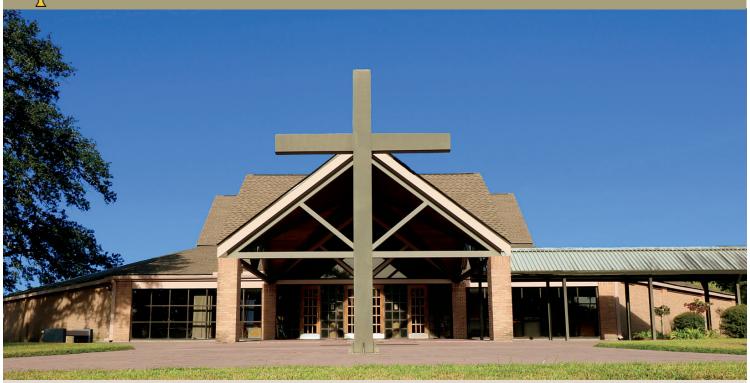


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**Monday** 7:30 a.m.

**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 <a href="https://www.olphbc.org">www.olphbc.org</a>.

## **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 <a href="https://www.olphbc.org">www.olphbc.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:cre@olphbc.org">cre@olphbc.org</a>.

**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: <a href="https://www.olphbc.org">www.olphbc.org</a>.

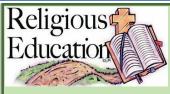
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

For more information on any of our Sacraments, contact the Church Office or email <a href="mailto:cre@olphbc.org">cre@olphbc.org</a>.



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

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)

**Anointing of the Sick—All Masses** 

# <u>Sunday, October 26, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14</u>

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

# Monday, October 27, Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment Confirmation, Church—7:00 p.m.

# Tuesday, October 28, Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles; Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

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.

Novena—Mother of Perpetual Help, Day Chapel—6:50 p.m.

Daily Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

## Wednesday, October 29, Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Daily Mass, Church—8:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.

### <u>Thursday, October 30, Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;</u> <u>Lk 13:31-35</u>

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 31, Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment

# <u>Saturday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints; Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a</u>

All Saints Day Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)

All Saints Day Mass, Church—8:30 a.m. (Fr. K)

Blessing of Graves, OLPH Cemetery—9:30 a.m.

Blessing of Graves, Westlawn Cemetery—Noon

Confessions, Church—2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass (All Souls Day) (honoring parishioners who have died during the year), Church—4:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

# Sunday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

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

2nd Collection—Building & Maintenance Fund



# Mass Intentions

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

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

10/27, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

10/28, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

10/28, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Blaze St. Marie

10/29, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

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

10/31, Friday, 7:30 a.m. — For the intentions of the Priest

11/1, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— Dorothy Jean Vincent

11/1, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.— Evan Michael Johnson, Morris Hartt, Jr., Amy Pigniolo Armstrong, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Blaze St. Marie

11/1, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

11/2, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Rosella Bernard, Evan Michael Johnson, Lois Danos Becnel

11/2, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Wayne Perrin, Blaze St. Marie, Theresa L. Bossier, Rosebud L. Dumesnil, Francis Gainey, Samuel Tague, Leroy Webre, David Cochiara, Esther Belsom, Victoria M. Perrin, Kate Popich, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Bowers Duffel, Christopher Lincoln, Jan Shapard, Ante & Michael Tesvich, Mihovil & Mara Juricevic, Patricia Allo, Morris Hartt, Jr., Anthony Cookmeyer, Eva Barthelemy



en, 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

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# **ALL SAINTS DAY**

Mass, Saturday, November 1—7:30 a.m. Mass, Saturday, November 1—8:30 a.m. Blessing of Graves, OLPH Cemetery follows 8:30 a.m. Mass Blessing of Graves, Westlawn Cemetery —12:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

#### **ALL SOULS DAY**

Vigil Mass, Saturday, November 1—4:00 p.m. (honoring parishioners who have died during the year)
Sunday, November 2—8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.





Next Sunday is The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) (Year C)

Wisdom 3:1-9. He accepted them as a holocaust.

Romans 8:14-23. We wait for our bodies to be set free.

Luke 7:11-17. Young man, I say to you, get up.



