



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

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

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

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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.

Sacraments



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Due to demand, some months may be eliminated or another day or time may be chosen by the family if it is available on the church schedule of events." To begin the process, parents are encouraged to go to our website at 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.

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.

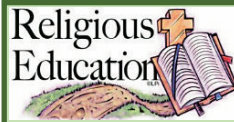
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact the Church Office or email cre@olphbc.org.



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 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.

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

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)
Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. (CANCELLED)
Vigil Mass, School Cafeteria—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday, Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39; Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Masses, School Cafeteria—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M)
Confirmation (Parent/Student) Meeting, School Cafeteria—5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. *Note, location changed to School Cafeteria*

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

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)
Church Office Closed
Gospel of John Class, School Classroom—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

Tuesday, June 10, 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—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. (CANCELLED)
Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Day Chapel—6:50 p.m.
Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Wednesday, June 11, Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle; Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:17-19

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. K)
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment
KC Meeting, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

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

Friday, June 13, Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church; 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—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, June 14, 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—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, June 15, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. M) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. K)
2nd Collection—Capital Campaign (All Masses)



Attention Parishioners! Our new pews will be installed in the church this week. During this time, the main body of the church will be closed. Weekend Masses on June 7th and 8th will be held in the School Cafeteria and all weekday Masses will be held in the Day Chapel. Confessions will be cancelled on Saturday, June 7th and Tuesday, June 10th. As always, you can call the Church office to schedule an appointment.

Mass Intentions

6/7, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Dominick J. Sciortino, Sandra “Sandy” Longley, Donna Pobrica, Jacqueline Cain, Irwin Cooper, III, Johnny Arcement, Vernon Devillier, Sr., Ferdinand Von Behren, Margaret Laughlin, Arturo Yap, Francis Gainey, Alexandra “Allie” Boteler, Audrey Creppel Treme’, Darrell Roy, Geraldine Arnold, Archie & Josie Lyles, Amy Pignolo Armstrong, Donris Jeanfreau, Samuel Tague, Jemi LaHaye Carlone, Missy Tobia

6/8, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

6/8, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Blaze St. Marie, Samuel Tague, Amy Pignolo Armstrong, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Armond Dinot, Jr.

6/9, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

6/10, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

6/10, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Blaze St. Marie

6/11, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.— Armond Dinot, Jr.

6/12, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— Kerry Casler

6/13, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

6/14, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

6/14, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

6/15, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Sally Allan, Armond Dinot, Jr., Collins J. Duet

6/15, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Helen Abadie Morris, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Blaze St. Marie, Ernest Adolph, Ellis Robeaux, Sr., Ante I. Tesvich, Donna Pobrica, Jacqueline Cain, Kerry M. Casler, Sandra Longley, Francis Gainey, Kuzma Tesvich, Sr., Samuel Tague, Darrell Roy, Amy Pignolo Armstrong, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Jemi LaHaye Carlone



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



Confirmation Preparation Classes

The sacrament of Confirmation is conferred in the Junior year of high school (11th grade) in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. OLPH celebrates this sacrament in the Fall each year. There will be a Parent/Student Meeting on **Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM** in the school cafeteria to go over all requirements for preparation for the sacrament. High school students in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools should attend and register for Confirmation as soon as possible. Registration can be done through our website at www.olphbc.org/hsr-forms. For more information check our website or contact Suzette Perrin at the church office at (504) 394-0314.

OLPH School News



Adventure Studio wrapped up the school year with a joyful 'Campfire Day'—a celebration of togetherness, play, and plenty of s'mores! A memorable send-off to a great year.



Some of our students went on a field trip to the State Capital in Baton Rouge.



Teachers and Staff End of School Year Luncheon.



