

# CORPUS CHRISTI



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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### OLPH SCHOOL

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### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

8968 Highway 23 † 504-394-0314

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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.  
**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.

### 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.*

To visit our  
church website  
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code below:







## 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



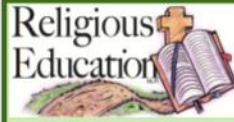
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are usually celebrated after any weekend Mass. Currently we only schedule one family at a time. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The seminar is usually held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel 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).**



### 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).



**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.

**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, June 1, Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr; Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33**

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. M)  
2nd Collection—Building & Maintenance Fund

**Sunday, June 2, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Ex 24:3-8, Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 11:00 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Corpus Christi Procession after 11 a.m. Mass  
2nd Collection—Building & Maintenance Fund  
Confirmation Class, Church—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 3, Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-12**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Church Office Closed  
Altar Society, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 4, 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17**

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.  
Hurricane Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

**Wednesday, June 5, Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr; 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27**

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

**Thursday, June 6, 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34**

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, June 7, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37**

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

**Saturday, June 8, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Lk 2:41-51**

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, June 9, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35**

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

## Mass Intentions

**6/1, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**6/1, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— For the Parishioners

**6/2, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Cathy Madere, Sally Allan, Rennie Coludrovich, Jr., Donald Folse, Sr., Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson

**6/2, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Gary Buras, Eric Hansen, Wayne Perrin, Policar & Alzina Sponge, Theresa L. Bossier, Rosebud L. Dumesnil, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Seth David Chedville, Karen Cappiello, Francis Gainey, Blaze St. Marie, Carol Chauvin, Allyson Kirby, Kevin Hebert

**6/3, Monday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**6/4, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**6/4, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Gus & Leonie LeBlanc

**6/5, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.**— Darrell Roy

**6/6, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.**— Blaze St. Marie

**6/7, Friday, 7:30 a.m.**— Michael G. Tredinich

**6/8, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**6/8, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Jerry Pigniole, Eric Hansen, Larry Avist, Sr., Peter “Trae” Vujnovich III, Johnnie Pennison, Oliver & Margaret Koch, Michael G. Tredinich, Beverly Hebert, Francis Gainey, Mason Cappiello, Darrell Roy, Harold & Mary Pellegrin, Alexandra “Allie” Boteler, Delton & Ethel Lejeune, Evelyn Mistich, Brooks Michael Bourgeois

**6/9, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— For the Parishioners

**6/9, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**— Vincent & Belle Ladner, Eric Hansen, Barbara & Donald Verret, Sr., Seth David Chedville, Blaze St. Marie, Allyson Kirby, Gary Buras, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Kevin Hebert

### Eucharistic



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

(First Friday of the Month)

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

### Adoration

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. Please join us in prayer!*



**HURRICANE PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season; and protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. AMEN



## OLPH School News



Students thoroughly enjoyed the Art Bus followed by a delicious snowball treat by Kona Ice during our in-school field trip.





# OLPH SUMMER Camp

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- Sessions CANNOT Be Swapped

**\* CAMP BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024\***

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## OLPH SCHOOL IS HIRING

### 24/25 SCHOOL YEAR

**OPEN POSITION**  
4TH & 5TH GRADE TEACHER  
& TEACHERS ASSISTANT





**TO APPLY**

SEND YOUR RESUME TO  
[BBREAU@OLPHCSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:BBREAU@OLPHCSCHOOL.ORG)



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

*June—For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes*

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



### Bible Verses for the Year!

*June—KINDNESS*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... Colossians 3:12



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



### TEC Summer Retreats

**What is TEC?** TEC, a Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, offers youth (who have completed at least their sophomore year of high school) and young adults the opportunity to encounter and integrate the Paschal Mystery at a time of passage into young adulthood. What the Church celebrates annually through the seasons of Lent-Easter-Pentecost and through the sacraments of initiation, TEC condenses into a 3-day experience. It provides a lived experience of the essential truths of our faith, drawing youth/young adults to a commitment to Christ and empowering them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Through evangelization and catechesis, this intergenerational movement facilitates spiritual growth of youth and young adults within a community of adult mentors.

