



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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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.
<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

5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)

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.*

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## 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).

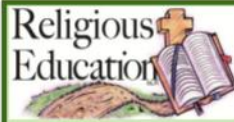
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact 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.

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### 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, on the Welcome Table located in the back of church or you can register online. Call the church office at (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 the Church Office or email [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

**Saturday, May 18, Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)  
Blessing of Graduates—All Masses

**Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday, Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Blessing of Graduates—All Masses

**2nd Collection—Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa**

Confirmation Class, Church—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 20, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 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, May 21, Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. 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.  
Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Church—6:50 p.m.  
Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

**Wednesday, May 22, Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mk 9:38-40**

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

**Thursday, May 23, Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20; Mk 9:41-50**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Catholicism Class, KC Hall—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)  
Choir Rehearsal, Church—7:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 24, Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12**

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

**Saturday, May 25, Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8; Mk 10:13-16**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 p.m. (Fr. M)  
Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

**Sunday, May 26, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. M)

## Mass Intentions

**5/18, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**5/18, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— for the Parishioners

**5/19, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Rennie Coludrovich, Jr., Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Donald Folse, Sr., Harold & Mary Pellegrin

**5/19, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Donald Kennair, Eric Hansen, P.G. Stockstill, Darlene Boudet, Lucille Bernard, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Francis Gainey, Seth David Chedville, Blaze St. Marie, Gary Buras, Allyson Kirby

**5/20, Monday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**5/21, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**— Blaze St. Marie

**5/21, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Delton & Ethel Lejeune

**5/22, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.**— Gus & Leonie LeBlanc

**5/23, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**5/24, Friday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**5/25, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**5/25, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Larry Avist, Sr., Peter “Trae” Vujnovich III, Eric Hansen, Beverly Hebert, Francis Gainey, Mason Cappiello, Darrell Roy, Francis X & Iris R. Bel, Sr., Francis X Bel, Jr., Evelyn Mistich

**5/26, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— for the Parishioners

**5/26, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Eric Hansen, Vincent & Belle Ladner, Seth David Chedville, Blaze St. Marie, Gary Buras, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Gus & Leonie LeBlanc, Allyson Kirby



### Do Something Beautiful for God

May 25—Mother Teresa

Choose the way of peace. Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at. Do it for peace. Let us radiate the peace of God. In this way let us set the world alight with His light and extinguish all hatred and love of power. Peace in the world, yes, but first peace in our hearts. Do you have peace in your heart today? If not, why not?



### CALLING ALL 2024 GRADUATES

Fr. Kyle will be doing a blessing of all *Middle School, High School and College Graduates* the weekend of May 18/19 at all Masses.



## OLPH School News

At OLPH, our learners are grouped into multi-aged studios, and our teachers are their guides and coaches. Teachers deliver lessons using a combination of whole group, small group, and one-on-one instruction.



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

*May—For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians*

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



### Bible Verses for the Year!

*May—KINDNESS*

He has told you, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you; Only to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Mic 6:8



## Pentecost Sunday



The recent Outdoor Mass & Picnic was an enjoyable, successful event. Thank you to all of the amazing people who helped out for the Parish Picnic. We hope everyone that came out had a great time. A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus members for hosting the picnic and for supplying the hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, etc., and for being there to cook and feed everyone. Thanks also to those who brought desserts to share and to TJ Iejeune who supplied the music for the picnic. We are a wonderful and blessed Parish and we look forward to doing this again next year!



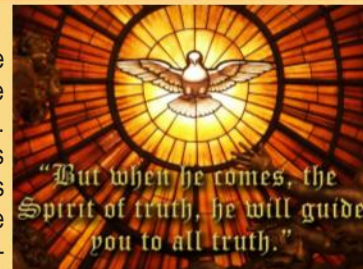
**Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time at the First Holy Communion Mass on May 4, 2024. May God bless them and their families as they continue to grow in their faith.**

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Brinley Ann Benton  
Ava Michel Bergeron  
Emma Ann Bommer  
Rosa Mae Bommer  
Carter John Bordelon  
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Alissa Marie Buras  
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Belle Soleil Dowden  
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Vivian Elizabeth Hinkel

Mila Ngoc-Thanh Hua  
Emily Claire Hydes  
Caroline Angela Lepine  
Kambre Elizabeth Lew  
Amelia Mae Moreau  
Paxton John Morel  
Kohen Lane Muller  
Logan Minh-Nhut Nguyen  
Logan Nicholas Richard  
Parker Blane Ronquille  
Kelsi Claire Sutherliand  
Everett Mark Tompkins  
Tatum Reese Wilcox

### Caution: Spirit at Work

If Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit, it can tempt us to separate the Spirit from the Father and Jesus. Sometimes we think of the Father as the God of the Old Testament, Jesus as center of New Testament, and the Spirit as God of the present age, almost as if the Father and Jesus were enjoying their retirement. No, we have one God who is over all and in all.



The Spirit has been active in all ages. The prophets were empowered by the Spirit to proclaim God's word to Israel. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was filled with the Spirit as he preached and worked miracles. Then at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit.

The Spirit's gifts are meant to be shared. The prophets could not help proclaim God's message. Jesus shared all he knew with his disciples. The disciples went out to the world to spread the news of Jesus' death and resurrection. So we, too, are given gifts to be shared. As we come to realize how much God has done for us and how close he is to us, we will want to share that with others. Obviously, we can't make everyone believe in Jesus. But how sad would it be if someone we know was looking for the truth and we neglected to offer it?

