



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Monday

7:30 a.m.

Tuesday

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

(Rosary - 6:15 p.m. followed by Chaplet of Divine
Mercy; Novena - 6:50 p.m.)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. During the school year

(7:30 a.m. when school is not in session)

Thursday

7:30 a.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Holy Days:

Consult the bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.

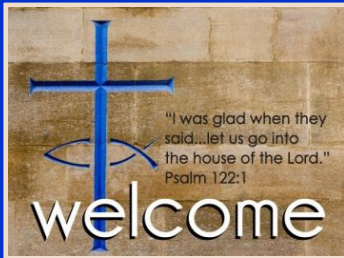
Saturday

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.

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.

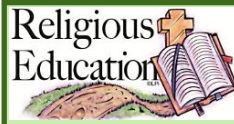
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

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 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 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.

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 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
OLPH School Family Mass—11:00 a.m.
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.
2nd Collection—Catholic Schools

Monday, January 29, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

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

Wednesday, January 31, Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest; 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

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

Thursday, February 1, 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

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, February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment
Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.
1st Friday Adoration, Day Chapel—8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 3, Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

1st Saturday Mass, Church—7:30 a.m.
Confessions, Church —2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m.
Throat Blessing—All Masses

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.
Throat Blessing —All Masses

Mass Intentions

1/27, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— for the Parishioners

1/28, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Myrna Schultheis, C.J. Malley, Barbara Jurisich, Karen Capiello

1/28, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.— Lynn Clement, Eric Hansen, Gary Buras, Rose McKenna Simonson, Ante & Ane Jurisic, Rachel & Joseph Celentano, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Allyson Kirby, Casta Sage, Dinko Popich, Seth Chedville

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

1/30, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Bernadette Duet

1/31, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. — Fr. John Nelan

2/1, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— for the intentions of the Priest

2/2, Friday, 7:30 a.m. — for the intentions of the Priest

2/3, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— for the intentions of the Priest

2/3, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Eric Hansen, Larry Avist, Sr., Peter "Trae" Vujnovich, III, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Barbara Jurisich, Karen Capiello, Oliver & Margaret Koch, Ellen Condry

2/4, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners

2/4, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.— Gary Buras, Irma Bernard Stockfleth, Eric Hansen, Wayne Perrin, Luko & Marija Bilic, Theresa L. Bossier, Rosebud L. Dumesnil, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Allyson Kirby, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson



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SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Lenten Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual)

Would you like to begin your Lenten journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture. This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Attend a virtual opening group session; spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session). Opening Session Sunday, February 18, 2024 2:00pm-Closing Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:00pm. Donation: \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.) **Please register by Friday, February 9, 2024.** To register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/registration> email:archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254. (See Flyer on the Information Table in the Back of Church.)

OLPH School News

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



8 WEEKS - 7TH GRADE

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

SCHEDULE & TOUR



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

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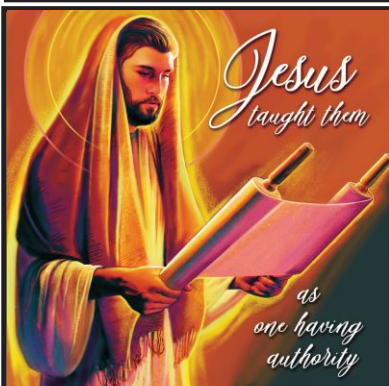
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Year 2024 January—For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

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



Thunderbolts and Lightning

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. (Lk 24:47, Mk 116:15, Mt 28:19) I think one reason may be that we don't feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. Most of us don't think we know the gospel

well enough to preach it. Or we are so afraid of offending atheists, that we use that fear as an excuse to say nothing. But being a disciple means following Jesus. The gospel this Sunday mentions twice that Jesus taught with more authority than any of religious leaders of Israel. So how can we get such authority?

First, Jesus didn't get his authority from winning a Messiah election. And he didn't threaten people with thunderbolts and lightning. He certainly didn't impress people by saying what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth that he heard from his Father. His two main actions in his ministry were curing and forgiving people. Since the Jews thought sickness was a punishment for sins, by curing the sick and forgiving sins, Jesus showed that God loves even sinners. And those actions showed that Jesus got authority from his Father.

