



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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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.

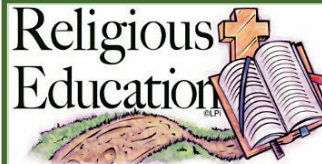
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

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.

CHILDREN'S 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 Finding God LIVE sessions 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.

OCIA (aka RCIA): Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or completing Sacraments? If so, please join our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). We have a Year-Round OCIA process that you can enter into whenever you are ready. 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. 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 or to register, you can contact Suzette Perrin at the Church Office (504) 394-0314 or send an email to cre@olphbc.org.

Scripture Readings & Events this Week

Saturday, September 20, Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs; 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

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)
Catechetical Sunday (All Masses)

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Masses, Church—8:00 a.m. (Fr. K) & 10:30 a.m. (Fr. M)
KC Mass & Blood Drive—8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
2nd Collection—Capital Campaign (All Masses)
Catechetical Sunday (All Masses)
Confirmation Class, Church—5:00—6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 22, Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment
Gospel of John Class, KC Hall—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

Tuesday, September 23, Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

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

Wednesday, September 24, Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; 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
PSR Class, Church—4:45 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25, Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; 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
HSR Parent/Student Meeting, Church—6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul District Meeting, KC Hall—6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Church—7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26, Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

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, September 27, Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest; Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

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, September 28, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions

9/20, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

9/21, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Eugene & Edna Fagnano, Sally Allan, Cathy Madere, Evan Michael Johnson, Roger Sharpe, Lois Danos Becnel

9/21, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Eugene & Edna Fagnano, Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Blaze St. Marie, Francis Gainey, Samuel Tague, Amy Pignoli Armstrong, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Leroy Webre, Leslie Beyer, Brian North, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Duffel, Allyson Kirby, Kate Popic, Lorelei Cazaubon, Bertha Danos

9/22, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/23, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/23, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Blaze St. Marie

9/24, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/25, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/26, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/27, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

9/27, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Sandra "Sandy" Longley, Al "Pitt" Buras, Jacqueline Bubrig Cain, Francis Gainey, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Amy Pignoli Armstrong, Samuel Tague, Darrell Roy, Larry Avist, Sr., Trena Avist, Avist & Wilson Families, Evan Michael Johnson, Ferdinand Von Behren, Ruth & Bob Bostick, Mabel & Bernard Becnel, Roy Wingard, Wade & Barbara Bolotte, Evelyn Mistich

9/28, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

9/28, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Blaze St. Marie, Wade J. Bolotte, Earl J. Bossier, Mae Rita Plaisance, Samuel Tague, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet, Leroy Webre, Dorothy Jean Vincent, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Duffel, Allyson Kirby, Kate Popic, Lorelei Cazaubon, Bertha Danos



2025-2026 HSR Registration is OPEN

If you have any students who are 9th through 12th grade, we have an engaging **High School of Religion** Program for them. It involves packets of work sent home as well as three (3) in person sessions with our catechists. *Registration for HSR is ONLINE only.* Please go to our olpbc.org website for digital registration. **Fees can be paid in person on Thursday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. when we meet with parents and students.** Our HSR classes prepare our young adults for Confirmation in the 11th grade as well as their future in our Church Community here at OLPH. Questions? Contact Suzette Perrin in the parish office at (504) 394-0314.



Children's Dismissal will resume next Sunday, September 28th.

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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



CROSS COUNTRY

First Cross Country Meet for our Hornets!
Thanks to Coach Jen for helping our kids to become amazing athletes!



Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for 2025

September—For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



2025 OLPH Fair News

Friday, October 10, 2025—Sunday, October 12, 2025



Reverse Collection

If you didn't get an item from the reverse collection at Mass on September 13th & 14th but would still like to donate, please contact the Church Office at 504-394-0314.

FLEA MARKET CHAIRMAN NEEDED!

The flea market is a staple of the fair. This important volunteer sets us work days and leads the volunteers. If you are interested in chairing the Flea Market, please contact the Church office at 504-394-0314. **NOTE, the Flea Market can be chaired by two or more people.**



TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE! WE NEED YOUR DONTIONS!

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. Now accepting donations!**

Thank YOU for your support!

FAIR SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

If you would like to sponsor, please visit www.olphbc.org fair page for the form

PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$5,000.00

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GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,500.00

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

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- 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



PRE-FAIR VOLUNTEERS

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. The fair chairs will be working on the grounds on **Saturday, September 27th and Saturday, October 4th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, and weekdays beginning Monday, September 29th through Thursday, October 9th (excluding Friday, October 3rd) from 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, please contact Amie at (504) 654-6078 or email olphfairchairs@gmail.com.**

OLPH 2025 FAIR	
OCT. 10TH - OCT. 12TH	
FRI. AARON FORET	8-11 PM
SAT. FLOW TRIBE	4-7 PM
CATEGORY 6	
SUN. THE STRAYS	12-2:30 PM
PEYTON FALGOUT BAND 3-6:30 PM	
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50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle Tickets will be sold after all masses at the back of church. Raffle tickets can also be picked up at the school office during school hours or the rectory. OLPH Fair would like to thank Wayne Breaux Electrical for the 2025 raffle ticket sponsorship.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Fair Raffle

October 10th - October 12th
BIG 50/50 Raffle

BIG 50/50 Drawing:

Sunday, October 12th, 2025
Winner Need to Not Be Present
Live Bands, Food and much more!
\$5/Ticket

Donations Benefit OLPH Church and School

Lot No. 4-101

FAIR VOLUNTEERS: BOOTH CAPTAINS and SHIFT WORKERS

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. 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.**



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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7. You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

1 Timothy 6:11-16. Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Luke 16:19-31. During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.



The flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family; **Barbara Quartana & Anthony Quartana, III**, requested by Laura & Gavin Quartana; and **Larry Avist, Sr.**, requested by 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.

DUE TO THE INCREASING PRICES OF FLOWERS, STARTING IN JANUARY 2026, THE DONATION FOR CHURCH FLOWERS WILL INCREASE TO \$75.



The Clever Crook: The parable in today's the Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more. The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

Tom Schmidt



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: **Eugene & Edna Fagnano**, requested by Malcolm Ledet; **Cathy Madere**, requested by The Madere Family; **Barbara Quartana & Anthony Quartana, III**, requested by Laura & Gavin Quartana; and **Henrietta "Hank" Jacksina Barber**, requested by Dutch Jacksina.

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.

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**Church Financials
Year to Date through May 31, 2025**

	Operating	Maintenance	Total Before CC	Cap. Campaign	Total
Income before Fair, Maint. & Capital	525,673		525,673		525,673
Fair Proceeds	91,000		91,000		91,000
Maintenance Monthly Collections		55,821	55,821		55,821
Capital Campaign Collections				34,253	34,253
Expenses	(626,072)	(53,859)	(679,931)	(306,137)	(986,068)
Total YTD Actuals	\$ (9,399)	\$ 1,962	\$ (7,437)	\$ (271,884)	\$ (279,321)



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Straight Talk by: Father William Maestri IS GOD PRESENT?

A big part of our conventional wisdom holds that our culture is secularized, and increasingly so.

A corollary to the secularization thesis is a corresponding decline in traditional and institutional forms of religious practice and belief. There is a good deal of data to support the inevitable extinction of religion.

A second corollary to the secularization thesis, and following from the first corollary, is the

proposition that the relentless advance of our "brave new world", the world of science and technology, will open the way to an earthly paradise and the emergence of a new humanity. This "new creation and being" will be freed from the opium of religion, the shackles of oppressive moral codes, and the tyrannical demands of our projected god; a god we created to calm our fears, but in reality, a god who kept us from full actualization.

Before we offer a final blessing to religion, there are signs that it is the "death of religion" mantra that is waning. In fact, it is religion that is experiencing a "re-birth" (a resurrection?), not only among "the masses" but this revival is taking hold among the learned and clever. For example, the following three books, recently published, are worth our consideration. Each in their own way are NOT only taking note of this "awakening", but they are SUPPORTIVE of this renewal.

Consider the following brief "tease" about each book.

Book One: Living in Wonder by Rod Dreher contends that reality is much "thicker" than daily reality being REDUCED to that which can only be fit into the scientific method (quantified, measured, and predicted/repeated by experimental verification). In the words of Shakespeare's Hamlet, "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 5). Dreher contends that this "more" is found in the marrow of our daily life, in the MYSTICAL: "We Christians have a mission to focus our attention on Christ...to purify the eyes of our hearts so that we can see the holiness all around us and share in the life of God." (p. 256).

Book Two: Believe by Ross Douthat (a Catholic weekly columnist for the New York Times (this is NOT a misprint)). He begins by laying out the case FOR materialism, atheism, and scientism. He avoids presenting them as "straw arguments", but presents them fairly and in their best light.

Douthat then moves to address their strongest points and responds respectfully, drawing on faith and reason. In his last chapter, "A Case Study: Why I AM a Christian" he writes: "I've had a wide range of encounters with religion in my forty-five years. I've read and argued and considered a lot of different currents and ideas, and I don't think I've had any special guidance leading anywhere except Christianity in general, Catholic Christianity in particular.... So, in that sense it would be both reckless and ungrateful for me to go anywhere except where I've ended up." (p. 189).

The Third Book for consideration by Jordan B. Peterson, We Who Wrestle With God, is a departure from the last two. That is, Peterson invites us to understand our present situation through the distant mirror of old acquaintances - Adam and Eve, the eternal serpent, Cain and Abel, Noah, Babel, Abraham, Moses, and Jonah. In their "wrestling" with God we are their "tag-team" partners. For down through the long corridors of history, it is our daily struggle to team up with God and NOT be "pinned" by the cunning tactics of the Evil One.

Peterson concludes with this: "At every moment of consciousness, we are fated to wrestle with God" (p. xxxi). Why? Because God loves us and beckons us to live UPWARD and bring to consciousness God's luring, non-coercive, loving presence: "God...is the spirit that leads up [ward]. Man is the being who struggles with that spirit" (p. xxxi). Yet it is in the struggle that strength is born. It is in the wrestling with God that we become ever closer, and God closer to us.

Again Peterson: "The life and words of Jesus dramatize and describe upward - striving abandonment of all that is INSUFFICIENT [egoism, pride, lust, etc.]." Rather, we are to be one with our biblical heroes and heroines who "kept their covenant with the divine, realized their true nature, and adopted the responsibility of walking with God." (p. 503).

In our daily wrestling and walking with God, we too shall "realize OUR true nature".



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