Tom Schmidt



## Next Sunday is The Most Holy Trinity

**Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40.** The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

**Romans 8:14-17.** You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

**Matthew 28:16-20.** Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: **Roy, Marguerite & Kenneth Ortolano**, requested by Jacquelyn Ortolano & Rodney Ledet; **Donald Kennair**, requested by Donnie & Lettie Kennair.

*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.*



### SAINT RITA OF CASCIA Feast Day—May 22 (1381-1457)

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli

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## Mass Intentions & 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.

**NOTE: Mass intentions can be scheduled for weekday and weekend Masses. Some guidelines include:**

- An intention may be for the deceased or the living (i.e. "The Healing of...", "The intentions of...").
- Each weekend, one Mass is reserved for "All Parishioners' Intentions."
- Only one intention can be offered at each Weekday Mass, except for Holy Days of Obligations that fall during the week.
- Mass can be said for an individual (e.g. "John Smith"), a married couple ("Joe and Mary Smith") or a family (e.g. "The Smith Family").



*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: **Donald Kennair**, requested by Donnie & Lettie Kennair; **Evelyn Mistich**, requested by Dolly Roy.

*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*



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### Church Financials Fiscal Month Ending March 31, 2024

Total Income \$ 557,000

Total Expense \$ 544,000

Net Gain/(Loss) \$ 13,000\*

\*includes Fair Net Proceeds of \$90,000 and Rectory Roof Replacement of \$(43,000).

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

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## Pentecost Sunday



### Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

**Pentecost:  
YOU are Sent!**

It is fitting that at this time Pope Francis has declared Blessed Elena Guerra (1834-1914), a Saint with the title, "Apostle of the Holy Spirit". She was a spiritual writer with a deep devotion to the Holy Spirit. During her lifetime, Sister Elena wrote a number of letters to Pope Leo XIII, urging his support that Catholics increase their devotion to the Holy Spirit. Her efforts were fruitful: Pope Leo XIII wrote a letter to the universal Church encouraging Catholics to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost (1885). This was followed up with the encyclical to the Holy Spirit, (*Divinum ILLUD MUNUS*).

In the encyclical, Pope Leo XIII wrote: "The Church which already conceived forth from the side of the second Adam in His sleep on the Cross [Jn19: 34], first showed herself [the Church] before the eyes of men on the great day of Pentecost. On that day, the Holy Ghost began to manifest His gifts in the mystic body of Christ [Church] by that miraculous outpouring already foreseen by the prophet (Joel 2: 28-29/ see Joel 3:1-2)" (No. 5).

The Apostles (and Mary within her sphere of influence) went forth in fidelity to the Ascension commissioned by Jesus to "go forth and proclaim the Gospel to the whole world". (Mk 16: 15). They go forth not simply on a mission but they are mission! The Apostles, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, have become "one in being" with the Gospel. The Gospel is not a teaching like that of the scribes and Pharisees, rather it is one "with authority", that is, grounded in the Person of Jesus and the Kingdom of God (Mt 7: 29). Apostolic preaching is one within Jesus and the Spirit.

The account of the first Pentecost in Acts (1: 1-4), serves as the distant mirror for the Church through the ages. Pentecost is not a frozen, historical event to be remembered and forgotten. Rather, it is the abiding presence of the Spirit throughout the life of the Church until He comes again. (Mt 16: 18). For in every historical epoch and place, the hosannas (Mk 11: 9-10), and "crucify Him" (Mk 15: 12-13), the Church is present. But NOT alone! For Jesus pledged that He and the Father would send the Spirit (Paraclete), (Jn 14: 18). The abiding Spirit of Truth is ever present within the Church, and each of us (Jn 14: 17).

On that first Pentecost, the disciples were "shut-ins", fearful to proclaim Jesus as Risen Lord. Perhaps they forgot the words of Jesus to stay in Jerusalem, for the Holy Spirit will come and they will be empowered to "be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8). After Jesus ascends, two angels appear and direct them back to Jerusalem (Acts 1: 10-12). There is a sense of urgency. The angels question, more a bewilderment, as to why the disciples are "standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1: 11). After all, Jesus told them he must go away so the Spirit can be sent. (Jn 16: 7).

The disciples return and gather during the Jewish Pentecost. While together in a house "a strong driving wind filled the house" followed by "tongues of fire, which parted on each of them". (Acts 2: 1-3). The promised word of Jesus is fulfilled: "...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit". (Acts 2: 4). The disciples, once timid, sky gazers, and slow to remember, emerge speaking "in different tongues, as the spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:4).

Today is our Pentecost, individually and as Church. We, Spirit filled, are to be timid, sky gazers, and forgetful NO MORE! We are empowered to go forth into our everydayness and proclaim, "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2: 11).

As it was at the first Pentecost, so it is now. We find ourselves engaged in a great spiritual conflict, "not with flesh and blood, but with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." (Eph 6: 12).

We can emerge triumphant, as Church and individually, IF we daily walk wet in our Baptism; the oil of Confirmation remains fresh, and the fire burns bright. Let us resolve to "draw [our] strength from the Lord and from His mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil". (Eph 6: 10-11).

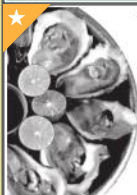
Through the Spirit, this we can be and do. Why? Because "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom 8: 38-39).



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