



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 a.m. & Vigil 4:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m. During the school year (7:30 a.m. when school is not in session)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 a.m.
<b>First Friday Adoration:</b>	8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
<b>Holy Days:</b>	Consult the bulletin.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	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.*

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## 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. 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](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).

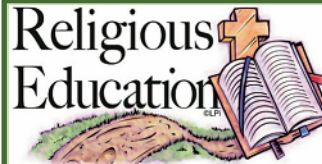
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the Church Office at least nine months prior to the planned date. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the Church Office.

**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.

#### 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](mailto:cre@olphbc.org).



## Scripture Readings & Events this Week

### 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

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); Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

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

### Monday, November 3, Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Altar Society, KC Hall—6:30 p.m.  
Gospel of John Class, KC Hall—7:00 p.m. (Fr. M)

### Tuesday, November 4, Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3; Lk 14:15-24

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.  
Healing Mass, Church—7:00 p.m. (Fr. K)

### Wednesday, November 5, Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Daily Mass, Church—8:30 a.m. (Fr. K)  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
PSR Family Mass, Church—5:00 p.m.

### Thursday, November 6, Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

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, November 7, Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Daily Mass, Day Chapel—7:30 a.m. (Fr. M)  
1st Friday Adoration, Day Chapel—8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Church Office Hours—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by Appointment  
Riverbend Mass—10:00 a.m.

### Saturday, November 8, Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

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)

### Sunday, November 9, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

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

### 2nd Collection—Formed Subscription Collection (All Masses)

## Mass Intentions

11/1, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.— Evan Michael Johnson, Morris Hartt, Jr., Amy Pignoli Armstrong, Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, Blaze St. Marie, Larry Avist Sr., Trena Avist, Avist & Wilson Families

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, Melissa Cook Reynolds, Debra Adams Arbourgh

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, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet

11/3, Monday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/4, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/4, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.— Blaze St. Marie

11/5, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/6, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/7, Friday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/8, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.— For the intentions of the Priest

11/8, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.— Dominick J. Sciortino, Oliver & Margaret Koch, Sandra Longley, Francis Gainey, Amy Pignoli Armstrong, Samuel Tague, Ferdinand Von Behren, Evan Michael Johnson, Morris Hartt, Jr. Alexandra "Allie" Boteler, For the healing of Austin Loper, Debra Adams Arbourgh, Larry Avist, Sr., Trena Avist, Avist & Wilson Families

11/9, Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— For the Parishioners (living and deceased)

11/9, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— Blaze St. Marie, Theresa L. Bossier, Samuel Tague, Leroy Webre, Evan Michael Johnson, Louella Bowers Duffel, Kate & Andrew Pobrica, Donna Pobrica, Marija Dragicevic, Patricia Allo, Rosemary Arcement, Anthony Cookmeyer, Lucille Bernard, Darlene Boudet



**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







## The Healing Mass: 'To Make Others Whole for the Good of the Church'

As baptized Catholics, every one of us is rich in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, given to us in baptism and deepened in Confirmation. Among them is the gift of healing, which makes us signs of God's power and presence and allows us to make others whole for the good of the Church. Our Lord wants to heal us. This is why He "...has willed that His Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, His work of healing" (CCC 1421).

While every Mass confers spiritual healing through the power of the Holy Eucharist, there are also special healing Masses that focus on the restoration of health through the power of the Holy Spirit. In a healing Mass, the theme of renewal is reflected in the liturgical prayers and Scripture readings. Participants in a healing Mass are individually prayed over by the celebrant. During the prayer process, those seeking healing may be asked about their needs, which can include a request for intercessory prayer. (All prayer requests are held in the strictest confidence.)

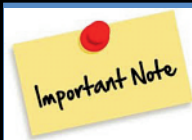
An individual who is being prayed over will sometimes be overcome by an outpouring of divine grace. For any healing to take place, openness to the Holy Spirit is essential, as is the "expectant faith" that was demonstrated by the centurion who had absolute confidence in Our Lord's power to cure his servant (Luke 7:6-7).

A healing may be physical, spiritual or emotional; it may be sudden or it may happen gradually, in God's time. A healing may also manifest itself in a manner that is different from what was expected. Regardless of the nature of the healing, perseverance in prayer is necessary for the healing to continue. Of course, God alone can restore someone to health: the priest is only a vehicle for God's healing power.

**A Healing Mass will take place Tuesday, November 4th at 7 p.m. in Church.** Fr. Kyle will celebrate the Mass. All are invited and there are no age restrictions.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** - Of the 7 Sacraments, Two are for Healing (Anointing of the Sick and Confession). You are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Confession as part of your physical, spiritual and emotional healing. As a reminder, Confessions are held every Tuesday from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm, every Saturday from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm or by appointment.

To view a short Healing Mass Video by Fr. Kyle, visit OLPH's *Facebook Page* (Our lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church-Belle Chasse) link at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064562537271> or *YouTube* link at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASK3BJuogsY>.



