

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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Weekend Masses

Confessions - Saturday 3:30pm-4:15pm
or by appointment

Saturday- 4:30 pm Anticipated Mass

Sunday Masses 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5 pm

Confessions – Sunday 4pm-4:45pm

Weekday Masses

Monday Communion Service 6:30am,

Wednesday & Friday-6:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:05 Noon

Sunday Children's Church

Suspended for now due to Covid-19

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Office to schedule

Sacrament of Marriage

Call Office for required minimum

Six Month Preparation

Sacrament of Holy Orders or Call to Religious Life

Contact Rev. Michael Caraway,

Vocation Director 337-527-9964

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Any time upon request

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

PRO-LIFE ROSARY LED BY CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will be leading a Rosary before all the Masses Saturday, Jan 21st and Sunday, Jan 22nd on the 50th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision.

FORMED.ORG - used in our Baptism Prep for new parents, our Religious Education Program, RCIA and also our Adult Confirmation Program. Our current subscription price is \$2,090. We have received donations of \$1715.00 thus far leaving us with a remaining balance of \$275.00. Please prayerfully consider helping to defray the cost. If you have questions about using the site or making a donation please contact Angie at the Parish Office.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, January 18th at 2pm in St Mary's Center.

Ordinary Time Weekend Homilies

- at the beginning of the new year will cover the teachings of the Church on the parts of the Mass; our highest form of prayer. The Mass of Holy Eucharist is divided into four parts:

- ♦ *Introductory Rites,*
- ♦ *Liturgy of the Word,*
- ♦ *Liturgy of the Eucharist*
- ♦ *and the Concluding Rites.*

Fr. Pellerin will offer an explanation of each and their sacred importance, the historic relationship and hopefully answer the often asked question "why do we do what we do?" The bulletin will also offer a summary and highlight that week's part of the Holy Mass. **Don't Miss It !**

MEN'S DEEP RETREAT - ST CHARLES CENTER a DEEP (Discipleship, Eucharist, Evangelization and Prayer) Retreat on Thurs. Feb. 23 - Sun. Feb. 26 to help men deepen their faith walk and renew themselves spiritually. The cost of the retreat is \$290, with a \$100 deposit due with registration. call Steve Simmons, Director 337-274-4905 or email stevesim1223@yahoo.com Registration ends Feb 12.

Weekly Collections



Offertory:	\$ 7,477.00
Online:	\$ 4,190.00
Total:	\$ 11,667.00

Capital Improvement/Bldg Fund \$ 1,181.00
Retirement Fund for DOLC Priest
Required Quota \$ 3,661.00
Collected - so far \$ 3,133.00
Balance still due \$ 528.00

Second Collection next weekend
Church in Latin America

Thank You for your generosity!!



The New OLHC Nativity Olive Wood Carving from Bethlehem

During the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January 2022, a new Nativity Set made of Olive Wood Carving from Bethlehem was obtained for OLHC and is currently set up in the church in anticipation of the celebration of our Savior's birth. This is a most rare and exquisite Nativity set which took the master carver in Bethlehem three years to complete. In addition to providing our Church with this most beautiful Nativity, we are also helping to support the less than 1% Catholic Christians that remain in the Holy Land to maintain the holy sites of the life of Jesus. This very small group of our brothers and sisters, use the funds generated by the sell of these olive wood carvings to repair and preserve all these holy sites. The past two years of the pandemic and no tourists truly challenged them to stay. **The balance of the New Nativity is currently \$ 15,910.00. Your donations in any amount in honor or memory of someone would help defray our costs (and are tax deductible)!**

OLHC Women's ACTS Retreat Prayer Poster

As we prepare for the First OLHC Women's ACTS Retreat, please sign up for an hour of prayer for the Women Retreatants and the Team members on the Prayer Poster near the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue in Church. Take the date and time paper with you as a reminder for the hour we are depending on your prayer. God bless and thank you !!!

THIS WEEK

Sat-	2:00pm	Confirmation Retreat-SMC
Sun	9:00am	Confirmation Retreat-SMC
Mon	6:00pm	Men's Ultreya Meeting - IC
Tues	9:30 am	Food Distribution -SMC
	10:00am	Rosary recited in Church
Wed.	2:00pm	LAS Meeting
	5:00pm	Elementary PREP-OLI Campus
	6:30pm	High School PREP-SMC

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

Baptism Renewal for YOU !!

Although the Church celebrated the Baptism of the Lord this past Monday, this feast day that culminates the Christmas Season is worthy of our reflections as God says, "You are my beloved Son; with You my favor rests." The journey to sainthood begins at baptism. Just as the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus at His baptism, so baptism for each and every person is the gateway to life in the Spirit. The words of God the Father to Jesus are echoed to each person baptized. Each of us shares in this title God gives as we wear the white garment of baptism. Baptism is what marks our birth into the Church, the Body of Christ. We become adopted sons and daughters of God whose favor rests upon us; original sin is washed away; we are purified; we begin our journey into eternal life. Just as a newborn baby needs nourishment from mothers and fathers to grow and become strong, so Christians need spiritual nourishment to grow in faith. At the beginning of this new year, it would be good to find out more about our own baptism. Do you know when you were baptized and the church where it took place? When you find out the date, put it on your calendar to celebrate the anniversary of your entry into Christianity and the Church.

