

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church

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Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15pm

Confessions: 30 minutes before
each weekday Mass;

Saturday: 3:00 pm-3:45 pm, and by appointment.

MARCH 3, 2019

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As the test of what the potter
molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Friday
8:30 am- 12:00 pm

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIMPLE WISDOM

The Bemba live in Zambia, a country in southern Africa. Once wealthy from copper mining, the country has grown poorer through corruption and mismanagement. The Bemba live much like their ancestors, in villages of thirty to fifty grass-roofed mud huts. The family occupying each hut usually consists of several generations and the size of each village varies from about fifty to over one hundred fifty people. These farming people work very hard, but the soil is poor. In a good year they grow just about enough to feed themselves. Once the fertility of the soil wears out, the village must move to find fresh land to till. The Bemba have few material possessions. Disease and malnutrition haunt their steps, and no one survives long past the age of forty. Yet the Bemba have a remarkable tradition. When a person acts irresponsibly or unjustly, he or she is placed in the center of the village, alone and unshackled. All work ceases and every man, woman, and child in the village gathers in a large circle around the accused person. When everyone is present, each person in the community speaks to the accused. One by one, speaking unhurriedly, they describe all the good things that the person in the center of the circle has done in his or her life. Every single incident, every experience that can be recalled with any detail and accuracy is spelled out. All the positive attributes, good deeds, strengths, and kindnesses are recited carefully and at great length. Nothing is too trivial to relate. The ceremony may go on for several days. Finally, when every single person has had their say, the circle is broken. A joyful celebration takes place to welcome the person, both symbolically and literally, back into the community. All rights reserved.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalms — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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THANKS



THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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GIVE ME A BREAK

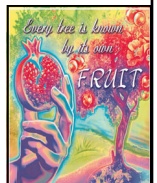
After last week's rather involved and intense readings, we get a chance to settle back today and deal with images that are a little bit more commonplace and common-sense. We also have some goals set for us that are a bit more realistic, perhaps; at least they seem more within our reach. Jesus even turns a bit of wry humor on us, speaking of the planks in our own eyes that we cannot see because we are so focused on the splinters in another person's eye. And, no matter what the vocation to which we have been led, we can take heart in Paul's words today: "Your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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THE FRUITFUL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

There are multiple metaphors in both Sirach and Luke's Gospel that give us some easy-to-follow cautions and ways to evaluate our own vocations. The fruitful tree described in the first reading and Gospel today will only be fruitful when various things work together: the sun and rain, soil and the creatures that keep it fertile, the farmer weeding and pruning. So it is with the Christian community. During Lent our parish journey with the catechumens will help us renew the working together of our lives and vocations to be fruitful for the life of the world. We will take the opportunity to ask our brothers and sisters to help us examine our eyes for the splinters of sin, and will continue to seek to be, as Paul says, always devoted to the work of the Lord. We also hear, in the Gospel verse, yet one more metaphor to lead us in our daily vocations and bring us to that day when death is swallowed up in victory: "Shine like lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 2nd

4:00pm— Arnold “Bud” Pellerin/ Mona Dore/
Joey Glenn Broussard/ Ella & Walter F. Shipp,
Dr. & Mrs. Rene Broussard/ Bill LaBiche Family/
Maxine McDonald Boudreaux/Ray Daigrepont/
Wilda Faulk/ Loveless Vice Family/ Ella Mae Sedotal/
Eileen & Mousey Derouen, Virginia LeMaire &
I.J.”Iggy” Defelice/ Danny & Nolan Meche/
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Dennis Seaux, Sr., M/M Alvin Menard/
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/ Jared Michael Maturin/
Dalton Robicheaux/ Sue Marsalis Robichaux/
Norris P. Rader, Sr.