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# **CONFIRMATION**

Our 2025 Confirmation Candidates are receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this Monday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Confirmation marks the continuation of the journey first begun at Baptism. During Confirmation candidates receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their faith. All members of our Community are invited to attend Mass. Please keep the Confirmation Candidates and their families in your prayers.

"Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. Amen."



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## **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)	<u>(728,886)</u>	(455,183)
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**Straight Talk** by: Father William Maestri **Saint-Making:** The Great Adventure

As the Church gathers to celebrate All the Saints: the UNIVERSAL CALL to become saints; and the Holy Spirit illumination to recognizing the saints among us, we are invited to the challenging call to BECOME SAINTS!

Admittedly, Saint-Talk in the twenty-first century seems out of date in a world of Al, space travel, and the vast power to unlock nature's mysteries. In our increasingly disenchanted world, a flat earth, one in which limits our PERCEPTION to the tangible and quantifiable, resulting in a PERSPECTIVE which narrows our vision and action to the NOW.

Subsequently, reason itself no longer is about seeking the proper end or means for human flourishing, and reason (philosophy) is no longer the handmaid of the theology but has become the malnourished slave of its master - the modern scientific method (no, NOT anti-science but a rejection of the scientific method as the only method for truth). This one-dimensional view of reason and truth rejects metaphysical thinking as meaningless, hence, the notion of faith seeking understanding is useless.

The Protestant Reformation, along with the rise of modern science and the Enlightenment, played a significant role in the closing of the doors to the sacred. This had serious consequences for Catholic theology and spirituality. Carlos Eire writes: "It [Protestant theology was a direct challenge to the dominant Catholic paradigm of sacraments and liturgical worship] gave rise to a disparate mentality that still saw reality in binary terms [natural and supernatural] but drew the line between religion and magic differently, rejecting the intense intermingling of the natural and supernatural as well as the material and the spiritual, thus placing much of Catholic ritual and piety in the realm of magic. Moreover, this Protestant mentality also involved a redefinition of the concepts of holiness and sainthood, and a rejection...that self-denial and virtuous behavior could allow human beings to be gifted with supernatural powers." (They Flew: A History of the Impossible, (Yale University Press, 2024), p. 502). Joining this Protestant rejection of the miraculous was the emergence of the Enlightenment with its devotion to the scientific method and its demand that all truth-claims be verified by empirical data. Therefore, religious claims to reality were dismissed. As Diana Pasulka remarked, "One cannot put an angel under a microscope." (D.W. Pasulka, American Cosmic, (Oxford University Press, 2019), p. 242).

In place of holy cards of the saint, the modern pantheon contains podcasts of celebrities, C.E.O.'s, and the top "Influencer". We might ask: "Where have all the saints gone?" In place of the courageous, faithful, and virtuous, we now honor those of notoriety, greed and over exposure.

To encounter the saints lurking within our disenchanted world, it would be helpful to seek the guidance of the greatest "saint-maker" ever - Saint John Paul II (He canonized 483 saints which is more than the TOTAL by his predecessors in the previous 600 years! He also beatified 1,388 people.).

How and why so many? Saint Pope John Paul removed the cultural cataract from our eyes which allowed us to see not only with sight but INSIGHT. Our perception is not to be limited to the surface but, with the Holy Spirit, our perspective, our horizon, extends beyond the now into ETERNITY. The change of perception and perspective is NOT a withdrawal from everyday life. Just the opposite. The Pope puts it thus: "The more ready you are to give your self to God and to others, the more you discover the authentic meaning of life." (see "Christifides Laici", a landmark document on sainthood in light of our "universal call to holiness". Saints are not born but accept the LIFE LONG invitation follow Jesus. This document would be of great benefit to the young.)

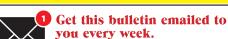
Saint John Paul draws on the classic work of St. Francis de Salles: "Devotion must be expressed in different ways by the gentleman, the workman, the servant, the prince, the widow, the maid and the married woman...devotion must also be adapted to the strength, the employment and the duties of each one in particular....It is a heresy to try to banish the devout life from the regiment of soldiers, the shop of mechanic, the court of prince or the home of married folk." (Introduction to the Devout Life).

One final question: How do we recognize the saints among us? The last word belongs to the Venerable Servant of God, Fulton J. Sheen: "Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"

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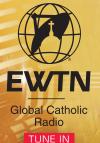
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