



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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## OLPH SCHOOL

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Rosary - 6:15 p.m. followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Novena - 6:50 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m. During the school year (7:30 a.m. when school is not in session)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>First Friday Adoration:</b>	8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
<b>Holy Days:</b>	Consult the bulletin.

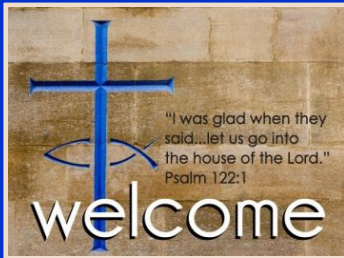
## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

## 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 fill out the information in the Binder on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or register at the Church Office. A Census Form can also be found on our website at [www.olphbc.org](http://www.olphbc.org).

### Sacraments



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are usually celebrated after any weekend Mass. Currently we only schedule one family at a time. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The seminar is usually 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.

**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. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be celebrated prior to Communion.

**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](http://www.olphbc.org).

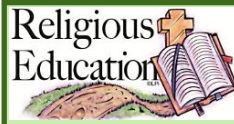
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact C.C. Merritt in the Church Office or email [cre@olphbc.org](mailto: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 before contacting the funeral home.



### 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 is 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](mailto:cre@olphbc.org) for more information.

**SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Children in grades K-2nd are invited with a catechist during 11:00 a.m. Mass to the Day Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word for Children (September-May). A summary of the readings of the day is discussed on their level.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Our PSR program is divided in two parts. Family Faith Formation is the "academic" part with the textbook discussed at home as a family. Our Encountering Engaging Events are a chance to come together as a community to worship together, do crafts, or engage in traditional events like our Nativity Play and Living Way of the Cross.

**HIGH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Students in 9th through 12th grade not attending a Catholic High School are offered Faith Formation with academics at home, working at their own pace, but also some time to get together to discuss what they have learned with their peers about three times a year. It is intended to be an informal study with honest Catholic answers.

**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 will be held in person on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (day and time can be adjusted to personal schedules). For additional information and to register, contact C. C. Merritt in the Church Office or email at [cre@olphbc.org](mailto:cre@olphbc.org).

**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



## Scripture Readings & Events this Week

**Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.  
KC Blood Drive, KC Hall—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 15, 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22**

Communion Service, Church — 7:30 a.m.  
Church Office Closed  
Baptismal Seminar, Day Chapel—7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
RCIA Meeting—5:00 p.m.  
Confessions, Church— 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.  
KC Meeting, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.  
Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Church —6:50 p.m.  
Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 17, Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot; 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6**

Daily Mass, Church—8:30 a.m.  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
First Reconciliation Prep Class—5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 18, 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12**

Daily Mass, Church — 7:30 a.m.  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Choir Rehearsal, Church—7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 19, 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19**

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.  
Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, January 20, Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr; 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.  
Confessions, Church —2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m.  
OLPH St. Vincent dePaul "Clothing" Drive, Church

**Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.  
KC Meatball & Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser, KC Hall—12:00 p.m.  
OLPH St. Vincent dePaul "Clothing" Drive, Church



Lest we forget...  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Mass Intentions

**1/13, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— for the Parishioners

**1/14, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Myrna Schultheis, Johnnie Pennison, Philip Cossich, Cathy Madere, C.J. Malley, Barbara Jurisich, Karen Capiello

**1/14, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Joyce Ehrhard, Myrna Schultheis, Lynn Clement, Eric Hansen, Gary Buras, Rose McKenna Simonson, Policar & Alzina Sponge, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Fr. Jack Robinson

**1/16, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**— Angela Vascoe

**1/16, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Genevieve Duet

**1/17, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.** — for the intentions of the Priest

**1/18, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**1/19, Friday, 7:30 a.m.** — for the intentions of the Priest

**1/20, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**1/20, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Eric Hansen, Larry Avist, Sr., Peter "Trae" Vujnovich III, Marie Antoinette Chabaud, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Rachel & Joseph Celental, Barbara Jurisich, Karen Capiello

**1/21, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— for the Parishioners

**1/21, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Myrna Schultheis, Lynn Clement, Gary Buras, Rose McKenna Simonson, Vincent & Belle Ladner, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Eric Hansen



### OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Drive

We are having a "Clothing Drive" the weekend of January 20/21, 2024. We will be collecting clothing (men, women, children), towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals in any condition. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the back of Church.

