Coming Up This Week

Sunday, December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent
Second Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.
Items from the Holy Land for sale after all Masses.
Student Choir—10:30 a.m. Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:30 a.m. Mass
Altar Server Christmas Party, rectory—following 10:30 a.m. Mass
HSR Divine Mercy—5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11, Is. 35:1-10; Lk. 5:17-26
Communion Service, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m.
Advent Mission—9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12, Zec. 2:14-17; Lk. 1:26-38
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help—7:20 a.m.
Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.
Advent Mission—9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
PSR Nativity Play—4:45-6:00 p.m.
Confessions, Church—6:00-6:40 p.m.
RCIA, Day Chapel—7:30 p.m.

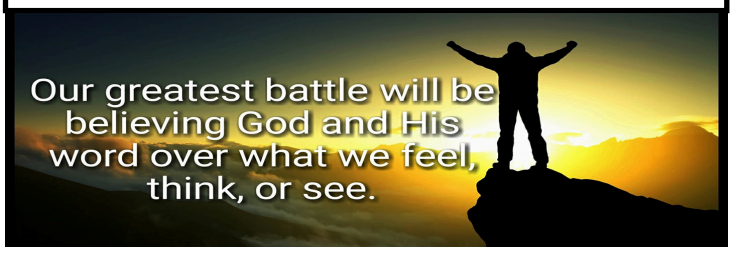
Wednesday, December 13, Is. 40:25-31; Mt. 11:28-30
OLPH School Mass, Church—8:30 a.m.
Advent Mission—9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Rosary, Day Chapel—9:30 a.m.
PSR Nativity Play—4:45-6:00 p.m.
Advent Reconciliation Service —7:00 p.m.
KC Meeting, KC Hall—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14, Is. 41:13-20; Mt. 11:11-15
Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Church—7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15, Is. 48:17-19; Mt. 11:16-19
Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:00 a.m.
KC Christmas Party, KC Hall

Saturday, December 16, Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt. 17:9a, 10-13
CYO Christmas Caroling, Riverbend Nursing Home—2:30 p.m.
CYO Youth Mass—4:00 p.m.
CYO Christmas Party, 743 Oak Tree Road—5:00 p.m.
Confessions—3:00-3:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 17, 3rd Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:30 a.m. Mass
HSR Retreat, Church-3:30-6:30 p.m.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

12/9, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Milton E. Drewes, Jr., Alexander Martin Mistich, Jimmy Elledge, Ross Smith, Richard Frederick, Cornelia Ba-Ba Robertson, Jerry Pigniolo, Thomas Becnel, Sr., Eliza Loyacano
12/10, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Mary Helen Burlette, Sally Allan, Donald Verret, Sr., Stanley Pavlas, Pamla DeJean, Gervais Lavergne, Alexander Martin Mistich, John & Beatrice McCabe, Rhea Pitre Ledet
12/10, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—John W. Lonadier, Sr., healing of Deborah Buras, Ramona Buras, Patricia Ansardi, J. P. Petrovich, Wheldon Boyd, Jr., Ben Mistich, Lucille Bernard, Ray Ansardi, Emile, David, & Ray Martin, Marie P. Vanlangendonck, Anton Popich, Alexander Martin Mistich, Francis Gainey, Claudette Theriot, Tim LeBoeuf, Ivan Taliancich, Bill Serpas, Analia Stuk, Marko Cibilich, Nikola Stuk, Pave Cibilich, Bozo Cibilich, Eric Lundin, III
12/10, Sunday 7:00 p.m.—for the parishioners
12/12, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.—Murray Naquin
12/13, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.—Special Intentions of the Faculty, Staff, and School Community
12/14, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.—Patsy Ansardi
12/15, Friday, 7:00 a.m.—Mary Helen Burlette
12/16, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—John & Ruth Ferrell
12/17, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Mary Helen Burlette, Jimmy Elledge, Donald Verret, Sr., Stanley Pavlas, Rhea Pitre Ledet
12/17, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Patsy Ansardi, Ramona Buras, Pamla DeJean, healing of Deborah Buras, Lucille Bernard, Emile, David, & Ray Martin, Francis Gainey, Alex Mistich, Tim LeBoeuf, Eric Lundin, III, Bill Serpas, Ivo Seput, Ruzica Seput, Nona Boudreaux, Souls in Purgatory, Maria Popich, Thomas Becnel, Sr., Sanders & Dobard families
12/17, Sunday 7:00 p.m.—for the parishioners

Pope's Intention for December, 2017

The Elderly
That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Next Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is. 61:1-2a, 10-11. I exult for joy in the Lord.

