



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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## OLPH SCHOOL

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## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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## K.C. HALL

9016 Highway 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** 7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 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

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.*

To visit our church website scan the QR 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 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).

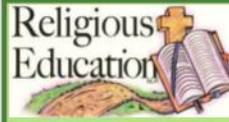
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**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, September 21, Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Cub Scouts Rain Gutter Regatta—9:00 a.m.  
Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass, Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

**Sunday, September 22, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Baptisms during Mass, Church—10:30 a.m.  
Children's Dismissal—10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Retreat & Practice—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 23, Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18**

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

**Tuesday, September 24, Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21**

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

**Wednesday, September 25, Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6**

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

**Thursday, September 26, Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9**

Daily Mass, Church—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
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, September 27, Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest; Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22**

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, September 28, Memorial of Saints Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs, and Wenceslaus, Martyr; Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45**

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)

**Sunday, September 29, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Children's Dismissal—10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Class—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

## Mass Intentions

**9/21, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— For the Parishioners

**9/22, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— Anne Fowler, Dominick Sciortino, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson, Kenneth Pouwels, Sr.

**9/22, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**— Vincent & Adrina Ladner, Al (Pitt) Buras, Blaze St. Marie, Eric Hansen, Eva Vujnovich, Francis Gainey, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Helen Abadie Morris, Sally Jeanfreau, Gary Buras, Allyson Kirby

**9/23, Monday, 7:30 a.m.**— Barbara Verret

**9/24, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**9/24, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**— Evelyn Mistich

**9/25, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.**— Earl J. Bossier

**9/26, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.**— Blaze St. Marie

**9/27, Friday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**9/28, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**— for the intentions of the Priest

**9/28, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**— Larry Avist, Sr., Eric Hansen, Beverly Hebert, Evelyn Mistich, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Francis Gainey, Eva Vujnovich, Carolyn Nielsen, Paul Comeaux, Darrell Roy

**9/29, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.**— For the Parishioners

**9/29, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**— P.G. Stockstill, Blaze St. Marie, Eva Vujnovich, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Helen Abadie Morris, Sanders & Dobard Families, Lynwell Wilson Gary Buras, Allyson Kirby



### Mass for Peace, Justice & Healing—

DUE TO THE IMPENDING HURRICANE WHICH PREVENTED MANY PEOPLE FROM ATTENDING OUR MASS FOR PEACE, JUSTICE & HEALING ON SEPTEMBER 10th, WE HAVE SCHEDULED ANOTHER ONE TO BE CELEBRATED HERE ON TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.



### High School of Religion Registration is OPEN for the 24-25 School Year. If

you have any students who are 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we have an engaging HSR Program for them. It involves packets of work sent home as well as three (3) in person sessions with our catechists. Please go online to our [olphbc.org](http://olphbc.org) website for digital registration. All registration is ONLINE for HSR. Our HSR classes prepare our young adults for Confirmation in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade as well as their future in our Church Community here at OLPH. Questions? Contact Suzette Perrin at (504) 394-0314.



**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



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2024

*September—For the Cry of the Earth*

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



## OLPH School News



Students in the **Imagination Studio** delved into the fascinating world of eye anatomy! They learned about the essential parts of the eye, including the pupil, iris, and cornea. To deepen their understanding, they explored the intriguing concept of "what the blind see" and how vision works.



The **Adventure Studio** students engaged in a fun and interactive method of learning their letters. In addition to practicing the sounds and shapes of each letter verbally and visually, they are also using Play-Doh to create the letters themselves.



**Safety Patrol Crew** during carpool. These dedicated students will be helping to guide cars and ensure that everyone follows safety procedures during morning drop-off. Their involvement not only helps keep our carpool running smoothly but also instills a sense of responsibility and pride in serving their peers and school.





## OLPH Fair News

### OLPH GLOWS WILD

**2024 OLPH Parish Fair**  
**Friday, October 11, 2024 -**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

#### FAIR SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor, please visit [www.olphbc.org](http://www.olphbc.org) fair page for the form.

