



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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## OLPH SCHOOL

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8968 Highway 23 † 504-394-0314

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9016 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

## 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>	7:00 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 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 (7:00 a.m. when school is not in session)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 a.m.
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 a.m.
<b>First Friday Adoration:</b>	8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
<b>Holy Days:</b>	Consult the bulletin.

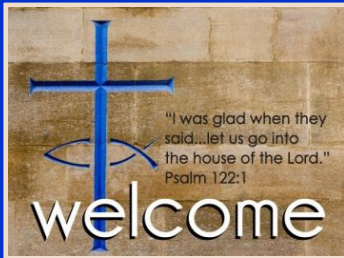
## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<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).

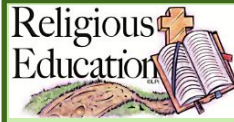
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**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, February 18, First Sunday of Lent; Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15**

Rosary, Church—7:25 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.  
RCIA Rite of Election, Church—11:00 a.m.  
Presentation on Vocations—All Masses

**Monday, February 19, Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46**

Daily Mass, Church — 7:00 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Baptismal Seminar, Day Chapel—7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 20, Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15**

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 a.m. (Fr. 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. (Fr. K)  
Lenten Series, Church—7:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 21, Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32**

Daily Mass, Church—8:30 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
PSR-Lenten Activity, Church—5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22, Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle; 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19**

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

**Friday, February 23, Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26**

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Stations of the Cross, Church—8:30 a.m.  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.  
KC Lenten Fish Fry, Behind KC Hall—5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass, Church—6:00 p.m. (Fr. K)  
Stations of the Cross, Church—6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 24, Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48**

Cub Scouts, Cafeteria—7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Confessions, Church —2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Rosary, Church—3:25 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

**Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent**

Rosary, Church—7:25 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.  
Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Children's dismissal, Church—11:00 a.m.  
Confirmation Rite of Enrollment, Church—11 a.m.  
2nd Collection —Archdiocesan Catholic Charities

## Mass Intentions

**2/17, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Jerry Pignuolo, Eric Hansen, Larry Avist, Sr., Peter "Trae" Vujnovich, III, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Barbara Jurisich, Michelle Maria Machella, Karen Cappiello, Beverly Hebert, Ronald (Ronnie) Lemoine, Francis Gainey, Msgr. Arthur Calkins, Rosemary Arcement, Rosemary Territa, John Caulking, for the healing of Belinda Hazel

**2/18, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— for the Parishioners

**2/18, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Nolan Terrebonne, Eric Hansen, Adrijan Dekovic, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Karen Cappiello, Pat Stakelum, Sr., Gary Buras, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Steven Cibilich, Christopher Lincoln, Charles J. Newberry, III, Marie Louise "Susie" Newberry, Doris Sponge Wimberley, Allyson Kirby, Msgr. Arthur Calkins, Ray Oncale

**2/19, Monday, 7:00 a.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/20, Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.**— Anne Fowler

**2/20, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Barbara Leopold Guey

**2/21, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/22, Thursday, 7:00 a.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/23, Friday, 7:00 a.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/23, Friday, 6:00 p.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/24, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/24, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— for the Parishioners

**2/25, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Louise & Joseph Johnson, Johnnie Pennison, C. J. Malley, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Rosella & Donald Bernard, Anne Fowler, Sr. Beryl June Mallaun, MSC, Msgr. Arthur Calkins

**2/25, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Eric Hansen, Cristian Broussard, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Gary Buras, Ante Ivo Tesvich, Seth David Chedville, Karen Cappiello, Doris Sponge Wimberley, Francis Gainey, Allyson Kirby, Msgr. Arthur Calkins



**IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

**Change in  
Weekday Mass  
Times during Lent:**

**In order to give people who work an opportunity to attend Daily Mass during Lent, starting Thursday, February 15th, we will begin Daily Mass at 7:00 AM, excluding Wednesdays and Saturdays. We will continue to have Mass at 8:30AM on Wednesdays for our OLPH students as well as 7:30 AM on Saturday mornings. All other Mass times will stay the same.**



## OLPH School News

### OLPH CELEBRATES 100th Day of School



## OLPH SUMMER camp

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### Session 1

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

JUNE 3 - 14

\$350 First Camper

\$330 per additional Camper

Before Care 7:30AM to 8:30AM

\$100 per Camper

After Care 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

\$100 per Camper

### Session 2

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

JUNE 17-28

\$350 First Camper

\$330 per additional Camper

**\*\* NO CAMP JUNE 19 \*\***

Before Care 7:30AM to 8:30AM

\$100 per Camper

After Care 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

\$100 per Camper

### Session 3

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

JULY 8 - 19

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### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for the Year 2024

#### February—For the Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness,  
and their families, receive the necessary physical  
and spiritual care and accompaniment.