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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

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

Canned Fruit (any kind)	Mashed Potatoes
Canned Soup (any kind)	Rice
Canned Chili	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Chicken	Spaghetti Noodles
Canned Red Beans	Shelf-Stable Milk
Canned White Beans	Cookies (any kind)
Dry Beans (any kind)	Cereal (any kind)
Tuna Fish	Grits (small boxes)
Vegetable Soup	Oatmeal (small boxes)
Pork'n Beans	Pancake Mix
Stuffing Mix	Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter (large size)	Jelly
Chef Boyardee microwave-able meals (lasagna, meatballs, spaghetti, etc.)	Diapers and Wipes (adult and baby are accepted)

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Registration: ARCHBISHOP Shaw's Website

<https://www.archbishopshaw.org/ministry/worship/womens-acts-retreat/>

What is the ACTS retreat? ACTS is a well prepared retreat put on by a Catholic Apostolate, It's lay led program and is facilitated by a team of women who prepare well to help you grow in faith. It is nation-wide but is growing now in Louisiana. We intend for ACTS to be an annual event for the Westbank Ladies in various parishes on our side of the river.

Why go? Why go on this retreat for 3 days? Why take so much time from your schedule? This retreat can help you change your life. Set your life's course stronger with God for the rest of your journey.

Whose going? 30- 50 women..... From different parishes ON THE WESTBANK—That's right—we are—west-bank coalition!

Just go! What are you waiting for—this will help transform your life—it's time!

**Register online or Mail checks to
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ACTS WOMEN'S RETREAT

June 19-22, 2025

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Presents

A Journey Aboard Biblical Eagle 4:

The Gospel of John

The Gospel of John is one of the most rewarding, theologically and spiritually, in the whole of Scripture. At the same time the Fourth Gospel illuminates our DAILY PILGRIMAGE, following Jesus, in the Spirit, to our heavenly Father who is LOVE.



DESCRIPTION:

Passengers will be introduced to the Gospel of John (Fourth Gospel) by way of a Chapter-by-chapter analysis of the text. Some of the highlights include: Seven Signs; Seven I AM Sayings of Jesus; Jesus' dialogues on Born Again; Bread of Life; Water of Life; Eternal Life; Discipleship; and the struggles between: Sin/Grace, Darkness/Light, Disbelief/Belief, and Fear/Love.

INFORMATION:

Departure:

Monday, June 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. from terminal OLPH School Facility.

Length of Journey:

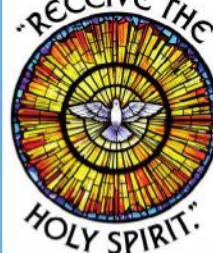
Each Monday, beginning on June 2nd and arrival on December 15th at a stable in Bethlehem.

Luggage:

Carry-on.
BIBLE IS REQUIRED for boarding.

The Eagle 4 will be piloted by **Fr. William F. Maestri**.
The aircraft has an ever-expanding pressurized cabin space. The doors are opened...

To ALL – “Welcome Aboard!”



Teach and Remind

I'm not very good at telling jokes. I like them, but after I hear one and laugh at it, I let it go and forget it. I suspect this doesn't just apply to jokes. The Gospel today hints that the disciples may have had the same weakness when Jesus says the Spirit will “teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you” (John 14:26).

Jesus spent three years teaching his disciples and showing them how much God loves them and how to love their neighbor. He used parables as examples and miracles as signs of the Father's love. He answered their questions and explained things privately. Knowing that this would still not be enough, he promised to send the Spirit after he had risen. You have to experience some things to understand them. And that is what the disciples would do. When they received the Spirit after Jesus' resurrection, they also began to do the things Jesus talked about. They fed the poor and healed the sick. Thus they began to experience Jesus in those around them. They would remember what Jesus had taught them and apply it in their lives. They even accepted suffering for their faith.

We too can receive that promise from Jesus to have the Spirit teach and remind us. As we share our faith with others, we begin to experience Jesus in them. As we listen to the Lord in prayer, we are reminded of passages in the Bible and we begin to understand how they apply in our lives. May the Holy Spirit teach and remind us of the signs of God's love. **Tom Schmidt**

Next Sunday is The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

Proverbs 8:22-31. Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Romans 5:1-5. To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

John 16:12-15. Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.



**Newly Baptized
In Christ**

OLPH would like to welcome our new parishioners that were Baptized in May:

Margaret Ann Golden Smales, child of Sarah and Anthony Smales; **Lily Jo Gilcrease**, child of Frances and Brad Gilcrease; and **Elliot John Landry**, child of Jessica and Jordan Landry.

Sponsor of the Week:



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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 week-end, 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: **Mervin "Buddy" Burlette**, 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.

