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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5-6, 2025

Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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>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 5	6:00 pm	~Birthday blessings for Clorien Overcast, Rb Clara Bryan & Family +For the repose of the soul of Cyril Querrard, Rb His Family +For the repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. John K. Mark Rb Deacon & Mrs. Bernard Gibs +For the repose of the soul of Carl Bryan and Theolinda Wenzel Rb Lisa Bryan +For the repose of the soul of Martha Casaus, Rb Maggie Novoa	
Sun.	July 6	6:30 am	~Special mass intentions for healing for Desmond Percell Rb Lynn Millin	
		9:00 am	~Birthday blessings for Jaylen Sibilly Rb His grandparents +For the repose of the soul of Claire Foster Rb John Foster & Family	
Tues.	July 8	12:00 pm	+For the repose of the souls of Francis Bryan & Denise Kennon Rb Clara Bryan & Family	
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	
DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of July 7-13, 2025				<p>REFLECTION OF THE 14TH SUNDAY “C”</p> <p>Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospel of today shows us Jesus sending his disciples on mission two by two. They are called to work in collaboration, and not alone in isolation. We too are all invited to work in collaboration with our brothers and sisters; but unfortunately, some of us prefer to work alone and refuse to collaborate with others. What is interesting to take note of is that Jesus tells his disciples that he is sending them like “lambs among wolves”, and invites them to take “no money bag, no sack, no sandals, ...” In fact, we see in the images of the lamb and of wolves a meek animal and a violent one. Jesus wants his disciples to be meek like lambs in a ferocious and violent world of wolves. That is the way they are to bear witness to him in the world in a spirit of poverty as they were to take nothing for the road. They were to rely on God alone who will provide. Very often, we refuse to take such a risk even if it is in the name of God because we want to feel secure. We forget that when we go on adventure in His name, He does not abandon us. He is there present at our side to provide for our needs and to protect us. What he expects from us is simply that we be people of peace who bring peace to others in the world. That is why the first words of the disciples when they enter a house should be “Peace to this household”. Let us ask God to grant us the grace to bring peace to people as we work for the coming of his kingdom on earth.</p>
Mon.	July 7	Weekday Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26		
Tues.	July 8	Weekday Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38		
Wed.	July 9	Weekday Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-77		
Thurs.	July 10	Weekday Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15		
Fri.	July 11	Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23		
Sat.	July 12	Weekday Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33		
Sun.	July 13	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37		
CATECHESIS				
<p>The Kingdom of God.</p> <p>The Kingdom of God is at hand for you: this is the message that the disciples are to give to people in the world; but we may ask what is the kingdom of God? It makes us remember the “Our Father” in which we also say: “ may your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven “. In fact, the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of peace where there is no suffering, no violence, no injustice, no sickness, no evil. It is Jesus who brings about that kingdom; but since he cannot be everywhere, he makes disciples and sends them on mission with power to bring peace to households, to cure the sick, and tell them that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus needs us as instruments of his grace to bring about his kingdom on earth. We need to make ourselves available for him to use us in order to subject the demons and the forces of evil in the world.</p>				

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Solve the puzzle to learn what the disciples said when they entered a new house.

Gospel

Jesus sent His disciples out to teach about God. He asked them to walk to a new town without taking anything with them. The disciples stayed with people who welcomed them and helped prepare them to meet Jesus.

CATHOLIC HUMOR

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ What kind of candy do Catholics eat on Sundays?
Sacramints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a second collection this weekend and every weekend during the month of July. We truly need your support to help with the needed renovations, upkeep and maintenance of the church.
- Thank you to everyone who came together on Thursday to clean up the church and parish hall and prepare for Deacon Gibs Mass and farewell party. And a great big thank you to all the cooks and all those who participated on Friday evening.
- Everyone is invited to play Bingo today at 2pm. Come join us for some fun.
- Today July 6th is Seminarian Juliot Voufo last day. The OLPH community is grateful for the many ways he has helped our parish during these past weeks. We wish him continued grace and blessings on his journey.

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

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

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
June 22-29, 2025

First Collection 6/28 6:00pm \$761
Second Collection (Peter's Pence) \$201

First collection 6/29 6:30 am \$320
Second Collection (Peter's Pence) \$106

First Collection 9:00 am \$588
Second Collection (Peter's Pence) \$209

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

STAY CONNECTED:

1. To improve communication with our parishioners, we are implementing a text messaging system. This service will be used solely to send reminders/messages about special masses, holy days of obligation, parish activities and upcoming events.
Due to limits on the number of names per group, we have created six groups, designed alphabetically & each receiving the same reminders at the same time.
Please ensure your contact information is up to date with the parish office so you don't miss any important reminders/messages from OLPH Church Office.

Capital Projects

1. Mares Contracting has completed phase 1 of the roof project including pressure washing, roof coating, silicone application, inspection and repairs. We are now actively fundraising to begin phase 2. Your support and prayers are greatly needed.

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 1: Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

– July 3: Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast)

■ July 4 to 6: 1st TRIDUUM OF PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

■ July 7: Beginning of NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

– 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 (Feast)

■ 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.
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