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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Please call between these times for routine parish business.

t on the Cross with Saints Marco Pino: 1570
 Saturday
 Vigil 4:00 p.m.

 Sunday
 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

 Tuesday
 7:00 p.m.

 Wed., Thurs.
 7:30 a.m.

 Friday
 7:00 a.m.

 1st Saturday Mass
 8:00 a.m.

During the school year Wednesday's Mass, 8:30 a.m. (No 7:30 a.m. Mass).

Holy Days Consult the bulletin.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Friday, Church 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Tuesday, 6:50 p.m. followed by Mass.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, are a living and growing Catholic community of faith, striving to follow and serve Christ. We are an evangelizing community, and we welcome others to fullness of life in Christ. With Mary we say "Yes" to God's call to pray together, worship consciously, and serve joyfully.



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.

Sacraments















SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The seminar is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel in Church. More information and required forms can be found on our website. (Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated the first Saturday of May for students in the 2nd grade or above. Children older than 2nd grade will be prepared on individual situations.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. Candidates who attend Catholic high school or are enrolled in the High School of Religion program come together for Sacramental preparation. All candidates are asked to pre-register in their freshmen year and no later than December of their 10th grade year. Information and registration can be found on our website: www.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.

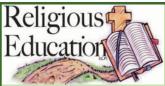
For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.



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 be-

fore contacting the funeral home.



Religious Education

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 Kindergarten 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 for Children. 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 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the KC Hall.

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.

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



<u>Sunday, March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> <u>Monday, March 30, Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;</u> <u>Jn 8:1-11</u>

Tuesday, March 31, Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1, Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2, Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3, Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4, Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

COVID 19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status.

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/ prayers/covid-19-prayer-of-solidarity.cfm



Mass Intentions

3/28, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—for the parishioners
3/29, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Donald Verret, Sr., Douglas
LaNasa, Sr., Bambi Adams Humble, Elden Adams

3/29, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Marija & Luko Bilich, Beverly Hebert, Warren & Rose Marie Jaspriza, Ingrid Mistich Leverett, Elizabeth Therese Flynn Carter, Gene Tierney, Jr., John & Bea McCabe, James Elledge, Mary Dell Tinsley, Vincent & Adrina Ladner, Lucille Bernard, Bill Serpas, Sanders & Dobard Families, Argelia Fino, John Lonadier, Sr., Rev. Giles F. Bello, O.F.M., George Lobrie

3/31, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.—Alisa Harvey

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

4/2, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.—for the intentions of the priest

4/3, Friday, 7:00 a.m.—Patsy Ansardi

4/3, Friday, 6:00 p.m.—for the intentions of the priest 4/4, 1st Saturday Mass, 8:00 a.m.—for the intentions of the priest

4/4, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Beverly Hebert, Alisa Harvey, Warren Jaspriza, Ingrid Mistich Leverett, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Edgar & Evelyn Laborie, Nona Boudreaux, Brenton Michael Boudreaux, Warren Korach, Charles Mehle, Ronald E. Lemoine, Randy Lemoine, Joycelyn Means, Ethel Levron Tabor

4/5, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—for the parishioners

4/5, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Marija & Luko Bilich, Beverly Hebert, Warren & Rose Marie Jaspriza, Ingrid Mistich Leverett, Elizabeth Therese Flynn Carter, Theresa L. Bossier, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Dolly & Pat Stakelum, Gene Tierney, Jr., John & Bea McCabe, James Elledge, Mary Dell Tinsley, Johnnie Pennison, Louise & Joseph Johnson, Sarah Spear, Ray Ansardi, Jana Petrovich, Rennie Lee Coludrovich, Policar & Alzina Esponge, Lucille Bernard, Michael Tesvich, Christopher Lincoln, Lee Long, Jr., M.J. Farac, Jr., George Wayne Cognevich, Sr., Argelia Fino, Sanders & Dobard Families



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email each week. The link below will bring you to the OLPH Church Information page. Select the bulletin tab to sign up.

https://discovermass.com/church/our-ladyof-perpetual-help-belle-chasse-la/#

We have a parish app that has our Parish info, readings of the day, prayers, and much more. Use the link below from your smart phone and it will send you to the download.

https://mypari.sh/xem

OLPH has a Facebook page. Fr. Kyle has been posting videos of praying the Rosary and daily Masses. You can follow our page by using this link.

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Prayer to St. Rocco

O Great **St. Rocco**, deliver us, we beseech thee, from the scourges of God; through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and our souls from the contagion of sin. Obtain for us salubrious (health giving) air; but, above all, purity of heart.

EMPATHY

This year's gospel value is Empathy. The children in the school and PSR are learning the importance of understanding and sharing the feelings of another. Each month they are introduced to a scripture verse related to this value. The verse for March is: "Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." (Eph 4:32)

OLPH School News

Our little Hornets are continuing their letter recognition and line tracing with at-home learning!! A huge shout out to our teachers and parents/caregivers who are dedicated to making the best out of our current situation! These kids are blessed to have them!







Family Rosary

Sunday morning, March 15, 2020, I woke up with this persistent thought going through my mind. "You must promote family rosaries!" Having recently completed a Consecration to Jesus through Mary, I had the powerful feeling that Mary was telling me to do something. As I started asking how I could do it answers kept coming to me. The thoughts would not stop until I discussed this with Fr. Kyle and came up with a plan.