*Thank you for your support!!*



## OLPH School News

### Classroom fun with Santa before Christmas break!!



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



8 WEEKS - 7TH GRADE

OPENS ONLINE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

SCHEDULE & TOUR

<https://school.olphbc.org/registration>



SCAN ME



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Year 2024 *January—For the Gift of Diversity in the Church*

We pray that the Holy spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



### Bible Verses for the Year!

**KINDNESS -  
January**

**"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31**



## Attention all 7th-12th Graders!!

Please join the  
**OLPH CYO**  
for a viewing of  
**The Prince  
of Egypt.**



Come and learn about Moses and his  
many spiritual connections to Jesus.

**WHEN: Monday, January 22, 2024**



**6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

Snack will be served  
starting at 6:15 PM.

**WHERE: OLPH Church**

If you are interested in attending, or  
have questions, please call the  
Church Office at 504-394-0314.

Hello, God

Just before our first reading it says that "the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions." (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

**SPEAK, LORD.**  
YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING  
1 SAMUEL 3:9



At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

Tom Schmidt



### Newly Baptized In Christ

OLPH would like to welcome our new parishioners that were Baptized in December. **Elise Joan Ansardi**, child of Bree and Ray Ansardi, III; and **Baylee Lux Rosales**, child of Hillary and Corey Rosales.



### Fr. Peter Boerding Knights of Columbus Council #6357

When: Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

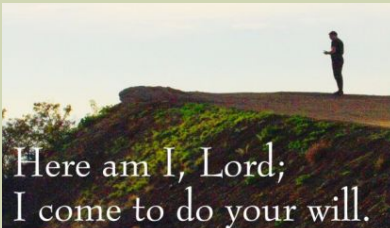
Where: KC Hall, 9016 Hwy. 23, Belle Chasse

#### Fundraiser for the Seminarian Mission Fund

After 11:00 a.m. Mass, the KC's will be selling plates of meatballs and spaghetti to support the Seminarian Mission Fund.

*We hope to see you there!! Thanks for your Support!!*

### Nostalgic Moments



Here am I, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

Don't you enjoy the nostalgia of pleasant memories, such as the beginning of a beautiful friendship?

How wonderful it is to relive the moment when Jesus called His first followers. I love to envision the sheer excitement and camaraderie that must have existed among those He called. An endless jubilee, God uniting with those He loves, ordinary human beings, you and me. During His first interaction with his future Apostles Jesus declares, "Come, and you will see!" How good God is! By following His way, we find the true peace that no worldly satisfaction can ever give us. God's love for the

world indeed endures forever. Still today, know that God always sees You! Whether it is a time of joy or heartache, the mundane or the extraordinary, God promises He will always be there with us. Like He called Peter and Andrew by name, He is also calling YOU by name to have an ongoing relationship with Him. Through our steadfast prayers and by studying His teachings, let us always strive to be one with Jesus Christ, Who is past, present and forever and ever. By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



The **2023 Advent Candles** were donated in loving memory of **Jimmy Gaile** by Belinda Gaile.



The **2023 Christmas Trees** were donated in loving memory of:

**All deceased brother Knights** by The Knights of Columbus; **Darrell Roy** by Dolly Roy; **Cathy Madere** by The Madere Family, and **Valerie Weigand**, by Dominick Sciortino.



The **2023 Christmas Candles** used at our 10 p.m. Candle-light Mass were donated in loving memory of :

**Juliet Cheramie**, requested by The Kennair Family; **Loredia & Nolan Terrebonne**, requested by The Kennair Family; **The Theriot Family**, requested by The Kennair Family; **The Callais Family**, requested by The Kennair Family; **The Sercovich Family**, requested by The Kennair Family; **Kevin Bassett**, requested by Dawn and Hannah Bassett; **Alexandra "Allie" Boteler**, requested by Ruth Debelo; **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family; **Barbara & Donald Verret, Sr.**, requested by Don & Brenda Verret; **Wayne Perrin**, requested by Suzette Perrin; **Esther Pizani**, requested by Suzette Perrin; and **Wheldon J. Boyd, Jr.**, requested by Angel, Rachel, Jessica & Ethan Boyd.

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## Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10.** The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31.** The world as we know it is passing away.