"But you still haven't answered the question: How do we get that authority?" We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. And like an athlete, who may be born with strength and abilities, yet has to work-out and practice to be any good, we still need to grow in that authority. One way is to read the scriptures and pray with them, so that we get to know God through his Word and begin to listen to him in our prayers. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. (And especially the ones who challenge us to be more loving, patient and forgiving.) Most parishes have programs that encourage sharing your faith, such as RCIA, Christ Renews his Parish, etc. And of course, the Eucharist and other sacraments strengthen God's life in us. You'll know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not second hand knowledge. Tom Schmidt

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament February 2, 2024

(First Friday of the Month)

8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Day Chapel)

Please join us in prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration is a practice in the Roman Catholic and Anglo-Catholic Church in which the Blessed Sacrament (the Most Holy Eucharist) 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. *For questions or to sign up, please call the Church Office at 504-394-0314.*

Pray as you like. Reading and meditation lead to communion with the Lord or just bask in the light of the Eucharist. Allow Christ to work on you and through you. Come before Christ in His entirety; His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him.

Did You Know?

1. Genuflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in the tabernacle or exposed for public adoration, is on one knee [as you enter your pew or cross in front of the Eucharist.]
2. Because God is present on the altar, one should never turn their back on the Eucharist.
3. Chatting with friends should never occur during adoration, this is to take place outside.
4. If you leave while the Eucharist is exposed, genuflect and leave in silence.
5. The priest uses a humeral veil to emphasize that the blessing is by Jesus, not the priest, you may touch the priest's veil or the altar cloth, but not the Monstrance. <https://ghcatholic.org/ghcb/guidelines-eucharistic-adoration>

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Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF THE THROAT
Feast Of St. Blaise | February 3



WHY DO WE GET OUR THROATS BLESSED?

ST. BLAISE—Feast Day—February 3

St. Blaise lived in the 4th century. As a young man, Blaise became a priest and then bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, which is now modern Turkey. With all his heart, Blaise worked to make his people holy and happy. He prayed and preached. He tried to help everyone. When the governor, Licinius began persecuting Christians, Blaise went to live and pray and do penance by himself. He became a hermit. In his solitude, wild animals that were sick or hurt would come to him, and he would heal them. One day, some hunters found Blaise and brought him to the governor. Blaise was sent to prison to be beheaded. On the way, people crowded the road to see their beloved bishop for the last time. He blessed them all, even non-Christians.

Just then, a poor mother rushed up to him. She begged him to save her child who was choking to death on a fishbone. The saint whispered a prayer and blessed the child. He worked a miracle that save the child's life. That is why St. Blaise is called upon by all who have throat diseases.

On his feast day, we have our throats blessed at Mass. We ask St. Blaise to protect us from all sicknesses of the throat. While he was in prison, Bishop Blaise brought many people to believe in Jesus. No torture could make him give up his faith in Jesus. He was beheaded in the year 316. Now St. Blaise is with Jesus forever.

Saints for Young Readers for every Day, Third Edition

*Next Sunday is the
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Job 7:1-4, 6-7. I am filled with sorrows all day long.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.

Mark 1:29-39. He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

*IF TODAY YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEART.*

**God's
Authority**

Today's Gospel states, "The people were

astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority." What does "authority" mean? Whether we feel the most helpless, or in total control of everything around us, Christ always has the power to take over. At times he allows suffering. Other times He will cure or even provide miracles. The when and why are a mystery, but what is clear is that such encounters, the sweetest and the most sorrowful, help us to recognize our reliance on His dominion.

In today's world, many often try to survive day to day as if God doesn't exist. We go about our worldly business ignorant and distracted. Sometimes when things get bad we still try to take it into our own hands, afraid to ask for help. Yet we were never created to exist without God. In fact, CS Lewis once wrote, "The worst thing we can do to God is leave him alone." God longs for us. He thirsts for us.

Let us continue to be amazed in today's day and age, just like those who witnessed Christ's miracles firsthand. For His great deeds continue to live on forever. May we always be thankful and eager to respond with similar love for one another. By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

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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 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: **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.