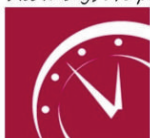


The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of:

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.

Stewardship
All things are possible with God.



Devote Time



Share Talent



Give Treasure



A way of life

Church Financials

Year to Date through April 30, 2025

	Operating	Maintenance	Cap. Campaign	Total
Income before Fair, Maint. & Capital	487,704			487,704
Fair Proceeds	91,000			91,000
Maintenance Monthly Collections		51,510		51,510
Capital Campaign Collections			30,016	30,016
Expenses	(578,192)	(53,859)	(289,762)	(921,813)
Total YTD Actuals	\$ 511	\$ (2,349)	\$ (259,745)	\$ (261,583)

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

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Straight Talk

by: **Father William Maestri**
DYNAMIC of Pentecost

The Catholic Tradition is essentially an INTEGRATED one, that is, whenever possible truth is revealed as BOTH/ AND rather than EITHER/ OR: Faith AND Reason, Grace AND Nature, Spirit AND Law, Tradition AND Creative Advance, Divine AND Human, etc. So, it is with Pentecost - BOTH noun and verb; contemplation and action. The Catholic Church welcomes Martha and Mary (Lk 10: 38-42); the prodigal and stay at home; the lost sheep and the faithful pasture ninety-nine (Lk 15: 3-7). (See Francis George's discussion on 'An Integrated Life', pp. 18-44 in A Godly

Humanism.)

Pentecost has a backstory worthy of note. The Pentecost Event extends from the Genesis beginning (Gen 1:2); through the ups and downs of God's Love Story with Israel; to the Emmanuel revelation in a crib (Mt 1:23); the three year public ministry of Jesus (Lk 4:17); Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:16-17); the reappearance of the One given up for dead, raised from the dead by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11); Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit at his ascension (Acts 1:1-11); and Jesus' promise kept on that first Christian Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

The setting of the Pentecost is deceptively ordinary, which usually means the extraordinary is soon to be revealed.

The disciples and Mary are together at the end of the Jewish Pentecost (*Shavuot*: commemorating God giving Moses the Torah (Ex 19:25)), fifty days after Passover. Into their midst "suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the whole house." Along with the wind "there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them". (Acts 2:2). With the tongues of fire "they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:3-4).

In St. Luke's account of Pentecost, five elements deserve our attention.

1. Strong, driving wind from the sky. The presence of wind recalls the beginning of creation in which "a mighty wind" came over the formlessness and set the stage for creation (Gen 1: 1-3).
2. Filled the whole house. The house symbolizes the cosmos in which the Spirit is omnipresent. The Psalmist declares: "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." (Ps. 33).
3. Tongues of fire. Fire represents the powerful, protective presence of God (Ex 13: 21). Fire represents purification that will occur with the coming of the Messiah (Mal 3: 2-3). Fire is also a time of decision as to following Jesus or rejecting him (Lk 12: 49-50).
4. Speak in different tongues. The story of the Tower of Babel explains the origin of the many languages as a punishment by God in response to Israel's infidelity and desire to be autonomous. The many languages result in confusion and division (Gen 11:5-9).
5. Speaking in his own language. With the Spirit, the disciples go forth to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Even though there are Jews "from every nation", the disciples, Spirit filled, are able to be understood; each according to one's own language (Acts 2:5-41). The Gospel is the UNIVERSAL GOOD NEWS, for Jews and Greek, that is to be preached to the whole world (Mt 28:19-20) until he comes again (Rev 22:13).

The Pentecost Christian life is dynamic - receiving the Holy Spirit, and being sent forth to live and share the Gospel. Such a life is an ECCLESIAL one, that is, being part of a community (CHURCH) - a member of the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27); a branch engrafted to Jesus, the True Vine (Jn 15:5). The blood of the Body and the sap of the True Vine is LOVE (1Cor 13:13; Jn 15:16-17).

To each of US, this OUR Pentecost; OUR time of the Spirit. NOW is the acceptable time for US to receive, be sent forth, and in solidarity with those before, now, and yet to come, who have, are, and will DAILY die to self, carry one's cross, and follow Jesus (Mk 8:34).

May it be said of us and the Church, now and about generations waiting in the web of time: "[We are] not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Rom 1:16).

Come, Holy Spirit, come!



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