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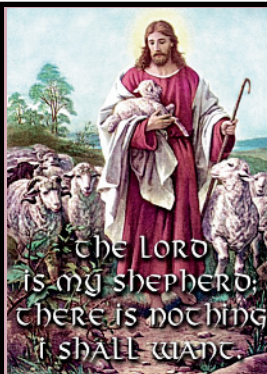
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**The Church Suffering** — One of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith is the Communion of Saints. Whether it be the Church Militant still fighting the good fight here on earth, or the Church Suffering enduring their final time of purification in Purgatory, or the Church Triumphant rejoicing with our Lord in heaven, we are all in it together. We are one Church, united in the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. What makes this reality so beautiful is our ability to pray for one another, no matter what state of life we find ourselves in. It is an incredible circle of love and care that won't end until Christ comes again.

Today we celebrate the Church Suffering. It is a day to remember "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." Since our souls must be completely cleansed before entering the heavenly banquet, many of us will be required to endure this time of purification. Others will be permitted to undergo great hardships here on earth and be cleansed through them, with the aid of the sacraments. Sometimes we may wonder why our loved ones are permitted to suffer but all of our earthly trials, when lived with faith, can be opportunities for purification for ourselves and others. "Offer it up" is no longer a cliché, but rather a reminder to direct our minds and hearts to God during times of difficulty.

Today, let us pray for all the souls in purgatory, that they may soon gaze upon the glorious face of our Saviour, and may they in turn pray for us, that we may one day join them in Heaven. Tami Urcia



**Next Sunday is The Dedication  
of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)**

**Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12.** The glory of the Lord God filled the temple.

**1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17.** You are the temple of God.

**John 2:13-22.** He spoke about the temple of his own body.



*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:

**Debra Adams Arbourgh**, 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.*

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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:

**Evelyn Mistich**, requested by Dolly Roy.

*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**

*November—For the Prevention of suicide*

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**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)
<b>Total YTD Actuals</b>	<b>\$ (23,718)</b>	<b>\$ 14,050</b>	<b>\$ (9,668)</b>	<b>\$ (416,372)</b>



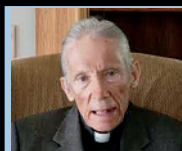
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## The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



### Straight Talk

**by: Father William Maestri**  
**All Souls: Let Us Remember**

In our previous column on Saint-Making [All Saints Day] we examined some of the challenges posed by our secular-materialistic society facing the Christian.

In this column, we turn our attention to the issue of life after death. Even today there is a continuous fascination with "life on the other side", ghosts and spirits, seances on a wet afternoon, and the possibility in general of communication between earthly beings and the spirit world. This area of study continues to attract serious works by theologians and

philosophers; scientists (behavioral and biomedical) and spiritualists. From Hollywood's silver screen, to television's movie of the week, to our daily newspaper's "wishing well", horoscope, and zodiac, we want to know if womb to tomb is all there is. Or might there be "another dimension - a dimension of sound, a dimension of sight, and a dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into the Twilight Zone."

From 1959 until today, Rod Serling's voice and three note theme have "unlocked the door with the key of imagination". We can't help but wonder, what if, what if there is a dimension "as vast as space and as timeless as infinity.... [a] middle ground between light and shadow, between science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge."?

Buried in this iconic opening, Serling is asking is there a Really Real that transcends our faculties of mind, and is there a deeper level of existence than the material? Is there a Really Real which is open to encounter which is known beyond technology and the scientific method? Serling's answer seems to be "Yes", but it comes with a wry smile that leaves one to wonder.

Serling does not seem to "crossover" into that Twilight Zone of his making. Why the hesitation? It seems to be because that would require a leap of faith which he is hesitant to make. For him it is enough to stop at the limits of imagination. Like Moses, Serling will not venture into the Promised Land of the Really Real. It is a bridge too far. He is content, like Moses, to view it from afar.

Such an "ending" leaves us disappointed. Why? Simply put, this ending leaves us with two paths to follow: a nihilistic hopelessness since nothing ULTIMATELY matters. If the grave is "all there is" (Peggy Lee), when life becomes difficult or boring then Camus is right - the only question is when do I end it all (suicide)? The other road traveled is one of hedonism - if that's all there is ...then let's keep dancing...break out the booze and have a ball if that's all there is" (Peggy Lee).

However, there is a THIRD PATH. It is the path of FAITH. Such a path is NOT a Kierkegaardian "leap of faith". Rather, the Christian journey of faith is one which is NOT BLIND. For ONE has walked the way that EACH person travels. His end was NOT a borrowed sealed tomb. His end was a NEW BEGINNING for ALL humanity. To walk with Him is to be where He now sits at the Father's right hand. The Holy Spirit who raised Him is the SAME Spirit that will raise ALL who follow the One who is "the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6).

On all Souls Day we remember the faithfully departed. Such a calling to mind is not a passive recollection of persons and events. To remember is an ACTIVE being - with in which we pray, offer Mass, and visit the gravesite of our beloved. In so doing, there is a REAL PRESENCE which is deeper than a physical one. As the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer proclaims, "life is changed not ended".

Yes, there is a realm beyond the bounds of earthly space and time. The key that opens it is the infinite love and mercy of God. This realm is not a "middle ground" but, the eternal home we were meant for since our conception.

It is a state of blessed-being, the great mystery, presented this way by St. Paul: "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him." (1Cor 2:9).

*Requiescat in Pace. Amen* (Rest in Peace).



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