This year offers a new opportunity to deepen life in the Holy Spirit by becoming more attentive to God's Word in prayer. As you travel, use apps like "Pray as you go" or "MassTimes.com". God desires to speak into your heart. Let Him! Are you ready to listen? Are you ready to see with eyes of faith?

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, January 16th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan 17th at 8am.

OLI Crusader News

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER SEARCH

OLI is looking for a Kindergarten teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants should be early childhood certified and meet State of Louisiana qualifications. Those interested should email an application and resume to ddupuis@olischool.org. Applications can be found at www.olischool.org under the Community tab. Deadline is March 3, 2023. For questions, please contact the office at 824-1743.

RETURNING FAMILY REGISTRATION

Online re-enrollment packets for our returning families will be available Tuesday, January 17. Re-enrollment can be found under Admissions in the Family Portal of your FACTS account.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

OLI will celebrate its Catholic Schools Week Mass on January 31 at 8 a.m. in the school Gym. **We invite all parents, grandparents, alumni, community, and friends to celebrate 64 years of Catholic education in our community.** Guests are then welcome to visit our classrooms and share refreshments in the cafeteria immediately following Mass.

NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

OLI will start accepting new family applications on Tuesday, January 31. Interested families are more than welcome to join us for our Catholic Schools Week Mass at 8 a.m. on January 31. After Mass, tours will be available to see the school and students in action. If you'd like to schedule a private tour or inquire for more information, you may contact Erica at 337-824-1743.

SAVE THE DATE

OLI's Dinner and Auction returns to in-person! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Marais Ballroom. Tickets and more information will be shared closer to date.

ALTAR SERVERS - Please be reminded to follow the schedule that Mrs. Suzanne Doucet sends to each of you. If you are not getting the schedule then please call her 337-540-5262 and make sure we have the correct information for you. **ALSO**, if you are not scheduled and you would like to serve at a Mass that you are attending, please make sure we do not have more than five servers and you can serve at that Mass. Be sure to sign in. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ALTAR SERVICE!!**

Did you know...? What is the Mass (liturgy) according to teachings of the Church?

**From Vatican II *Sacrosanctum Concilium*,
The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy:**

The liturgy is rightly seen as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In it full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members. From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the Priest and of His Body, which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree (7-8)

Nevertheless, the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all her power flows. The goal of apostolic endeavor is that all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the Sacrifice and to eat the Lord's Supper. (10)

The liturgy, in its turn, moves the faithful filled with "the paschal sacraments" to be "one in holiness", it prays that "they hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith". The renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful and sets them aflame with Christ's insistent love. From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, grace is poured forth upon us as from a fountain, and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God to which all other activities of the Church are directed, as toward their end, are achieved with maximum effectiveness. (11)

But in order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds be attuned to their voices, and that they cooperate with heavenly grace lest they receive it in vain. Pastors of souls must, therefore, realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the laws governing valid and lawful celebration. It is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite and enriched by it.

We also learn that we must always carry around in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal Flesh. (12)

OLHC CONFIRMATION RETREAT

is taking place this weekend at SMC. Let us please keep our 2023 Confirmation Class in our prayers.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK FOR UNIVERSAL CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 13-20

Sat.	4:30pm	Sr. Frederick Derichemont, MSC, John Deaville
Sun.	9:00am	UNIVERSAL CHURCH
	11:00am	Rose and Leon Pellerin
	5:00pm	Elma & Clinton Whitfield
Mon.	6:30am	Communion Service
Tues.	12:05pm	Remy Sonnier, (11th Ann), Robert Patenaude
Wed.	6:30am	Florence Roy, Susan G. Daigle
Thurs.	12:05pm	Agnes Jessen
Fri.	6:30am	Alma LeBoeuf (30th Ann)
Sat.	4:30pm	Paul Delacroix, Gloria Ardoin, Betty LeGros, Skylar McFarlain
Sun.	9:00am	Elsie Istre, John Deville
	11:00am	Theresa LeBlanc
	5:00pm	UNIVERSAL CHURCH

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

In February the Knights of Columbus Council 2012 will be awarding two \$200 Catholic Youth Leadership Awards, one to a young man and one to a young lady from our church parish. **Applications are due by January 23, 2023. For application info contact Joel Richert at 824-2708.**

Adult Confirmation Classes

For any adults who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion, only lacking the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete their Initiation Sacraments in the Catholic Church, there will be Adult Confirmation Classes beginning in late January. If you are interested, please call the office or email Fr. Keith at keith.pellerin@lcdioocese.org to register. We will need your name, address, contact info, church of baptism, 1st Confession and 1st Communion and history of marital status. Come and See !!



*Through the Waters
of Baptism
We Welcome...*

John Ross Breaux

Son of Karly and Lucas Breaux

Owen Whitney Meche

Son of Mallory and Kendall Meche