**When and Where?** TEC 148 will be held June 22-24, 2024 (registration due June 17, 2024) and TEC 149 will take place July 27-29, 2024 (registration due July 22, 2024) at the Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchatoula, LA. The Cost is \$225.

#### **How to register?**

Online at [www.tecneworleans.com/applications](http://www.tecneworleans.com/applications).

**Questions?** email [tecneworleans@arch-no.org](mailto:tecneworleans@arch-no.org) or visit their website at [www.tecneworleans.com](http://www.tecneworleans.com).



### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

I never noticed it before, but our reading from Mark's gospel is similar to the story in John's gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (John) and a

place for Passover meal (Mark.) Jesus responds to both by giving orders: to the waiters (Jn) and to the apostles (Mk.) And both have miraculous changes: water into wine (Jn); bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood (Mk.) Now the wedding feast showed Jesus replacing the water used for purifying dishes with wine to bring joy to the wedding. He replaced the kosher laws with a new one, the law of love, symbolized by the feast. In our gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' body being broken and his blood poured out for us on the cross. When he gave his life for us, he rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which he becomes our new food and drink.

Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, how has Jesus changed your life? Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Tom Schmidt



### **ATTENTION MEN!**

Westbank ACTS  
Catholic Coalition  
MENS RETREAT

**June 20-23, 2024 at Holy Cross College**

The retreat is open to all men 18 years and older. Registration is \$375 per person (includes housing and meals). A deposit of \$100.00 must be submitted in advance to reserve your place on the retreat, with balance due at check-in on June 20th. Note, financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the Retreat. If you are unable to pay part of the fee, please contact one of the Leadership Team members listed below to make arrangements.

**Check in on Thursday, June 20th at 5:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco;** Retreat ends Sunday, June 23rd with 12 p.m. Return Mass, followed by a fellowship meal. **Round trip transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided for all retreatants.**

The retreat is based on the ACTS model: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends! The goals of the retreat are to allow each person to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community. ***Don't miss this opportunity to renew your spiritual life and become the man God created you to be.***

For Further questions, please reach out to the following:

Kevin Nanney (Director) at (504) 301-6123  
Wade Perrin (Co Director) at (504) 340-6776  
Ray Davis (Co Director) at (504) 495-6630 or  
John Dalton (Spiritual Companion) at (504) 782-5705



### **ATTENTION WOMEN!**

**Women of  
Manresa-Silent  
Women's Retreat**

**June 21-23, 2024**

**Presenter:** Fr. Anthony Rigoli, OMI

**Theme:** "Be still and know that I Am God". In a world where we are always busy and on the go, we long for peace. This retreat calls us to find God in the silence to stillness. How often do we wish for just a day of quiet and peace? We long for those moments where we can reflect and look at our life and enjoy the moment. If you long for peace, this retreat is for you.

**Cost:** \$350.00 per person (includes meals and accommodations) (A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to register with balance due at check-in)

**Time:** Check in is between 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on Friday, and concludes after lunch on Sunday.

**Register:** Go to <https://neworleansretreats.com/june-21-23-2024-1> or call the retreat office at 504-267-9604.

*Next Sunday is the  
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Genesis 3:9-15.** I will make you enemies of each other; your offspring and her offspring.

**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1.** We believe, and therefore, we speak.

**Mark 3:20-35.** It is the end of Satan.



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.*

**Hurricane Mass**

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Kyle will be celebrating a special Mass to pray for us during this Hurricane Season. In the past, our Parish has been greatly affected by storms and he would like to offer this Mass for extra protection.



All are welcome!



**Church Office Closure**

Beginning May 27, 2024, the church office will be closed on Mondays during the summer. If you have an emergency, call the church office and select the voice mail option for emergency. Otherwise, we will get back to you on Tuesday.