### Bible Verses for the Year!

#### KINDNESS - February

"All of you, be of one  
mind, sympathetic, loving  
toward one another, com-  
passionate, humble." 1 Peter 3:8



## Lenten Series:

### Death & Resurrection of Jesus the Christ

Presenter: Fr. William Maestri

**When:** Six Tuesdays beginning February 20, 2024 and continuing February 27th, March 5th, March 12th, March 19th and March 26th.

**Time:** 7:45 PM (after 7:00 p.m. Mass)

**Where:** OLPH Church



Travel with Jesus through Lent and prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord. For six weekly presentations, enter biblically and spiritually into the Paschal Mystery.

ALL are welcomed.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE.

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*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.*



## Clear Conscience

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news. That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him? Tom Schmidt

40  
+  
days  
of Lent

## LENT: Repent and believe in the Gospel (Mark 1:15)

Lent is a time of reflection and renewed faith as we focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lenten season (Wed., February 14, 2024 – Thurs., March 28, 2024) is a valuable time where each person can deepen their relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**Prayer:** During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospel Books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) and Acts of the Apostles to read about the life of Christ. Other ways to seek the Lord include:

- Praying the Rosary each day (Please join us before Mass, Saturday @ 3: 25 p.m., Sundays @ 7:25 a.m. & 10:15 a.m., and Tuesday @ 6:20 p.m.)
- Attending a Mass during the week (On Fridays, there's a 7:00 a.m. Mass and 6:00 p.m. Mass, both followed by Stations of the Cross)
- Checking the myParish App for daily Lent Reflections
- Signing up for Matthew Kelly's "Best Lent Ever (Eucharistic Consecration)" email program at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com) to receive daily emails of short, inspirational videos of profound spiritual insight and intensely practical ways to dedicate yourself to God and make yourself 100 percent available to Him.
- Search for Lenten content and daily reflections on Formed.
- Watching Seasons 1-3 of "The Chosen" (for free on Angel Studios App), about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.
- Attend Fr. Maestri's Lenten Series on the Death & Resurrection of Jesus the Christ (see details in the above article).

**Fasting:** During Lent, we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition to giving up your favorite food, have you thought about fasting from TV or Social Media?

**Almsgiving:** During Lent, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money or goods to the poor, but through the sharing of our time and talents. The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. Some ideas include:

- Making or paying for dinner for someone you know.
- Think about helping your immediate and extended family.
- Find out which homeless shelter is nearest to you and make a donation; donate to our local St. Vincent DePaul food bank.
- Make designated care kits to offer anyone you encounter who is experiencing homelessness.

*Next Sunday is the  
Second Sunday of Lent*

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18.** The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

**Romans 8:31b-34.** God did not spare his own Son.

**Mark 9:2-10.** This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



**2024 KC Lenten Fish Fry**

The Fr. Peter Boerding Council# 6357 Knights of Columbus in Belle Chasse would like to invite our community to our annual Lenten Fish Fry Fund-Raiser.

**When:** Friday, February 16, 2024 & each Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Drive-through service only from 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Behind our KC Hall, 9016 Highway 23, Belle Chasse (next to OLPH Church). We ask customers to enter on the concrete driveway on the south side of Church as done last year.

**What:** Fried fish and shrimp dinners, white beans, homemade bread pudding, and many desserts.

**Raffle:** One drawing to win \$125 Gift Certificate to Tony Mandina's Restaurant and \$125 Gift Certificate to The Red Maple Restaurant.

As our most important fund-raiser of the year, the KC Lenten Fish Fry support most of the good work that we do in our community and beyond. Accordingly, we humbly ask the members of our community to come-out and enjoy a delicious meal, at a great price, for a wonderful cause. **Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and businesses** who wish to stand with the Knights of Columbus to help those in need. Please contact Grand Knight Rodney P. Schaubhut with any questions at (504) 376-3080. We sincerely appreciate the support our community has given over the years and look forward to serving you again this year.

