



# 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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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. & 10:30 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 on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. To begin the process, parents are encouraged to go to our website at [www.olphbc.org](http://www.olphbc.org) to access the forms under Sacraments and return the forms by email or drop off at the Church Office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a seminar prior to the Baptism. The Baptismal Seminar is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Day Chapel. If you need more information or have questions, call the Rectory at (504) 394-0314 or email [cre@olphbc.org](mailto:cre@olphbc.org).

**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).

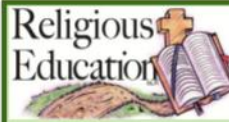
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**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.

**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, 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 10:30 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 with day and time to 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, July 13, Memorial of Saint Henry; Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33**

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)  
Fr. Martin Mwongyera Mission Appeal—All Masses  
KC Installation of New Officers, Church—5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Fr. Martin Mwongyera Mission Appeal—All Masses  
KC Blood Drive, KC Hall—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Monday, July 15, Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34-11:1**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Church Office Closed  
Baptismal Seminar, Day Chapel—7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 16, Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24**

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.  
KC Meeting, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.  
Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

**Wednesday, July 17, Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

**Thursday, July 18, Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19 -21; Mt 11:28-30**

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)

**Friday, July 19, Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8**

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, July 20, Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21**

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. M)  
2nd Collection—Black & Indian Mission, all Masses

**Sunday, July 21, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
2nd Collection—Black & Indian Mission, All Masses

## Mass Intentions

**7/13, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— for the Parishioners

**7/14, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Cathy Madere, Sally Allan, Barbara & Donald Verret, Sr., Rennie Coludrovich, Jr., Nona Turlich Boudreaux, Mitchell Jurisich, Trae (Peter) Vujnovich, III, Dinko Popich, Eva Vujnovich, Marija & Kuzma Tesvich, Sr., Anthony Tesvich, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Dominick Sciortino

**7/14, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**— Eric Hansen, Adrijan Dekovic, Blaze St. Marie, Gary Buras, for the intentions of Annette Joe, for the intentions of Douglas Francois, IV, Fred Brown, Francis Gainey, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet

**7/15, Monday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**7/16, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**— Mitchell Jurisich

**7/16, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Blaze St. Marie

**7/17, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

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

**7/19, Friday, 7:30 a.m.**— Johnnie Pennison

**7/20, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— Anne Fowler

**7/20, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Larry Avist, Sr., Eric Hansen, Beverly Hebert, Amy Treadaway, Loyce Rousselle, Rose Arcement, Annabelle O'Brien, Evelyn Mistich, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Brooks Michael Bourgeois, Darrell Roy, Carroll Pons, Jr., Carolyn Nielsen, Francis Gainey, Dominick Sciortino, Eva Vujnovich, Butch Burlette

**7/21, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— For the Parishioners

**7/21, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**— Joyce Ehrhard, Terry Sponge, Eric Hansen, Blaze St. Marie, Gary Buras, Trae (Peter) Vujnovich, III, Dinko Popich, Eva Vujnovich, Marija & Kuzma Tesvich, Sr., Anthony Tesvich, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet

### ATTENTION!! BAPTISMS & MASS TIME CHANGE

#### SCHEDULE CHANGE

During Covid, Baptisms were celebrated individually after weekend Masses for the safety of the infants and their families. For this reason, and the necessity to disinfect the Church after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass time was changed to 11:00 a.m. We have made the decision to return celebrating Baptisms during Mass in order for the Church Community to witness and be a part of this special Sacrament. With that being said, beginning Sunday, July 7th, we will resume Sunday Mass time at 10:30 a.m. (in lieu of 11:00 a.m. Mass). Further, Baptisms will again be a part of Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Mission Appeal for Kabale Diocese, Uganda



This week, we welcome Fr. Martin Mwongyera. He is doing a Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Kabale. They are seeking financial support for the continued development of their local hospital, their Orphaned and Vulnerable Children program, and for the formation and training of seminarians and catechists. Please be generous.



### KC's Blood Drive

The KC's are having a blood drive on Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the KC Hall. **Please come out and give life by donating blood!!**

## OLPH School News



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

*July—For The Pastoral Care Of The Sick*

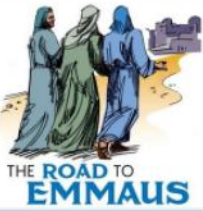
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



### Bible Verses for the Year!

*July—KINDNESS*

A friend owes kindness to one in despair... Job 6:14



## Men's Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the Men's Emmaus Retreat the weekend of **July 26-28, 2024**. The retreat is held at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in beautiful, peaceful Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The retreat begins at 4:00 PM Friday and

ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. **Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans.**

The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24:13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something very special awaits you in Bay St. Louis! Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411, Rick Valadie @ 504-655-8932 or Colin Taulis @ 504-494-4511. Or you can send an email for a registration form at [sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com). You can register for the retreat online at: <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration>



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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Archdiocesan Council of New Orleans' Gala was recently held in June. The winner of the Fine Dining Raffle was Pat Kimble of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie.