#### Platinum Sponsor: \$2,000.00

- Full Color Large Stage Banner
- Full Color Highway Banner
- Electronic Ad on OLPH Marquis on Hwy. 23
- T-Shirt Advertisement
- Parish Bulletin Insert Recognition
- Recognition in School Newsletter
- P.A. Recognition During Fair

#### Gold Sponsor: \$1,500.00

- Full Color Highway Banner
- Electronic Ad on OLPH Marquis
- T-Shirt Advertisement
- Parish Bulletin Insert Recognition
- P.A. Recognition During Fair

#### Silver Sponsor: \$750.00

- Full Color Highway Banner
- Parish Bulletin Insert Recognition
- P.A. Recognition During Fair

#### Bronze Sponsor: \$300.00

- Booth Sign
- Parish Bulletin Insert Recognition
- P.A. Recognition During Fair

If you are interested in a different type of sponsorship or adding anything onto your package, please let us know!



### OLPH FAIR POSTERS

Fair posters will be sold after all masses in the back of church. There are a limited number of copies and are \$40 each.

#### Reverse Collection Items

If you didn't get an item from the reverse collection last weekend but would still like to donate, please contact the Church Office at 504-394-0314.

### 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Fair 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold after all masses at the back of church. **Last year's Raffle Ticket Winner won \$22,182.50, so please don't miss out on a chance to win at the Fair.**

OLPH Fair would like to thank Wayne Breaux Electrical for the 2024 raffle ticket sponsorship.

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fair Raffle

October 11th - October 13th  
BIG 50/50 Raffle

#### BIG 50/50 Drawing:

Sunday, October 13th, 2024  
Winner Need to Not Be Present  
Live Bands, Food and much more!  
\$5/Ticket

Donations Benefit OLPH Church and School

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### PRE-FAIR VOLUNTEERS/BOOTH CAPTAINS/SHIFT WORKERS

Lots of work goes into the fair *before* the gates open. **Weekday, Evening and Weekend help is all needed whether you have an extra hour or can make a weekly commitment. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, please contact Amie at (504) 654-6078 or email [olph-fairchairs@gmail.com](mailto:olph-fairchairs@gmail.com).**

**We are also in need of volunteers to help with booths, games and ticket sales. Sign up is in the back of church after Masses or contact Amie Hebert by phone at (504) 654-6078 or email [olphfairchairs@gmail.com](mailto:olphfairchairs@gmail.com). Sign up can also be done via "Sign Up Genius" by scanning the QR code to the right.**

**The gifts of your time and talent are much appreciated and essential to the success of the Fair. Please sign up to be a part of this year's Fair.**



## OLPH 2024 FAIR

**OCT. 11<sup>TH</sup> - OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**FRI. AARON FORET 8-11 PM**

**SAT. BOOT HILL 4-7 PM**

**KINGS OF NEON 8-11 PM**

**SUN. THE STRAYS 12-2:30 PM**

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## Flea Market!

We are happy to announce that Belinda Gaile, Cindy Liebel, and Peggy Gatti will be chairing the Flea Market this year!! OLPH Parish Community sends a BIG "thank you" to each of them for their efforts and willingness to help make our Fair a success! If you have questions about donations, please call Belinda Gaile at (504) 912-1226.

### TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE! WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

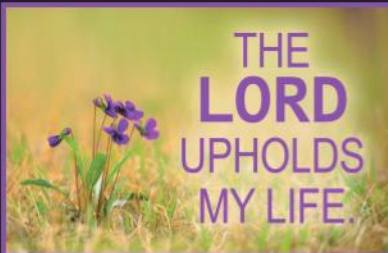
Please save items to donate for our fair Flea Market. The items that sell the best are kitchen items, toys, bedding and holiday decorations. NOTE: The flea market does NOT sell shoes, clothes, computers or electronics. We will begin receiving items starting on September 14, 2024. **Thank YOU for your support!**

*Next Sunday is the  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Numbers 11:25-29.** Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all men may prophesy?

**James 5:1-6.** Your wealth is rotting.

**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.** Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.



**What Makes  
You Happy?**

St. James message of peace is as true now as it was two thousand years ago. Where else do wars and terrorism

come from, than people holding on to wealth, power, or hatred? But the message James shares, and that of Jesus in the gospel, is a simple call to be different. Neither of them condemns anyone. They call us to look at what we really want and what truly brings happiness.

Jesus' disciples argued about who was greatest. We are no different today. We have to learn that having the latest gadget, the most expensive cell-phone, or the latest-model car are at best temporary delights. And that being admired by acquaintances is never as lasting as loving someone for themselves. Can we learn to be more excited about what God has done for us than what we did to improve our home? Can we share our faith in God's mercy instead of bragging about our golf or bowling scores?

