

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family

Masses—8:00 & 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, January 1, Nm. 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21

Church Office Closed

**New Years Day Mass—9:00 a.m.**

### Tuesday, January 2, 1 Jn. 2:22-28; Jn. 1:19-28

Weekday Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help—6:50 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 3, 1 Jn. 2:29-3:6; Jn. 1:29-34

Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m.

Rosary, Day Chapel—9:30 a.m.

CYO K.E.G. Night, Ichthus—7:00-8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, January 4, 1 Jn. 3:7-10; Jn. 1:35-42

Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m.

Classes resume for OLPH students.

AHG, Cafeteria—6:00-7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, Church—7:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 5, 1 Jn. 3:11-21; Jn. 1:43-51

Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:00 a.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 4:00 p.m.

Parish Appreciation Dinner, Belle Chasse Auditorium—6:30 p.m. (See article for details.)

### Saturday, January 6, 1 Jn. 5:5-13; Mk. 1:7-11

Weekday Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m.

Confessions—3:00-3:45 p.m.

Vigil Mass—4:00 p.m. including student choir.

### Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

The second collection is for the Building & Maintenance Fund. Please be generous!

Masses—8:00 & 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Croatian Mass—3:00 p.m.

HSR, KC Hall—5:30-7:00 p.m.

### *Next Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord.*

**Is. 60:1-6.** The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6.** The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

**Mt. 2:1-12.** We have come from the East to worship the king.

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



12/30, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Jerry Pigniolo, Edna Fagnano

12/31, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Donald Verret, Sr., LaCour & Rogers families, Stanley Pavlas, Pamla DeJean, Rhea Pitre Ledet

12/31, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Jimmy Gaile, Patsy Ansardi, Ramona Buras, healing of Deborah Buras, Lucille Bernard, Emile, David, & Ray Martin, Ben Mistich, Francis Gainey, Eric Lundin, III, Bill Serpas, Sanders & Dobard families, Linda Gainey, Thomas Becnel, Sr., Maria Popich, Jozo & Ane Popich, Stjepo & Katica Ladilo, David Pierce, Sr.

12/31, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.—for the parishioners

1/1, Monday, 9:00 a.m.—Darrel Hall

1/2, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.—Donald Verret, Sr.

1/3, Wednesday 7:30 a.m.—Special Intentions of the Faculty, Staff, and School Community

1/4, Thursday 7:30 a.m.—for the intentions of the priest

1/5, Friday, 7:00 a.m.—Linda Gainey

1/6, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—Ramona Buras, healing of Deborah Buras

1/6, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Jerry Pigniolo, Richard Frederick, Eliza Loyacano, Thomas Becnel, Sr., Trena Avist, Albert Beshel, Darlene Lejeune Robbins, Johnny Pennison

1/7, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Donald Verrett, Sr.

1/7, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Drago Cvitanovich, Pamla DeJean, Ramona Buras, healing of Debbie Buras, Emile, David, & Ray Martin, Theresa Bossier, Linda Gainey, Anton Popich, Francis Gainey, Bill Serpas, Eric Lundin, III, Annette Teal, Sanders & Dobard Families, David Pierce, Sr., Jana Petrovich, Ray Ansardi

1/7, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.—for the intentions of the priest

# Growing Together in Faith

### Pope's Prayer Intention January, 2018

**Evangelization:** Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 4

7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please join us in prayer.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is a practice in the Roman Catholic and Anglo-Catholic Church in which the Blessed Sacrament is adored by the faithful. This practice may occur either when the Eucharist is exposed, or when it is not publicly viewable because it is reserved in a place such as a church tabernacle.



Love is the force that connects our heart on earth with God's heart in heaven. Once this connection is made, heaven and earth become one!

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The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of: **Bill Serpas**, requested by Dolly Roy; **Edna Fagnano**, requested by Debbie Fagnano; and **Mervin Glass**, requested by Walter & Lois LeJeune.



*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.*

**Sponsor of the Week: Big Easy Collision**

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.

## New Mausoleum in OLPH Cemetery

We have some great news! Construction is complete on the new mausoleum building in our church cemetery. **Sales in the new mausoleum also includes niches for cremation remains.** Contact Westlawn Cemeteries for sales and information at 504-393-6963.