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*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: **Nolan Terrebonne**, requested by Donnie & Lettie Kennair; and **Barbara Leopold Guey**, requested by Joe & Roberta Leopold.

*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.*



**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

We are in need of certain items for our food pantry. If you are able to donate, please place items in our bin in the back of Church. Thank you for your help in feeding those in need.

**Our pantry currently needs the following items:** Tuna Fish, Chicken Noodle Soup (and other Soups), Vienna Sausage, Chicken in a Can, Pancake Mix, Rice, Quick Grits (1 lb. & 2 lb bags), Quick Oatmeal (1 lb. bag); Spaghetti Sauce

**ANY AND ALL DONATIONS  
ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED!!**



**THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS**

**Feb. 22—Our Crosses in Life**

**"Crosses release us from this world, and by doing so, bind us to God."**

*- St. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916)*

**Stewardship**  
*All things are possible with God*



**Church Financials  
Fiscal Month Ending  
December 31, 2023**

Total Income \$ 399,000  
Total Expense \$ 323,000  
Net Gain/(Loss) \$ 76,000\*

\*includes Fair Net Proceeds of \$90,000

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

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## First Sunday of Lent



## Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

### The Prisoner

Jr. ("Letters from Birmingham Jail"), and Cardinal George Pell (*Prison Journal*, Three Volumes) are but a few of the witnesses to the Truth which sets us free, voices from those for whom bars and bricks could not confine.

The Gospel of Matthew presents the final coming of the Son of Man "in His glory" for the judgement of the "living and the dead" when "a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Mt 25:32). Among the criteria for separation is this, "[I] was in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25: 36). Who is this "I", "me"? In general, it is all for whom the key has been turned, the door closed, the lock secured, and the key and book thrown away. More specifically, the "I" and "me" is Jesus, the Son of Man, who languishes in the prison of isolation, neglect, indifference, and forgotten. He is counted among the least, last, lost, little, and considered dead.

We are moved to ask, "Why is Jesus there?" Jesus is there because he is the Divine Physician who comes to heal the sinful, sick soul (Lk 5:31-32), the Bread of Life who nourishes and transforms to life eternal (Jn 6:50), and the Savior who sets captives free from the chains of sin (Jn 8:10-11). Notice Jesus is all of these not because of their merit, but because of their need (Jn 6:39). And what they need most is the merciful, forgiving love of God who grants his acceptance and compassion on the "just and the unjust" (Mt 5:45). Note, Jesus does not call for a massive "get out of jail free" card. Rather, the lost, sinful, and sick are more likely to turn from sin (conversion), the dead-end road, if the door of mercy is opened, and the path ahead leads to the embrace of our Forgiving Father (Lk 15:11-32).

The invitation to keep company with the imprisoned can be elevated. We are offered the opportunity, especially as we begin our Lenten journey, to deepen our six-week travel with Jesus to Calvary. A grace-filled way to walk with Jesus is to keep company with the Prisoner in the Tabernacle. The Lord waits for someone to visit, listen, speak from the heart and above all to humbly ADORE His Real Presence (Jn 6:54-55). In sacred solitude and holy silence, each person, stripped of all the categories that divide us (Gal 3:28-29), is greeted by the Lord who looks not at outward appearance, but at the heart (1 Sam 16:7).

Pope Francis, in a recent homily said, "One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring...in silence...before the mystery of Jesus Christ...in adoration...He is Lord and I adore Him". In a moving poetic vein, the Jesuit, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S. J., during a time of inner struggle, "fled with a fling of the heart to the heart of the Host". For throughout the travail and triumph of daily life, the "heart of the Host" is forever present, inviting us to come, be embraced and transformed by Divine Love. Jesus is ever faithful to his words: "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all to myself" (Jn 12:32).

Eucharistic Adoration is a devotion that draws us into the deepest encounter with Jesus. In such an "I - Thou" communion, I come as I am, revealing myself, and being revealed to myself, in the presence of the Savior. Such a self-revelation is only dared when I am in the presence of the One who extends accepting reverence. Adoration, though personal, is thoroughly, communal, that is, engrafted to the Church, the Body of Christ. Therefore, Adoration sends us forth into our everydayness, charged with a mission and "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses...let us run with perseverance" (Heb 12:1). Through us is revealed a new way of living, relating, of valuing the things that really matter, in so doing we come to "count everything as loss...as rubbish, in order [to gain] the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:8).

Visiting hours are NOW...The Lord will see YOU.



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