5:30pm— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/
David LeBlanc, Odessa & Robert H. Scott,
Robert Calvin Scott, Cora & Tony Grissaffi

SUNDAY, March 3rd

7:00 am— Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

9:00 am— All Parishioners of OLPH

11:00 am— Sidonia L. & Wilton Joseph Dore’/
Mona Dore’/ Ong Ching Kee/

Ramona Lasseigne/ Joseph Rebellion Viator/
Ernest & Deanna Fouquier Freyou & Family/
Eraste & Rowena Fremin Comeaux/

Irving East/ Doris & Bob Edler,
Mrs. Lou Connors & Daughters/ Clifton Migues/
Zack McDonald/ Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/
Romnie Leleux/ Patricia Verret/
For the Souls in Purgatory/ Ernest & Rita Migues,
Simon & Rose Migues

MONDAY, March 4th

Angelus @ noon

12:15pm— **OFFICE CLOSED**— Angus Cobb, Jr./
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

TUESDAY, March 5th

5:15pm— **OFFICE CLOSED**
Zack McDonald/ Fr. William Schambough

WEDNESDAY, March 6th

Angelus @ noon

6:30am— Fr. Gary Schexnayder

12:15pm— Fr. Gary Schexnayder/ Norris, Fontenot, &
LeBlanc Families

6:00pm— Fr. Gary Schexnayder/ Mona Dore

THURSDAY, March 7th

12:15 pm— Fr. Paul Schott/ Judy Bernis

5:15 pm— Daniel C. LaBiche/ Fr. Paul Schott

FRIDAY, March 8th

Angelus @ noon

12:15pm— Maxine McDonald Boudreaux/
Fr. Andrew Schumacher

5:30 pm— **Way of the Cross Only— No Mass**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH UPDATES

Effective March 1st, 2019, Our Lady of Perpetual Help will no longer celebrate a First Saturday Mass. Fr. Savoie and Fr. LaVergne will instead be assisting periodically with Saturday 6:30 am Masses at St. Peter’s Catholic Church. OLPH parishioners are invited to attend.

Effective March 1st, 2019, confessions will be offered 30 minutes before each regularly scheduled *weekday* Mass. On weekends, confessions will only be offered from 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm on Saturdays. Confessions will no longer be offered before the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass, nor the 7:00 am, 9:00 am, or 11:00 am Sunday Masses. Confessions are always available by appointment.

ALTAR

SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9th, 2019

4:00 pm—Layne Boudreaux
Bennet Boudreaux

5:30 pm—Makeira Lancelin
Jayden Lancelin

Sunday, March 10th, 2019

7:00 am— Marcus Jacob

9:00 am— Ensley Landry

11:00 am— Zoe Robinson



St. Francis Garage Sale

Thurs., Friday, Saturday

March 7th, 8th, & 9th

8:00am to 1:00pm

For more information or questions
call Pat Waguespack, 365-1766



The Vocation Cross will be
in the home of the
Audrey Meche
the week of March 3rd, 2019

In Prayerful Remembrance of our beloved
deceased. Please pray for the soul of
Evelyn Picard Gary who has recently died
and for those who mourn for her.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in
Memory of **Mona Dore**
the week of March 3rd.





Despite a life full of tragedy compounded by poor choices, St. John of God accepted God's immense love for him and chose to express his gratitude by caring for the sick and mentally ill. His compassion inspired others to join him, and the Hospitaller Order of the Brothers of St. John of God that was founded in 1572. The order now maintains a presence in 53 countries, operating more than 300 hospitals.

Kidnapped at age 8 and abandoned far from his home in Portugal, St. John of God spent much of his life lost, restless and seeking purpose for his life. He worked as a shepherd in Spain until the age of 22, when the glamour of the soldier's life lured him away. He spent 18 years as a soldier, narrowly escaping death on two occasions.

He eventually felt remorse for his sinful actions as a soldier, and sought ways to repent. John settled in Granada, Spain, to sell books, especially religious titles.

