



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.

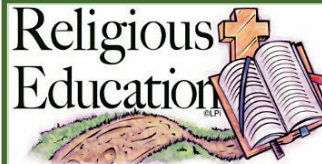
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

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, October 18, Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist; 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

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, October 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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

2nd Collection—Capital Campaign

Confirmation Retreat, Church—10:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20, Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

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

Tuesday, October 21, Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

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.
KC Officers Meeting, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.
Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Day Chapel—6:50 p.m.
Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

Wednesday, October 22, Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

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, October 23, Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

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

Friday, October 24, Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

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, October 25, Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

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, October 26, Thirtieth 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.

Anointing of the Sick—All Masses

2nd Collection—World Mission

Mass Intentions

10/18, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

10/19, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Joyce C. Ehrhard, Sally Allan, Cathy Madere, Evan Michael Johnson, Roger Sharpe, Lois Danos Becnel, Morris Hartt, Jr.

10/19, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert, Pat & Dolly Stakelum, Blaze St. Marie, Francis Gainey, Samuel Tague, Leroy Webre, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Bowers Duffel, Lorelei Cazaubon, Patricia Allo, Daniel Brandt, for the healing of Myrna Buras, for the intentions of Robert Buras, for the intentions of Gary Pennison

10/20, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— Marie C. Chabaud

10/21, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

10/21, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Ray Oncale

10/22, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.— Rosemary (Schaubhut) Hebert

10/23, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

10/24, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— Russell A. Chabaud, Sr.

10/25, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

10/25, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Sandra Longley, Francis Gainey, Amy Pignolo Armstrong, Samuel Tague, Ferdinand Von Behren, Evan Michael Johnson, Roy Wingard, Morris Hartt, Jr.

10/26, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

10/26, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Blaze St. Marie, Wade J. Bolotte, Mae Rita Plaisance, Samuel Tague, Leroy Webre, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Bowers Duffel, Patricia Allo, Daniel Brandt, for the healing of Myrna Buras



Anointing the sick

Anointing Of The Sick

*Jesus came to heal
the whole person, body and soul.*

**Rite of Anointing will be offered
after all Masses next weekend,
October 25th & 26th.**

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.



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



Families, students and their beloved pets recently gathered together for a Pet Blessing in celebration of the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*. We are so grateful for this special tradition that reminds us of God's creation and the joy our furry (and feathered!) friends bring into our lives.





A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for joining us and helping us to make the 2025 OLPH Fair successful!

We hope you enjoyed the fair weekend and that you were able to connect with others in our community. We value your support and look forward to seeing you at next year's fair.



2025 OLPH Fair Royal Court!!

The following students sold more than \$14,000 in tickets! Thanks for all of your hard work!!



King - Parker Young

Queen - Kamryn Thomas

Prince - Braxton Huff

Princess - Blakely Huff

Royal Court:

Vale Davis

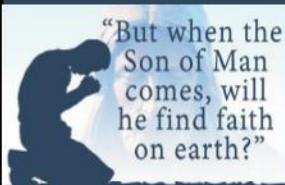
Roman Gravolet

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Juliet Bordelon

Saylor Fremin

CONGRATULATIONS!



"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

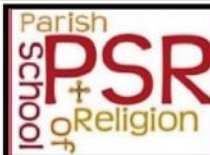
Perseverance—In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our

prayers. St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people. Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home.

Tom Schmidt



PSR Pet Blessing & Outdoor Mass was recently held in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



*Next Sunday is the
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)*

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18. The prayer of the humble man will penetrate the heavens.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18. All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Luke 18:9-14. The publican returned home justified; the pharisee did not.



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: **Ray Oncale**, requested by Family; **Francis X. Bel, Jr.**, requested by Phil & Suzanne Taylor; **Iris Bel & Francis X. Bel, Sr.**, requested by Phil & Suzanne Taylor; and **Russell & Marie Chabaud**, requested by Marie Amedee.

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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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 flowers in church this week were donated in loving memory of: **Russell & Marie Chabaud**, requested by Marie Amedee; **Deceased Cazenave Family**, requested by Marie Amedee; and **Deceased Chabaud Family**, requested by Marie Amedee.

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.



Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for 2025

October—For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

**Church Financials
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025**

	Operating	Maintenance	Oper. & Maint. Total	Cap. Campaign
Income before Fair, Maint. & Capital	560,309		560,309	
Fair Proceeds	91,000		91,000	
Maintenance Monthly Collections		67,909	67,909	
Capital Campaign Collections				38,811
Expenses	(675,027)	(53,859)	(728,886)	(455,183)
Total YTD Actuals	\$ (23,718)	\$ 14,050	\$ (9,668)	\$ (416,372)



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Straight Talk

by: Father William Maestri

Culture and Treatment of Animals (Part II)

The treatment of non-human animals is of SPECIAL CONCERN. Such concern is NOT an assertion that animals possess equal rights and status as human beings (Homo Sapiens). Human beings are called to a DEEPER RELATIONSHIP with animals than "rights talk" (Peter Singer, a leading proponent of animal rights). Human beings have been entrusted with the RESPONSIBILITY of STEWARDSHIP, that is, human beings are to care for

and promote the well-being of God's non-human creatures.

Over the millennia, great progress has been made. There are miles yet to run before we are declared good stewards. We have in our country and elsewhere the INHUMANE treatment of the so-called "lesser creatures": puppy mills, factory farms (where ten billion animals are subjected to brutal conditions), pregnant sows confined in farrowing pens, pigs are trucked in cramped trailers filled with bodily waste and exposed to extreme heat and cold, cows are confined indoors with no access to pastures, three quarters of the time they are pregnant, and when their productivity declines after two lactation cycles, they are culled for beef. "Medical research" continues without proper ethical supervision (Read "Animals 2.0: A Veterinarian and a Theologian Survey a Brave New World of Biotechnology", *America*, 5/12/2015, by Dr. Susan Kopp and Charles Carmosy). See the documentary, *Blackfish*, revealing the horrific abuses inflicted on the "great apes", and the wanton hunting of elephants (This disturbing video is a production of CNN).

All of the above, and more, are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church: "ANIMALS are God's creatures.... He surrounds them with his providential care.... they bless him and give him glory. Thus, men owe them kindness.... It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer.... (CCC, Nos. 2415-18).

Three recent popes, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have directed significant parts of their papacy to the issue of animal treatment within the perspective of building a culture of life and love in opposition to the culture of death.

St. Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, *Evangelium vitae* / Gospel of Life (1995), framed the modern struggle between good and evil as the civilization of life and love versus the culture of death. This conflict includes MORE than the edges of life - abortion and euthanasia. The non-human world must be included under the Sacred Canopy of "Pro-Life".

St. John Paul II was the first to highlight what can be termed "the four C's", that is culture, consciousness, conscience and conversion (*metanoia*). There must be a fundamental change in our consciousness of what is good, and the schooling for an INFORMED conscience, so that as individuals and a society we can build a culture of solidarity and not one of unbridled consumption. The pope is calling for a conversion of culture from individualism to SOLIDARITY. (*Centesimus Annus* / One Hundred Years (1991)).

Pope Benedict XVII, in his encyclical, *Caritas in veritate* (2009), called for a fundamental change in LIFESTYLES, that is, a conversion for ones which are "prone to hedonism and consumerism, despite their harmful consequences", to ones which promote an authentic "human ecology". Such an ecology promotes the well-being of ALL life forms. Life is connected to life within our SHARED COMMON HOME.

Finally, Pope Francis made the environment, and all there in, a central concern of his pontificate. His concern was the presence and growth of what he termed, "the throwaway culture", which is fueled by a culture, consciousness, and conscience devoid of "objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs". "Within such a culture the inherent dignity if ALL life is ignored. (*Laudato si*, #123).

Pope Francis offers a key observation concerning the relationship between culture and law. He writes: "We should not think that political efforts or the force of law will be sufficient to prevent actions which effect the environment [human and non-human] because, when the culture itself is corrupt of objective truth and universally valid principles are no longer upheld, then laws can only be seen as arbitrary impositions or obstacles to be avoided. (*Laudato si*, #128).

In effect, there are real limits to human wisdom, and enduring weaknesses to the human will. The conversion of culture, consciousness, and conscience, requires the gift of GRACE. "Come, Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth, and the mind and heart of ALL entrusted with its care." AMEN.



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