We at OLPH have recorded the rosary and posted it on our website http://olphbc.podbean.com/?source=pb. This is to help those who have forgotten who to pray a complete rosary or to have the recording played in the background while doing something else like cooking or cleaning. Other websites to help with praying the rosary are https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm and https://teachingcatholickids.com/how-to-pray-the-rosary/

Praying the rosary as a family was something familiar with almost every Catholic years ago. As things got busier this tradition has become almost a lost art. Yet when you talk to older people in nursing homes and such, many can re-

member as a child ending the day together praying the rosary. The rosary is a powerful weap-on. There are numerous stories concerning miracles associated with praying the rosary. This website is only a fraction of the stories out there: https://catholicmom.com/2015/10/08/the-miracles-and-the-power-of-the-rosary-in-our-fight-against-evil/ Mary has given 15 promises for those committed to praying the rosary daily (also included in the link above). In this time of unprecedented circumstances realize there is something we can do – all of us. The rosary can give us peace. Reciting it has a calming effect to our bodies. Even if you fall asleep praying it, tradition says that your guardian angel finishes it for you.

So, let's use the weapon Mary has given us.

God Bless, C.C. Merritt



Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Paola



Francis was born in the tiny village of Paola, Italy, on March 27, 1416. His parents were poor but humble and holy. They had prayed to St. Francis of Assisi for a son. When their baby was born, they named him after the saint.

When Francis was old enough, he went to a school taught by the Franciscan priests. When he was fifteen, he asked for and received his parents' permission to become a hermit and spend his life for God alone. After this, Francis went to live in a cave.

In 1436, two of his friends joined him. They built a monastery, and Francis wrote a rule of life stressing charity, humility and penance. He added a vow of fasting and abstinence from meat. In this way Francis and his community hoped to set an example for so many Christians who at that time did not take their Lenten obligations of fasting and avoiding meals of meat on certain days seriously. Francis's Order was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1474. They were called the Minim Friars, meaning "the

littlest ones." This name was chosen because of the importance of the virtue of humility for Francis and his friars.

Everyone loved Francis. He prayed for them and worked many miracles. He told his followers that they must be kind and humble. He himself was the best example of the virtues he preached.

When King Louis XI of France was on his deathbed, he asked the pope to send Francis to him. Francis was such a source of hope and comfort for the dying king, that the king's son, Charles VIII, became Francis's lifelong friend and benefactor. Charles built a monastery in Plessis, France, for the Minims, and this is where Francis spent the rest of his life.

Francis of Paola died on Good Friday, April 2, 1507 at the age of ninety-one. He was canonized a saint in 1519. We celebrate his feast day on April 2nd.

St. Francis knew that it's very important while we're living on this earth to get ready for the life we want to spend with God forever in heaven. Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in music, television shows, videos and computer games that we forget all about God. Saying our prayers every morning when we get up and every night when we go to bed are two important ways to keep close to God.

Saints for Young Readers for Every Day, January-June, Volume One

Spiritual Direction



As Christians, we'll never reach perfection this side of heaven. There's always room to learn and grow in our spiritual life. We should be drawn to people who can help us along the way. That's why many people seek out spiritual direction.

A spiritual director is someone who will "walk with you," helping you discern and understand God's promptings and will for your life. Typically a person will meet regularly with their spiritual director, perhaps once a month. It's important to note that a spiritual director is not a therapist, or someone who will tell you what to do. They listen, ask questions and offer insight that will help you see and hear more clearly what God may be speaking to you. The aim of spiritual direction is to help

you grow in holiness.

A spiritual director can be a priest, religious or lay person. A reputable spiritual director will have gone through a training and certification process. (Note: while all priests can give spiritual counsel, not all priests are trained as spiritual directors.)

Spiritual direction is for those who seriously wish to grow closer to God, to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in their life. If you're interested in seeking out a spiritual director, talk first with your local parish or diocese. Many part of the country now offer formation and training for spiritual directors.

A Minute in the Church, Life in Christ, One Minute Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions, Gus Lloyd

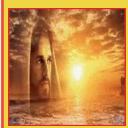
Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez. 37:12-14. I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Rom. 8:8-11. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Jn. 11:1-45. I am the resurrection and the life.

DAY by DAY with JESUS



The arms of the Crucified are spread to draw you to his heart.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)



Church Financials Fiscal Year to Date December 31, 2019

Total Income \$ 290,077.83 <u>Total Expense</u> \$ 272,494.26 Net Profit \$ 17,583.57

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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.

Pope's Prayer Intention Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

What is Spiritual Communion?



In simplest terms, a Spiritual Communion is an act expressed of the desire to receive the Blessed Sacrament and to receive the effects of the Blessed Sacrament. Many, many saints have endorsed this expression of faith. There are many prayers for Spiritual Communion that you can Google but most of us at OLPH are very familiar with a very powerful

one – the Anima Christi. First Communion classes in the past couple of years have even learned the American Sign Language for this prayer. Seeing and using the signs even make the prayer that much more expressive. For a more extensive explanation on this subject check the link https://www.catholic.com/audio/caf/spiritual-communion-in-a-time-of-coronavirus with Fr. Hugh Barbour and Cy Kellett.

SOUL of CHRIST (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints and angels,
I may praise thee forever and ever.

AMEN



The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: deceased

members of the Altar Society.

Church Flowers—Anyone who wishes to donate the flowers in church in memory of a loved one for a particular weekend may call the church office. The donation is \$35 payable to the Altar Society.

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.



The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory

of: deceased parishioners.

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.

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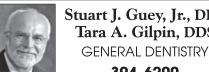
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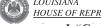
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