John experienced a major religious conversion in 1537 after hearing John of Avila preach one day. John began to publicly beat himself, pulling out his hair and throwing himself in the mud to express sorrow for his sins. Committed to a mental hospital, he welcomed the beatings that were treatment for the mentally ill at that time. John of Avila visited him in hospital and convinced him that God is more pleased by serving others than by self-abuse. John responded by taking in the mentally ill and destitute, literally carrying them to his home by day and begging for alms to feed them at night. Many were moved by John's sincerity and began donating food and money to support his work. Others joined him as caregivers to form the Brothers Hospitallers.

John died in 1550. The story of his life demonstrates that God's love can transform the lives of those who seek him, even when circumstances seem hopeless and our choices lead us far from him.

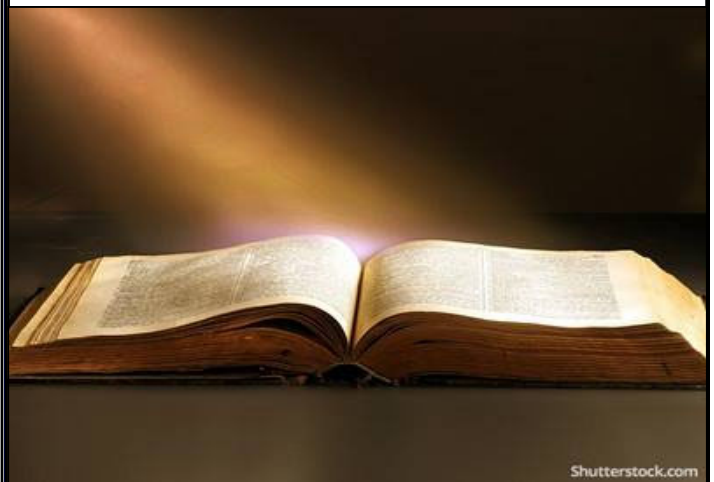
LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are invited to join us in an introduction to studying Scripture on Tuesdays during Lent, offered in the Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. This study will open our hearts to a clearer understanding of our Catholic faith through understanding and embracing God's word.

Our goal is to remove obstacles and fears associated with studying God's word for a deeper more intimate relationship with our loving God.

In order to accommodate everyone's busy schedules, we will offer an afternoon session from 1:00pm to 2:30pm and will repeat the same material in an evening session from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, beginning Tuesday March 12th until Tuesday April 9th.

Come join us this Lenten season!



THOUGHTS / PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Redeemer Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of your dying and rising, send your Holy Spirit to guide us this Lent. May we be led to a spirit of true repentance for our sins and grateful appreciation for the gift of salvation. May we forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved and serve as we have been served. May we trust in you at all times, confident that in your mercy you have willed the redemption of the whole world. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR YOU

May you resist the temptation to rehash the past and instead find gratitude in the present for the chance to create a better future. May you refuse to let the actions of others distract you from your goals. May you forgive those who disappointed you, hurt you and did you wrong, so you can reclaim the energy that is drained every time you think of their behavior. May you be FREE from anger. May you be filled with joy, wisdom, and peace. And may you love and be loved by those who matter. Amen.

Prayer of Atonement

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I am sorry for the indifference often shown to you. I now ask your pardon. I also declare my readiness to atone for my personal offenses and for the faults of others.

In reparation, I wish to make amends for the injustices perpetrated against the poor, the vulnerable and the unprotected, especially the unborn.

I promise to repay, as far as I can, for all neglect of your great love and for the sins I and others have committed.

Loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please hear my prayer and keep me faithful to you, so that I may one day come to that home where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONTEMPLATION OF THE TRUE, THE GOOD, THE BEAUTIFUL

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

Lord, You lift our hearts through these words of St. Paul. In an imperfect and sinful world, it is easy to become cynical. But if we have eyes to see, there is so much goodness and beauty! In the magnificence of nature we glimpse Your glory, and in Jesus we see the radiance of Your face made flesh. In holy men and women through the ages, that radiance shines on. Whatever challenges we face, help us to embody joy and hope, for You are the Author of all that is true, good and beautiful, we know that these shall prevail. You have told us, and we believe. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

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February 17th, 2019

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Ask the Lord to flood your heart with loving-kindness and mercy that you may never bear grudges and only have room for charity, kindness, and patience toward your neighbor.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and “clear the air” by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

Beliefs and Teachings

The Second Vatican Council declared that “the future of humanity is in the hands of those men who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism.” (GS, no31). No one can live without the hope that life has ultimate and lasting meaning beyond the concerns and struggles, the joys and satisfactions of each day.