1 Thes. 5:16-24. May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28. There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

Stewardship

OLPH Online Giving Is Available on Our Website. You can easily create your donation account online and make changes at any time. Visit our website at www.olphbc.org and click on **Give Online**.

	December 3, 2017	
Envelopes/Online:	$10,811.25	(includes school support)
Loose:	$ 956.00	
Children's Collection:	$ 5.00	
Extraordinary Donations: (Masses, Sanctuary Light, Sacraments, candles, etc.)	$ 404.00	
Total Income:	**$ 12,176.25**	
Average Weekly Expense:	$ 11,950.15	
St. Vincent dePaul:	$ 316.85	

Thank you to our parish family members who faithfully support our parish. ***May God bless you for your generosity!***

Altar Server Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 10, all altar servers are invited to the annual Christmas Party in the rectory following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Sponsor of the Week: Robertson Roofing

Look to the back now! Look and remember to support these businesses when you need a product or service. Also, tell them "thank you" for their interest in Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Mission presented by Fr. Jeffery Jambon—Monday, Dec 11, Tuesday, Dec. 12 & Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Different morning and evening talks. Fr. Jeffery was born in New Orleans and graduated from Archbishop Shaw High School. Two weeks after graduation in 1989, he joined the Legionaries of Christ in Cheshire, Connecticut and was ordained a priest in 2001 at St. Mary Major, Rome. He has traveled the world proclaiming the Good News.

Advent Reconciliation Service—Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. Extra priests will be available to hear confessions.

The **Advent & Christmas Candles** placed around the Baptismal font were donated by **Peanut & Tommy Huff** in memory of deceased family members,

Advent and Christmas Flowers—Continuing through Advent, the Altar Society will be accepting donations toward church decorations for the Advent and Christmas season. Donation envelopes are included in the bulletin and will also be available on the gift table. Please write clearly on the envelope so that the memorial may be published.

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of: **Murray Naquin**, requested by Jeannine; and **Bill Serpas**, requested by Dolly Roy.

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn in memory of a loved one, call the Church Office. The donation for the Sanctuary Light is $10.

Second Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 9/10, 2017

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming-day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

St. Vincent de Paul Report
10/1/2016- 9/30/2017
OLPH PARISHIONERS ARE THE BEST

Total income:	$19,502
Total disbursements:	$18,662
Assisted:	53 families (202 people)
Food distributed:	230 times
Members served:	313 hours
Estimated miles in services:	1456

St. Vincent dePaul income is acquired from the poor box located in the back of church and personal donations. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful parishioners who give their time, talents and treasures to St. Vincent de Paul. The Society thanks you for your generosity.

Usually for Christmas, we request gift cards for Lantern Light Ministry and clothing for Ozaman Inn residents. With the economy, all the other fundraising and second collections, we felt that maybe we should move our extra giving to the Lenten Season.

Even though we will not have a Christmas drive this year, if you feel the call to donate to Lantern Light, Ozaman Inn, or St. Vincent de Paul, we will gladly accept your gifts and make sure its delivered to the correct location.

OLPH School News

OLPH Middle School Art class is studying "Impressionism". The students created Monet-inspired pieces using various mediums: pastels, watercolors, and acrylic paint. They cannot wait to display their finished artwork in the halls of OLPH School.

Catholic Schools
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mark your calendars!
There will be a Parent & Student meeting for those who will be receiving the **sacrament of Confirmation** next fall on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This is for students who are presently in the 10th grade in both Catholic Schools and Non-Catholic Schools. For more information check the website at www.olphbc.org or contact C.C. Merritt in the parish office or by email at cre@olphbc.org.

Second Grade parents there will be a parent meeting for those who are eligible to receive the **sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist** this year on Thursday January 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. This is for both school students and PSR students. For more information contact C.C.

Prayer for the 2nd Week of Advent

O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PSR Nativity Play

On Tuesday, December 12, and Wednesday, December 13, our PSR students will participate in our Annual Nativity Play on their scheduled PSR day. All parents and parishioners are invited to attend. The play will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will finish around 5:45 p.m. PSR students are to arrive at 4:45 p.m. and go directly to church. If you have any questions, please call CC Merritt at 394-0314. *(Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of the new PSR stable set. Put your donation in an envelope marked "PSR Stable")*

"Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting."

Henri Nouwen

8 Modern Errors Every Catholic Should Know and Avoid

(One will be published each week)

7. Anthropocentrism – This term refers to the modern tendency to have man at the center and not God. It has been a long tendency in the world ever since the Renaissance. Sadly, though it has deeply infected the Church in recent decades.