**Thanks again to everyone in our community who supported St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

**NOTE: OLPH Belle Chasse St. Vincent dePaul Society's next meeting is on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall, 9016 Highway 23. New members are always welcomed.**



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you or someone you know want to become Catholic? Are you an adult who has never been Confirmed in the Catholic Faith? Our program welcomes people all year long. Everyone can work at their own pace and attend gatherings as they like. Sharing our faith with one another is a huge part of our Baptismal call. For more information you can contact Suzette Perrin at the church office (504) 394-0314 or by email at [cre@olphbc.org](mailto:cre@olphbc.org).



## PSR Catechists and Aides Needed

Our Parish School of Religion could use a little more help this year. In particular we are looking for help in the younger grades – 1st through 3rd. A few of our teachers would like to have a little assistance in the classroom. Classes are held in person once a month on a Wednesday from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping share the faith with the younger parishioners please contact Suzette Perrin in the parish office for a simple interview—504-394-0314.



## Parish School of Religion Registration

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR; also known as CCD) is accepting registration for the 2024-25 school year. We are again using **the Family Faith Formation or Family Catechesis format**, having twice monthly opportunities to gather for activities, plays and Family Masses. Families will continue to work from home at their own pace with the textbook and online quizzes through Loyola Press. Registration forms can be found on our website at <https://olphbc.org/psr-registration-information> and can be handed in at the parish office or placed in the Church's Parcel Drop Box (behind the Rectory), or in the collection basket (marked PSR attn. Suzette Perrin), or mailed in. Below is the amount for the fee. The fee pays for the cost of the books, supplies for the teachers, sanitizing supplies and other miscellaneous items. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Suzette Perrin at [cre@olphbc.org](mailto:cre@olphbc.org) or call the parish office at 504-394-0314.

### REGULAR REGISTRATION

PAID between June 30th & August. 12, 2024

1 Student	\$70.00
2 Students	\$85.00
3 or Family	\$100.00

### LATE REGISTRATION

PAID on or after August 12, 2024

\$80.00
\$95.00
\$110.00

## Next Sunday is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Jeremiah 23:1-6.** The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

**Ephesians 2:13-18.** Christ is the peace between us.

**Mark 6:30-34.** They were as sheep without a shepherd.



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: **Evelyn Mistich**, requested by Dolly Roy; and **Dominick Sciortino**, 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.*



## Newly Baptized In Christ

OLPH would like to welcome our new parishioner that was Baptized in June: **Luca Mateo Serna**, child of Nailu and Alvaro Serna.

Sponsor of the Week:

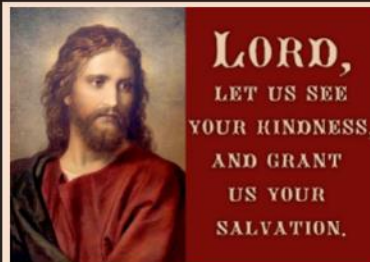


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## Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. If you take it apart, you see that Paul is very encouraging. He is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

He says that we are chosen by God and destined for spiritual blessings: First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. The things of the world, possessions, wealth, or power that pretend to make us happy are replaced with love of God; we then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people. Another blessing Paul notes is adoption by God to a new relationship as brothers and sisters of Christ; holiness is now for all believers, not just priests or religious.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God, or as Paul says, "to bring all things together in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Eph 1:10) Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way. Tom Schmidt

## Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



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## Church Financials Fiscal Month Ending March 31, 2024

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

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## The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

### Human Dignity: Gender Theory and Surrogacy

The parts of the Vatican document which has drawn the most attention, and the most push back, both pro and con, concerns “gender theory” and surrogacy. As “to any sex-change intervention, as a rule, risks threatening the unique dignity the person has received from the moment of conception”. The document makes a distinction between gender-affirming surgeries (rejected), and “genital abnormalities” either at birth or develop later. Such abnormalities can be “resolved” by the appropriate health care professionals.

The document goes on, in a teaching and pastoral vein, to indicate that “every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence.” Furthermore, it [unjust discrimination] should be denounced as contrary to human dignity the fact that, in some places, not a few people are imprisoned, tortured, and even deprived of the good of life solely because of their sexual orientation.”

The document in addressing the issue of surrogacy, affirmed the traditional teaching: “[it is] a grave violation of the dignity of the woman and the child.... A child is always a gift and never the basis of a commercial contract.... Every human life, beginning with that of the unborn child in its mother’s womb, cannot be suppressed, nor become an object of commodity.” The document echoes the teaching of the Church formally expressed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: “Surrogate motherhood represents an objective failure to meet the obligations of maternal love, of conjugal fidelity and responsible motherhood, it offends the dignity and right of the child to be conceived, carried, ...brought into the world and brought up by his own parents...”. The Catechism recognizes the suffering experienced by childless couples: “Spouses to whom God has not granted children can have a conjugal life full of meaning.... Their marriage can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice. (CCC, No.1654).

An authentic teaching must be pastoral, that is, the Church must be with and for those spouses in pain. There must be a genuine solidarity, what Pope Francis terms, “Accompaniment”, that is, a journeying with others. He uses the episode of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24: 13-35): “We need a Church capable of walking at people’s side, of doing more than simply listening to them, a Church which accompanies them on their journey, a Church able to make sense of the “night” ...[like] Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus.... Are we still a Church capable of warming hearts?”

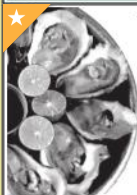
To be such a Church, we must constantly bid the “Stranger”, “Stay with us...the day is almost over.” (Lk 13: 29).



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