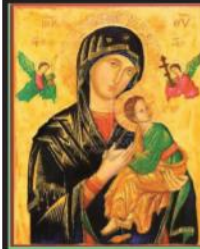
St. James ends our second reading with a challenging statement: He says we ask but don't receive because we ask wrongly. How often do we desire things that won't really make us happy? Do we pray for things we don't really need? Let us ask God to show us his love and to help those around us to experience it too. Tom Schmidt

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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:** (a) An intention may be for the deceased or the living (i.e. "The Healing of...", "The intentions of ..."); (b) Each weekend, one Mass is reserved for "All Parishioners' Intentions."; (c) Only one intention can be offered at each Weekday Mass, except for Holy Days of Obligations that fall during the week; and (d) 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: **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family.

*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.*



The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: **Vincent & Adrina Ladner**, requested by Jakov & DeeAnna Jurisic; and **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family.

*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.*

**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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

### Let's ALL be FAIR!

The best window into the American soul was written by Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-54) during his visit to America (he visited New Orleans). His Democracy in America (Vols. I-IV), are a true classic. As the parish fair is about to begin, his thoughts about association and participation are helpful.

Civic associations (citizens voluntarily joining together for some common purpose), in their number and variety, were considered a unique aspect of American life: Tocqueville wrote: "Americans of all ages, conditions, and all dispositions, constantly unite together.... To hold fetes, found seminaries....construct churches....dispatch missionaries....establish hospitals, prisons, schools...if they wish to highlight a truth...they form [an association]."

Tocqueville believed that associations exist for two reasons. First, to solve common problems: "Among democratic nations all citizens are independent; they can achieve nothing by themselves...a state of impotence, if they do not learn to help each other voluntarily." Second, associations draw individuals out of their "comfort zones", and this helps citizens to appreciate the daily challenges others face. One's narrow, protective bubble of concern is burst open to a wider perception and perspective of life together. Furthermore, the individual must learn to work with others and their differing gifts. In so doing, the individual can learn the "people skills" of collaboration, compromise, and investing in the common good. For Tocqueville this was "The only way opinions and ideas can be renewed, hearts enlarged and minds developed...through the reciprocal influence of men upon each other."

The importance of civic associations is their MEDIATING role between an isolating individualism (Me-ism) and a large, central paternalistic government (Big Brother/ Nanny State), which produces "a flock of timid and hardworking animals." Tocqueville's valuing of civic associations reflects two basic principles of Catholic Social Thought (CST): solidarity (a walking with those in need and promoting the common good, CCC, Nos. 2437-49), and subsidiarity (respecting the gifts and wisdom of the local community, CCC, No. 1883). Tocqueville held that the local labs of social well-being originated within the dynamic genius of local associations: "the knowledge of how to form associations is the mother of all knowledge since the success of all the others depend on it."

The parish fair is a prime example of civic association and Church community. Of the many meanings of the word 'parish', the Ancient Greek (paroikos) means, "dwelling beside". Hence, a parish is a group of people who share a common space. A Catholic parish fair is also the sharing of a common faith, a faith which is 'catholic' as to universal - "all y'all come!" Events of food, feasting, and fun, strengthen bonds of friendship and establish new ones. A parish fair reminds us we are stronger together than alone; more blessed when we welcome the gifts of others; and less isolated when discovering there is much more common ground than battle ground we share with others.

A parish fair is one which embraces PARTICIPATION - a gathering of the many to affirm the common good (CCC, Nos 1913-17). The various barriers of race, creed, gender, politics, etc. that separate, crumble in the light of a common humanity shared in Jesus Christ: "There is neither Jew or Greek, slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28).

A parish fair is a grace-moment in which the civic and religious spheres transcend a wall of separation, build bridges of cooperation, and brings forth the "finer angels" (Lincoln) which "improve the conditions of human life." (CCC, No. 1916).

Finally, a parish fair signals a future to hope in. How? A parish fair connects the generations - the zest of the young (novice) with the wisdom of the veteran, drawing from the heart those treasures too often buried and unappreciated (Mt 13:44-6). The parish fair uncovers real treasures and recognizes lasting value. The parish fair extends beyond the present and encourages us "to think that the future of humanity is in the hands of those who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism [HOPE]". (Gaudium et spes 30.1).

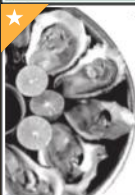
May these days be times of unity in the Spirit, who gives "different forms of service...but [it is] the same God who produces all of them in everyone [for] some benefit...the same Spirit produces all of these." (1 Cor 12:4-11). Amen.



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