Stewardship
All things are possible with God



**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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

Faith NOT Fear

The first law of nature is survival. All that has life cries out, "I (it) want to live!" Even the blade of grass that struggles through the soil, the blade that seeks the tiniest crack on the sidewalk reaches for the sunlight and moisture necessary for life. Along with this primal urge to live comes the protective GIFT of fear, for without a prudent sense of fear, existence would be in danger of extinction. Fear is nature's warning signal that what lies ahead is dangerous. We must proceed with caution and even avoid certain circumstances, occasions and people who pose a threat to our well-being.

A prudent fear, if ignored, often ends in tragedy for ourselves and others. Rational or prudent fear is akin to pain and fever: we don't want pain, but it can be the path to gain, for in the struggles comes the strength. Likewise, we don't desire fever, but it is the body's early warning system that it is being invaded. To ignore the "enemy within" is to foolishly risk the well-being of the whole body. Aristotle teaches that prudent courage is the Golden Mean between the extremes of foolhardiness ("tough it out") and cowardice ("flight never fight"). Courage, the heart to pay the short-term price for greater long-term goods, is the prudent balance displayed by those who know the importance of what really matters, and the humility to acknowledge the frailty of life.

On a much deeper level, the Bible talks about fear in both its negative and positive dimensions. In its destructive way, fear is the conscience's notification that our thoughts, words, and/or actions offend, at a moral level, God, others, and our soul. The first instance of human fear is experienced by Adam and Eve after violating God's command not to eat from "the tree of knowledge of good and evil...when you eat from it you shall die" (Gen 2:15-17). Tragically, when they disobey, they go into hiding. God looks for them, He calls out to Adam, "Where are you?", Adam answers, "...I was afraid, because I was naked," (Gen 3:9-11). With this primordial episode, we see the dynamic of sin: prideful self-will (desire to be equal with God, Gen 3:4-5: "...the snake said to the woman: 'You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.'"), fear, hiding, nakedness, and the blaming of others for one's sins (Gen 3:12-13). The dynamic of sin persists throughout history and in the heart of each person. Such is the inheritance from our first parents: "Revelation gives us the certainty of faith that the whole of human history is marked by the original fault committed by our first parents." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 390).

The consequences of sin are alienation and banishment. The harmony that once existed is no more: nature is wounded ("We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains." (Roman 8:19-22)); the complimentary between the two sexes is now one of estrangement: "your urge shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." (Gen 3:16); sin introduces death: "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19); and the most tragic of consequences is the separation between God and humanity. The original innocence, intimacy, and immediacy was paradise lost. God would no longer walk in "the garden at the breezy time of the day", a garden created by God to be a dwelling place for Him and humanity (Gen 2:15; 3:8). Adam and Eve are banished, as is the whole of humanity, from Eden (Gen 3:23-24). However, their banishment is not God's abandonment, for there is the promise of hope and reconciliation: "They [offspring of Satan] will strike at your head while you strike at their heel." [the disciples of Christ], (Gen 3:18). The Church Father, Irenaeus, taught this to be the first promise of a coming Savior who would heal the breach between God and humanity caused by Adam's sin (Gal 3:19; 4:4), the "protoevangelium". The hiding and fear shown by Adam and Eve do not bring forth that inner movement of the heart, conversion (metanoia) required for reconciliation.

Redemption will only come about through God's direct involvement in human history and the human condition. And so, "when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law." (Gal 4:4). It is into the darkness of sin, the fear of death, and the loss of communion with God, that he fills a crib (Lk 2:16) and is nailed to a cross (Lk 23:33), so that the long-awaited victory over the Evil One comes about: "Now is the time of judgement on this world, now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (Jn 12:31-32). God's victory over sin, death, and fear, is ours as well: "...the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 Jn 5: 4-5). The faith that overcomes fear is the one made perfect by love, love of God and one another: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out all fear.... whoever loves God, must also love his brother [and sister]." (1 Jn 4: 18; 21).

UPDATE:

It is with great joy and gratitude to Almighty God, that Bishop Alvarez and 19 religious hostages were released to the Vatican by the Ortega regime (1/14/24). God continues to set captives free. May religious freedom once again ring out over Nicaragua and around the world!



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