## Church Calendars

The church calendars for 2018 are in the back of church. Special thanks go to the sponsors of this year's calendars:

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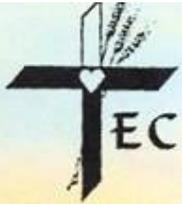
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 1/27/2018. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

## The Pastoral Staff

cordially invites all adult ministry volunteers  
and their guest to:

***OLPH Parish Appreciation Dinner***  
***Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.***  
***Belle Chasse Auditorium***

This includes all ministry volunteers: Altar Society; Community Affairs; CYO Adult Advisors; Bereavement Committee; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Fair Chaircouples; Finance Council; ISPD Team; Lectors; Music Ministry; Pastoral Care; Pastoral Council; PSR Catechist, Sunday Dismissal, and High School of Religion teachers; RCIA team; School Faculty, School Board, Co-op Officers; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Ushers; Spiritual Life; and Vocations.



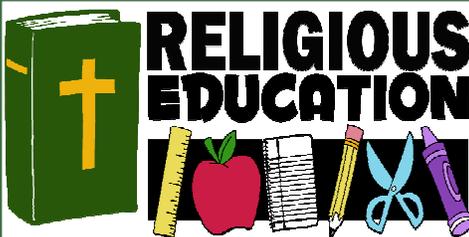
TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat weekend of prayer, reflections/talks, discussions, and activities based on the Paschal Mystery. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. TEC is geared toward

the older adolescents and young adults who have completed their second semester of sophomore year of high school. The retreat is a wonderful experience at the beautiful Rosaryville Spirit Life Center just outside Ponchatoula, LA. The next TEC retreat is scheduled for January 13-15, 2018.

For more information and applications check the website at <http://tecneworleans.com>

## OLPH School News

Our Foodie Club made Gingerbread Houses for their December meeting. After the house building was complete they ate their creations!



## 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](http://www.olphbc.org) or contact C.C. Merritt in the parish office or by email at [cre@olphbc.org](mailto: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. Merritt in the parish office or by email at [cre@olphbc.org](mailto:cre@olphbc.org)

***Due to the deadline of the bulletin, the collections for December 24 & Christmas will be posted in the next bulletin.***

**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](http://www.olphbc.org) and click on **Give Online**.

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

**Contribution statements for your 2017 donations will be mailed by January 31.**

### Catechism Corner

Having just finished taking a class at Notre Dame Seminary entitled “Virtuous Morality” I thought I would share some of what I learned with you. The Google definition for virtue is “behavior showing high moral standards”. The Catechism glossary states “Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good.” That is we develop habits toward doing good actions.

What is Morality? If you “Google” morality you will find: “principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior.” Humans are free to choose actions that are subject to moral judgment. “What we do voluntarily should be thought of either as bringing us closer to God or as alienating us from God.” (quoted from the book: Thomas Aquinas’s *Summa Theologiae*, A Guide & Commentary by Brian Davies) I have personally come to ask my own children: “Who are you making happier with your action (or non-action), God or the devil?”

So how does one live a virtuously moral life? First, understanding and then practice, practice, practice. I’ll explain more in future columns.

Submitted by C.C. Merritt

### **Mass of Healing**

Eucharistic Healing Service & Mass with Fr. Gio

Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone desiring spiritual or physical healing or wants to pray for someone is encouraged to join us.

Mass, Adoration and Prayer Service

Confessions 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena 6:50 p.m.

### *Did you know!*

The Chief Commandments, or Laws of the Church, also known as the Precepts of the Church.

1. To attend Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.
6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

### The Holy Family Prayer

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



**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](http://www.olphbc.org). For more information, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email: [cre@olphbc.org](mailto: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](http://www.olphbc.org). For more information, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email [cre@olphbc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## The Holy Family

On Saturday, December 16, the CYO Christmas Party was held at Chad & Melanie Mayeaux's. They opened their home to this terrific group and hosted a wonderful gathering. Everyone seemed to have a marvelous time and it was a great day!!



**CYO Welcomes New Members Year Round**  
8th-12th graders may join anytime.  
Call Camille or Mike Chudzinski, 433-9707



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