This is especially evident in the Liturgy, not intrinsically, but as practically and widely celebrated. Our architecture, songs and gestures, incessant announcements, and congratulatory rituals are self-referential and inwardly focused. The liturgy, as commonly celebrated seems more about us than God. Even the Eucharistic prayer which is directed entirely to God is usually celebrated facing the people.

It is never good, especially in the Church, to consign God to the margins. This marginalization of God is evident not only in the liturgy, but in parish life which is often top-heavy with activism rooted in the corporal works of mercy, but little attention to the spiritual works of mercy. Social organizations predominate, but it is hard to find interest in Bible Study, traditional novenas and other spiritual works devoted to God.

Announcing God through vigorous evangelization work is also rare and the parish seems more a clubhouse than a lighthouse.

Human beings are important, Christian humanism is a virtue, but anthropocentrism is a common modern error rooted in excess. The worship of God and the spread of his kingdom is too little in evidence in many parishes. Parents too seem more focused on the temporal wellbeing of children, on their academic standing and so forth, but less concerned overall with the spiritual knowledge or wellbeing of them.

God must be central if man is to be truly elevated.

Did you know!

About 15 percent of all hospitals in the U.S. are Catholic hospitals. In some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education, and social services available to people.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Inform the Church Office when someone is sick, shut-in or hospitalized and unable to attend Mass.

FUNERALS: Inform the Church Office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you to a very friendly and enthusiastic community. Please register at the Church Office or complete a Welcome Card located in the church gathering space. Also, when moving out of the parish or changing your address, please notify the Church Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents are expected to call the Church Office three months before the anticipated birth to make an appointment for the pre-baptism seminar. The seminar is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel in Church.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated the first Saturday of May for students in the 2nd grade or above who will be completing their 2nd year of religious education at the time of the celebration. Information can be found on our website: www.olphbc.org. For more information, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email: cre@olphbc.org.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. Candidates must attend Catholic high school or be enrolled in the High School of Religion program in 9th-11th grades. All candidates are asked to register in their freshmen year and no later than January of their 10th grade year. Information and registration can be found on our website: www.olphbc.org. For more information, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Safe Environment

Refer to the Web Site:
http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment
for policies and procedures concerning safe environment and child protection

Mass Cards - If you would like a Mass for a deceased person, please contact the Church Office. A beautiful Mass card with an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be mailed to the person of your choice for an offering of $5 per Mass. Send your $5 donation to the Church Office, with the name of the Mass intention, name and address where the card is to be mailed, and who's making the request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The mission of OLPH's Religious Education program is to bring the "Good News" of God's love to all children and their families and to call them to commit their lives to Christ. Religious Education classes are available for children in Preschool through adults. We encourage parents to be parishioners of OLPH when registering students for Religious Education classes. Census forms can be obtained from the Parish Office during regular business hours, in the gathering area of the church or you can register online. Call C.C. Merritt, 504-394-0314, or email cre@olphbc.org for more information.

SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children in grades K-2nd are invited with a catechist during 10:30 a.m. Mass to the Day Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word. A summary of the readings of the day is discussed on their level.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: PSR classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade not attending a Catholic school, are offered on Tuesday or Wednesday during the school year from 4:45—6:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Students in 9th through 12th grade not attending a Catholic High School are offered classes on Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the KC Hall.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith—Come to RCIA
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments? Please join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We have a Year-Round RCIA process that you can enter into whenever you are ready. This is for you if you have never been baptized, if you have been baptized into another denomination and now want to become Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic but have never been confirmed. Sessions are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Day Chapel. Call Dolly Roy at 394-0314.

Issues of the ***Clarion Herald*** are available on the cart in the church library. Payment envelopes are available next to the *Clarion Herald*. The yearly cost for the *Clarion Herald* is $20. Make checks payable to OLPH Church.

Children's Offering Envelopes: Children's offering envelopes are available in the church library. Please take a few envelopes for your child to use. They may be colored and decorated. During the collection, the children are invited to bring their offerings up and place them into a basket in front of the altar.

Memorial Walk to Honor our Loved Ones
We are taking orders for the next Phase of the Memorial Walk in the back of OLPH Cemetery. We invite all who wish to honor the memory of a deceased family member or friend to participate by purchasing an engraved brick for $50, thus assuring them a permanent place to be remembered at OLPH. Order forms are available in the church library.

CYO Continues Service for our Community

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CYO Decorated Riverbend Nursing Home for Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 26

CYO Welcomes New Members Year Round

8th-12th graders may join anytime.

Call Camille or Mike Chudzinski, 433-9707

CYO Assists KC's setting up Nativity Scene in front of church.