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Our Lady of Perpetual Help



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "A"

September 12-13, 2026

Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Parish Pastor: Rev. Fr. Joseph Nguele Toko
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernard Gibbs (Retired)
Maintenance: Vacant
Landscaping: Rick Berry Landscaping
Secretary: Jennifer Estime
Office Volunteers: Elizabeth Harris & Linda Sibilly
Mary Dickinson

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
(By appointment, or as needed)
Saturday: 5:00 – 5:45 pm & Sunday: 8:00 – 8:45 am

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): Please make arrangements with the Pastor.

Marriage: Please call the Parish office or make arrangements with the Pastor.

Visiting of the Sick: On Call Status – Father Joseph will visit the sick on Sundays after the 9am Mass and during the week whenever necessary.
Please notify the Parish office (340-774-0885) of any family members who are sick or a shut-in at home or in the hospital.

Funerals – Please contact the Parish Office or Priest.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coordinator: Elizabeth Harris

September – May CCD Classes: Saturdays 9:00 am Confirmation candidates must prepare for sacraments at their Parish, even if they attend Saints Peter & Paul School.

SPIRITUAL COUNSELING

Contact the Church Office to speak with the Priest.

PRAYER AND PARISH GROUPS

Sons of Mary and Joseph: Tuesday's 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: Biweekly each month, Saturday 4:30 pm

Date	Mass Request	Requested by:
Sat. Sept. 12 6:00 pm	+RIP Edwin and Cecilia Quetel ~Birthday Blessings for John David McDonald II	Christopher Quetel and Family His Parents
Sun. Sept. 13 6:30 am	~Birthday Blessings for Elisa Bryan +RIP Sylvester and Eirene McDonald; +RIP Valerie Danet +RIP Pricilla Lawrence ~Angel and Olga Rosado	Her Mother, Clara Bryan From their children and Grandchildren Nilda Colon Millin and Family Lynn Millin
Tues. Sep. 15 12:00 pm	~Birthday Blessings for Michael McDonald	The Family
Wed. Sep. 16 12:00 pm	+RIP Francis J. Bryan	Clara Bryan and Family
Thur. Sep. 17 12:00 pm	Personal Intentions	Simone
Fri. Sep. 18 12:00 pm	Reconciliation	Daphne Wallace

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of September 14-19, 2026		
Mon	Sept 14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2;6-11/Jn 3;13-17
Tues.	Sept 15	Tuesday. 24 th Week, Ordinary Time 1 Cor 12;12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19;25-27
Wed.	Sept 16	Wednesday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian Bishop 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thurs,	Sept 17	Thursday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Fri.	Sept 18	Friday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time 1 Cor 15;12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat.	Sept 19	Saturday. 24th Week, Ordinary Time [Red Saint Januarius, Bishop and Marty] [White - BVM]

CATECHESIS	
Forgive and Forget? : We often hear people say that we should “forgive and forget” if we really mean that we have forgiven those who have offended us. For true, it is not always easy to “forgive and forget” a person who has wounded us deeply. This is so because we are all endowed with a memory whose function is to remember past things and to keep them in store. It sometimes brings them to the consciousness for awareness, independently of us. That is why it is not easy to forgive and forget , despite our good intention. But what we are called to do is to bring the hurts or the sins of others that come to our consciousness to God and ask Him to help us forget them, to help us not to allow ourselves be hurt and develop hatred because of others’ sins. The remembrance of others’ sins should instead give us the opportunity to pray for them and for ourselves.	

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 Lorraine McDonald Florence Kalloo Marie LaPlace Clely Berry Linda Sheviski Barbara Kenny Kevin LaPlace Louise LaPlace Lisa Nimo Fr. Eduardo Ortiz Santiago	Victor Bryan Judith Turbe (off-island) Charlie Hughes Rita King (off-island) Joe Krupa Jonathan Martin Diana Dubois Annick Galtes Agnes LaPlace Robert LaPlace Richard Bourne Vanneck
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior. Amen	

Reflection of the 24th Sunday “A”.
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ , the liturgy of the 24th ordinary Sunday “A” focuses on God’s mercy and the absolute call for believers to forgive others from the heart. In fact, in the first reading, the author of the book of Ben Sirach urges people to forgive their neighbors’ injustices in order to have their own sins forgiven when they pray. Jesus in the gospel of today goes farther when he answers Peter’s question: “How often must we forgive?” This question is still actual for many of us. Jesus answers in response: “not seven times, but seventy seven times “, meaning without limits. We too are usually like Peter who counts the sins of those who offend him. We are always counting the sins of those who have offended us several times in order to revenge like the merciless servant of the gospel. But God is not on the same wavelength with us as He does not count our sins; He shows mercy in an unlimited way. That is what Jesus’ story of the king who forgave a giant unpaid debt to his servant emphasizes. We are called to be in the image and likeness of God by forgiving others their sins. But humanly speaking, it is not easy. That is why we need the supernatural grace from God in order to really be in his image and likeness. Let us pray for that grace to be granted to us!

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KIDS CORNER



How Many?

Gospel  Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what "parable" means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!

Year A: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time © 2025 TJB catholickidsbulletin.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Diocese will be celebrating Bishop Jerome Feudjio's 5th episcopal anniversary on October 24, 2026. We are all invited to take part by offering door prize donations and/or the opportunity to create ads of appreciation in the booklet for the event. You may contact Lita Daniel at danlit@earthlink.net with any questions. Tickets are available in the office for \$75. After mass you could make Patron's Donation.
- Please kindly register your children for CCD. We resume CCD classes on October 4th..
- Women's retreat on Saturday, September 19, 2026, 9:30 am-11:30pm
- The second collection for September 12-13, 2026 will be for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

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

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

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...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to 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
September 5-6, 2026

First Collection (9/5) 6:00 pm	\$470.00
Second Collection	\$120.00
First Collection (9/6) 6:30 am	\$390.00
Second Collection	\$112.00
Solidarity Fund, Church in Africa	
First Collection (9/6) 9:00 am	\$ 576.00
Second Collection	\$73.00
Solidarity Fund, Church in Africa	
Sub-total: Weekend Collections:	<u>\$1,741.00</u>
Miscellaneous Collections	\$140.00
Total Collections:	<u>\$1,881.00</u>

Novena to Our Lady of the Assumption

Mary, Queen assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on Earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in Heaven by the Holy Trinity. Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small Earth becomes when viewed from Heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of Heaven. From this Earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. In honor of your Assumption into Heaven, I ask for this favor: (Mention your petitions now). When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.

Catholic Humor

- Why should you never lose your rosary?
Because you'll end up searching for decades.
- Where do cats go when they die?
To Purr-gatory.
- What do you call a catholic woman trying to shoot a shot in basketball?
Nun chucks.
- Why can't muggers catch Catholics during Lent?
They fast.



BISHOP'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 24, 2026
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Parish Life

Known Scheduled Events for 2026

9/14/26	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Mass at 12:00 pm General assembly meeting: preparation of the Bishop's Anniversary
9/15/26	Meeting of all priests at 12:00 p.m. in St. Croix Ordination of Deacon Paul Uche in St. Croix at 4 :00 pm
9/17/26	Back to School Mass at St. Joseph (St. Croix)
9/21/26	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, Mass at 12:00 pm
9/29/26	Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Mass at 12:00 p.m. Tickets for sale for the Bishop's anniversary are available in the church office at \$75.00 Patron's donations can be given after each mass or in the church office any day.