

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

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> > **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Please call between these times for routine parish business.

Imitating Mary,

you will not go astray.
Praying to her,

you will not despair.

Thinking of her, you will not err.
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Embraced by her, you will be saved.

~St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** Vigil 4:00 p.m. **Sunday** 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Monday 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

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

 Friday
 7:30 a.m.

During the school year Wednesday's Mass, 8:30 a.m.

(No 7:30 a.m. Mass).

Holy Days Consult the bulletin.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

## 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.

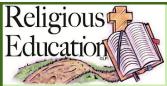
For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.



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:

<a href="http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment">http://www.nolacatholic.org/safe-environment</a>
for policies and procedures concerning safe environment and child protection



#### Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 2nd Collection—Church in Latin America Sunday Dismissal

#### Monday, January 10, 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Communion Service, Church—7:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Cub Scouts, School—6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, January 11, 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or by appointment

PSR, School—4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m.

RCIA, Zoom—7:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, January 12, 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk

Daily Mass, Church—8:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or by appointment

PSR, School 4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Parent Meeting, Church—7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, January 13, 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or by appointment

1st Reconciliation Meeting, Church 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, January 14, 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.

Riverbend, You Tube—10:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, January 15, 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Dismissal

#### Bible Verses for the Year! FORTITUDE January



They who hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings... Is 40:31



# Mass **Intentions**

1/8, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—for the parishioners 1/9, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Helen Marie Santos Skrzysinski, Franka Stipeljkovic, Barbara & Donald Verret, for all souls in purgatory

1/9, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—Evelyn Jacksina, Lucille Bernard, Albert J. Beshel, Sr., Mercedes Broussard, Hazel Gautreaux, Betty Patureau, Hat "Maria" Nguyen, Art Branan, Dolores Branan, Warren & Rose Marie Jaspriza, Fr. Stjepan Kordic', Allyson Kirby, May & Emile LeBlanc, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Sanders & Dobard Families, for the conversion of sin-

1/11, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.—for the intentions of the priest

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1/13, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. —George N. Bischof,

1/14, Friday, 7:30 a.m.—for the intentions of the priest

1/15, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.—Jerry Pigniolo, Beverly Hebert, Betty Bourg, Richard Frederick, Betty Patureau, Eural Hingle, Jean Craddock

1/16, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—for the parishioners

1/16, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.—Lucille Bernard, Gail Hudnall, Mercedes Broussard, Hazel Gautreaux, Betty Patureau, Hat "Maria" Nguyen, Allyson Kirby, Dolores & Art Branan, Sanders & Dobard Familis, Vincent & Adrina Ladner, for all souls in purgatory

## **Pope's Prayer Intentions for the Year 2022** January—For True Human Fraternity



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

# **OLPH School News**



## First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

For all students receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time, there will be a parent meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the church. At least one parent should attend. Registration forms for the sacraments will be collected along with a fee for the sacraments. The total fee is \$50 (\$25 for Reconciliation and \$25 for Communion). The fee covers supplies for preparation including a book for each sacrament, the retreat, and the necessities for the ceremonies. A copy of the child's Baptismal certificate is needed in the DRE's office. If one had not been handed in yet, it can be brought to the meeting or emailed to C.C. Merritt at <a href="mailto:cre@olphbc.org">cre@olphbc.org</a>

## **Confirmation Preparation Classes**

The sacrament of Confirmation is conferred in the Junior year of high school (11<sup>th</sup> grade) in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. OLPH celebrates this sacrament in the Fall each year. There will be a Parent/Student Meeting on Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the church to go over all requirements for preparation for the sacrament. High school students in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools should attend and register for Confirmation as soon as possible. Registration can be done through our website at <a href="www.olphbc.org/hsr-forms">www.olphbc.org/hsr-forms</a>. For more information check our website or contact C.C. Merritt at the parish office <a href="mailto:cre@olphbc.org">cre@olphbc.org</a>.



# The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St. John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. 'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men' (Lk 2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. 'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners' (Joseph Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2022-01-09



The 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. All men of our parish are invited to attend! The day will include empowering speakers, prayer, Mass, and reconciliation to help men reflect on what it means to be "Sons of the Father." We hope this day fires up the men of our parish to grow in their love for Christ, their families, one

another, and to take their place in the life of the Church!

Tickets are \$45. Light breakfast, lunch and t-shirt are included. Vouchers are also available to purchase registrations for a friend or loved one. They make a great gift for the men of your life!

To register and learn more about the 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, visit *nolacatholicmen.com*.

# Our Lady's Library

The library section of our church has been reorganized. Over the years, many people have donated books to our parish with the intention of sharing things they have been inspired by. We have created the left-most shelves as a TAKE/BORROW section. Feel free to have a look and take whatever catches your eye. When you are done, pass it on to someone else that may be inspired or simply return it for the next person. There is still a small section of children's books that can be used during Mass. As the books are depleted, we will ask for donations.

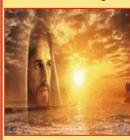
# Next Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is. 62:1-5. As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

1 Cor. 12:4-11. One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**Jn. 2:1-11.** The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

# **DAY by DAY with JESUS**



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 1:3-4



**Church Financials** Fiscal Quarter Ending **September 30, 2021** 

Total Income \$ 123,576 Total Expense \$ 131,629 Net Loss 8,053

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## Follow the **Ten Commandments**

The abortion controversy is ongoing and it never should have been an issue in the

first place. Back in the Biblical times of Moses, God, in His great love for His people, gave us His Ten Commandments as a guideline to get to heaven. One very important commandment for the abortion issue is "Thou shalt not kill."

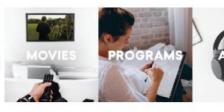
If you have forgotten the Ten Commandments, I will list them for you...

- \*I am the Lord your God; you shalt not have strange gods before me
- \*You shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in
- \*Remember to keep holy the Lord's day
- \*Honor your father and mother
- \*You shalt not kill
- \*You shalt not commit adultery
- \*You shalt not steal
- \*You shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor
- \*You shalt not covet your neighbor's wife
- \*You shalt not covet your neighbor's goods

As you review the commandments, you can see how we have fallen from grace as a nation. We still have time to change, repent and become people of God. And, for the record, there is a heaven and a hell and they will last for all eternity.

Ruth Weber Davenport, Iowa

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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.

We Be she call the Be she card with 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: Albert J. Beshel, Sr., requested by Ruth Beshel; Hat "Maria" Nguyen, requested by Dolly Roy; Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, requested by Rita & Sonny Schaubhut; and Pat & Dolly Stakelum, requested by Rita & Sonny Schaubhut.

name and address where the card is to be mailed, and who's making the request.

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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#### **Vocations Crucifix**

The Vocations Crucifix is a special crucifix that travels from family to family to inspire prayer for vocations. It is to intercede for vocations and encourage families to discuss priestly or other religious vocations. The Crucifix, prayer brochure, and sign up sheets are on the vocations table in front of the

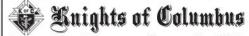
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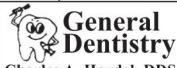
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