**Mark 1:14-20.** Repent, and believe the Good News.



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 \$50 payable to the Altar Society.*



*The Sanctuary Light by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.*

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in loving memory of: **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family.

*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.*

## Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



A way of life

## Church Financials Fiscal Month Ending October 31, 2023

Total Income	\$ 200,713
Total Expense	\$ 211,928
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 11,215

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

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## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Straight Talk

by: **Father William Maestri**  
**Are You a DISCLOSURE Model?**

Modeling plays an important part in the development of an individual and a society. Such models today are understood through the prism of social psychology - "role models" (athletes, entertainers, and the celebrity crowd to name a few). Things are different for the Christian. While modeling is important, it calls for more than a mere copying of behavior or style. The Christian seeks the deeper dimensions, that is, the qualities of character; of soul. The Christian strives to emulate those who DISCLOSE the qualities by which one encounters God. And those encounters are pivotal

in forming the way we live daily. Such encounters involve behavior, but it drills into the deepest part of who one is. Such encounters, hopefully, begin in the home. Later, they reach outward and guide our choice of friends and those we come to admire.

As to "family matters", the Christian looks to the Holy Family as the disclosure model to guide family life. The Holy Family serves as a kind of distant mirror which reflects through the centuries and across all cultures. In their words and actions, they reveal the faith and courage needed to face the challenges of life together.

We begin with Mary. The angel Gabriel announces that she will be the earthly mother of the promised Savior. This news is beyond the categories of her understanding. Fear grips her heart. Gabriel proceeds to assure her she need not be afraid. She has "found favor with God" (Lk 1:30). Mary will conceive "through the Holy Spirit...a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). No doubt she is still overwhelmed, especially when told that Elizabeth, in her old age, has conceived, "for nothing will be impossible for God." (Lk 1:37). Mary's response, powerful in its directness, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38). With these words Mary reveals herself to be a woman of deep faith, unshakable trust, and courage in her time of being called by God. Throughout, Mary is God-centered and never self-centered. The announcement propels Mary outward toward Elizabeth: "Mary set out in haste to the hill country...where she entered the house...and greeted Elizabeth." (Lk 1:39-40). Mary is the supreme evangelist, for she carries the living Word: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out, 'Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'" (Lk 1:39-42). At the same time, never far from Mary's mind is her commitment to Joseph and her vocation as wife and mother to the "Son of God" (Lk 1:35). Hence, after three months with Elizabeth, she "returned to her home." (Lk 1:56).

Turning to Joseph, we are told he is a "righteous man", that is, he follows the law of Moses. However, he is "unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly." (Mt 1:19). Not only is Joseph a righteous man, he is a man of a deep love, integrity, and compassion. He lives by that love which perfects law and reveals the Divine Love. While we have no recorded words of Joseph, his eloquence comes through his actions. Such is the case when the angel tells Joseph, in a dream, to flee Nazareth (Mt 2:13-15), and when the angel tells him it is safe to return (Mt 2:19-23). Joseph displays the same obedience when told to be not afraid to take Mary your wife into your home (Mt 1:19-22). These three episodes reveal to us a man supremely sensitive to the word of God. With Joseph, action does speak louder than words.

Finally, we culminate with Jesus. When Jesus was twelve, he traveled to Jerusalem with his parents to celebrate the Passover (Lk 2:41-52). When it was time to leave, Jesus was left behind. His parents, realizing he was not in the caravan, returned to Jerusalem in search of him. After three days, they find him in the temple in the midst of teachers listening and asking questions. The teachers were "astonished" by his questions and answers. Mary exclaims, "Son, why have you done this to us? ...[we] have been looking for you with great anxiety." (Lk 2:48). Jesus responds: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49). Luke tells us, "...they did not understand...", nonetheless, "He went down with them...and was obedient to them, and his mother kept all these things in her heart." (Lk 2:50-51). Jesus teaches us that obedience and freedom go together. It is the immature and self-willed who are chained to their passions and social fads. Mature freedom is for those who are self-disciplined, not the self-willed. Jesus matures because he is able to listen; obedient freedom.

The crucial question: How are coming generations to live and humanly flourish? The Holy Family offers this: the well-being of society and family depend on a God-centered foundation; a moral and spiritual culture which respects human life; promotes the common good through just laws; and a society which welcomes the yet to be born. If we accept the challenge, those in the web of time will come forth to praise God and stand gratefully on our shoulders.



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