus makes it clear that the Father will give but the Holy Spirit to those who ask for it, because if we have it, we will be guided by it and do the right discernment to distinguish the good from evil, the useful from the futile; and know what to ask for ourselves and for others like Abraham.</p>
Tues.	July 29	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 (402)/Jn 11:19-27	
Wed.	July 30	Weekday Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46	
Thurs	July 31	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53	
Fri.	Aug 1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58	
Sat.	Aug 2	Weekday Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12	
Sun	Aug 3	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5	

CATECHESIS

The Power of the prayer of intercession: Prayer has the power to effect or to obtain a particular grace or good for us or for others. It is called “Prayer of intercession” when we do pray for others’ particular needs, whether they be aware or not, and whether they be present or not. There can be many reasons to pray for others: sickness, misfortune, failure, death, life, studies, travel, marriage, children, family, meeting, medical appointments, house, car, work, school, students, teachers, doctors, nurses, drivers, pilots, civil servants, parliamentarians, senators, all authorities, leaders of society, church leaders, companies, organizations, country, police, immigrants, military, ... Just as we wish that others should pray for us, we too should be praying and offering sacrifices to God for others to obtain God’s graces or favors. When we pray for others, we are spiritually generous and do gain indirectly God’s favors just as those for whom we pray.

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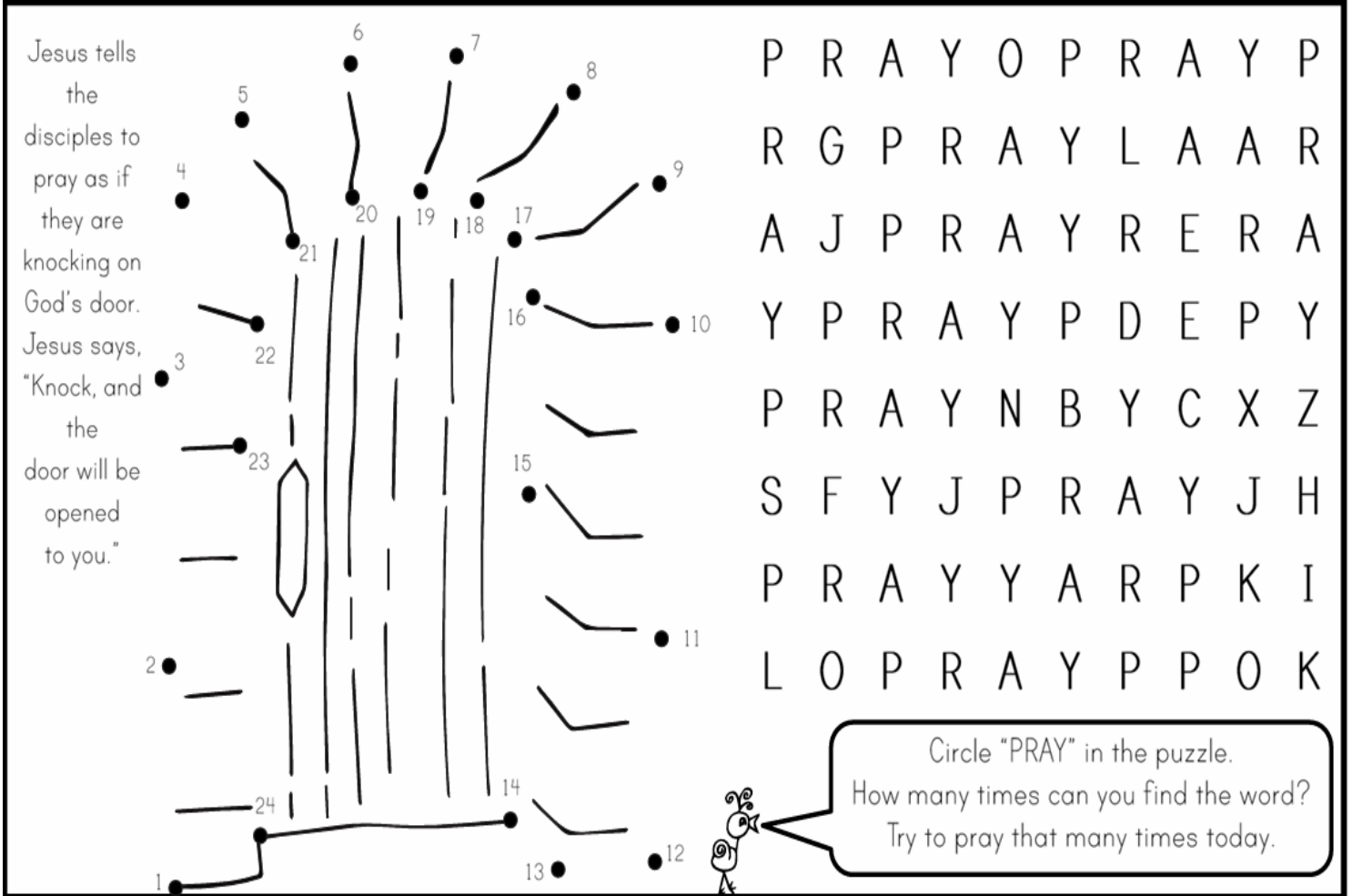
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CATHOLIC HUMOR

- ❖ Why do Catholics fail trigonometry?
Because they're afraid of sin.
- ❖ Why are Catholics so upbeat after religious services?
Because they convert Mass into energy.
- ❖ What do you call a Catholic that argues in church?
A mass debater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ## 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.

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

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF	THE ANGELUS
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**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.

First Collection (7/19)	6:00 pm	\$878
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First collection (7/20)	6:30 am	\$286
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$127
First Collection	9:00 am	\$767
Second Collection (Repairs)		\$209

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.

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