**Sponsor of the Week**



Look to the back now! Look and remember to support these businesses when you need a product or service. Also, tell them “thank you” for their interest in Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



**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: **Harold & Mary Pellegrin**, 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*



**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!*

**Online Giving Is Available on Our Website at [www.olphbc.org](http://www.olphbc.org)** (click on Give Online), or simply scan the QR code with your phone. You can easily create your donation account online and make changes at any time.





## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



### Straight Talk

**by: Father William Maestri**  
**Corpus Christi: The Gift**

As we are drawn into the mystery (not a problem to be solved (Marcel) with an overdose of reason (St. Augustine)) of Corpus Christi, we might experience a biblical, theological, and spiritual tsunami. The enormity of Truth revealed may well drown us. We may keep our heads above water by focusing on a few buoys: Christ, Church, and the Christian life.

"The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice... (CCC, No. 1362). This supreme, unique memorial is not simply a passive recalling of some past event. The offering of the Eucharist spans the three phases of time: "Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again." The proclamation of faith reveals Christ as the key which unlocks the mystery of time (St. Augustine), for its meaning, and fulfillment. The Psalmist sings, "My times are in Your hand". (Psalm. 31: 15).

The mysteries of Christ's Passover and time, point us to a future to hope in when He will come again (Rev. 18: 6-8). The Catechism teaches: "Having passed from the world to the Father, Christ gives us the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him...sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (CCC, No. 1419).

Secondly, the Body of Christ points us to the mystery of the Church, for "she is united in him, in his body." (CCC, No. 789). As such, "The Church in this world is the sacrament of salvation, the sign and instrument of the communion of God and men [People of God]." (CCC, No. 780).

This union of Christ and Church is powerfully understood in NUPTIAL terms. Nuptial love is both unitive and procreative - oneness and life giving. Jesus associates himself with the "bridegroom" (Mk 2: 19). The Church, collectively and each member, is referred to as a bride "betrothed" to Christ (Mt 22:1-14; 1 Cor 6: 15-17). In effect, Christ and the Church "become one flesh" (Eph 5: 31-32). Saint Augustine, in his Catechism states, "They [Christ and Church] are two different persons, yet they are one in the conjugal union...as head, he calls himself the "bridegroom", as body, he calls himself 'bride'". In those times when the squalls of history - persecution, scandal and indifference - arise, the words of Jesus are relevant: "You of little faith, why are you afraid?" (Mt 8: 23-27). Saint Paul employs the nuptial imagery of Christ's sacrificial love for the Church: "...Christ is head of the Church,... the savior of the body...Christ loved the Church and handed himself over for her... . This is a great mystery, ...I speak in reference to Christ and the Church." (Eph 5: 21-33).

The feast of Corpus Christi reveals the unbroken union between Christ and His Church (CCC, No. 1324). This oneness between Christ and Church, by extension, draws all the baptized into Christ's Body - the People of God (CCC, No. 782). This oneness of Christ, Church, and the People of God, is expressed by Saints John and Paul.

Saint John employs the Vine and the branches: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5). The fruit that comes forth from the Holy Spirit is fraternal love - love within the community, the love of the Father for the Son, and reveals the perfect love within the Trinity. Such a fraternal love reveals a true disciple and beloved community of Christ (Jn 13: 35).

Saint Paul turns to an analogy between the Church and the human body. Both are comprised of many members. It is only when unified that the body is present. Likewise, the Church is most itself when united (CCC, Nos. 813-16). The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit grants a diversity of gifts (1 Cor 12: 4) to be for the Church as one Body (1Cor 12: 12). However, the Evil One sows the seeds of "division, schisms, heresies, and disputes", in hopes of destroying the Church. Resistance to the Evil One "transcends human powers and gifts" (CCC, No. 822). Hence, we are to open ourselves to the Spirit who bestows that LOVE, "which binds them [gifts] all together in perfect unity." (Col 3: 14).

Corpus Christi. Amen.



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