Catholics find that meaning and hope in Jesus Christ, whom God the Father has sent into the world for the salvation of all peoples. Catholics find that meaning and hope in Jesus Christ, whom God the Father has sent into the world for the salvation of all peoples.

But the world can be a disturbing place. There is war and anxiety because of terrorism. There is the fierceness of competition and the injustices that come from greed. There are continuous distractions that come from the media, the numerous hours given to television, radio, and internet. There are the unrelenting demands of work and family life.

Yet in the midst of all this, people are generously loving within their families, with their friends, and for their communities. Nevertheless, a nagging question remains: Where is all this going? There is a persistent thirst for meaning and hope.

Many people find refuge in various types of spiritual activities and communities that promise serenity in a hectic world and refuge from its pressures. They look to meditation techniques and to well-publicized personalities for ways to find tranquility and some hope for themselves.

In the midst of such a culture, the Catholic Church offers a message that is not its own, but comes from God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ two thousand years ago, yet is ever new and renewing as it is received, celebrated, lived, and contemplated today. The Church offers to all people the possibility of encountering the living God today and finding in him lasting meaning and hope.

God continues to be present in the Church as the Gospel of his Son, Jesus Christ, is proclaimed and received by her members through the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

God continues to be present in the Church as her members are brought together by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Seven Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist.

God continues to be present in his Church as her members strive to live according to the example and teaching of Jesus Christ.

God continues to be present in the Church as her members contemplate the great things God has done through his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of all people.

The Church is a community of human beings who are still subject to sin, and so it is with humility that she offers herself as the meeting place with the living God. Her existence for two thousand years demonstrates the unceasing mercy and love of God in maintaining her in his grace as a faithful and repentant people. In a world of passing fads and transitory ambitions, she offers the substance of the Gospel and her growing understanding of it through two millennia. She offers the possibility of enriching the present moment with the gifts of a tradition rooted in God's self-revelation and with the hope and meaning for human life that come from God himself. In a world torn by war and injustice, she celebrates the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the gift of himself made eternally present and effective, to make all peoples one with him as head of a reconciled and healed community. In a world of violence against human life, the Church mightily defends life by her works of justice and charity as well as by her advocacy for the protection of all human life.

—excerpted from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Tuesday, March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph, and OLPH wants to honor this patron saint of workers, families, and the Universal Church. We will build an altar, according to traditions, and provide all parishioners the chance to be a part of invoking his intercession and thanking him for our blessings.

The tradition dates back to the Middle Ages in Sicily when there was a drought. The faithful prayed for rain through the intercession of St. Joseph, so that their crops could grow, and there would be food, the greatest gift at that time. The rains came, the crops thrived, and the people wanted to honor and thank St. Joseph. They built altars offering their most valuable possession...food. The altars were decorated with flowers and religious items, such as pictures, statues, and icons. The food from the altar was given to the poor.



One tradition associated with the celebration was to offer to viewers and participants a prayer card and a fava bean. During the drought, the only thing that the people had to eat was fava beans. They were thus considered "Lucky Beans." It became tradition to also give a piece of blessed bread and salt from the altar.



Everyone in the parish is invited to make an offering of food, flowers, and religious items as a way to offer thanks as well as to make a petition.

Would you please consider donating cakes, Italian cookies, breads in symbolic shapes, such as St. Joseph's tools, staff, sandals, as well as heart shaped cakes and breads to remind us of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate

Heart? Fresh fruits and vegetables are needed. We need candles, which you might like to designate in memory of loved ones. Cakes can be specified as in memory of someone. In fact, bakeries can often use pictures of a loved one to screen on to a cake.

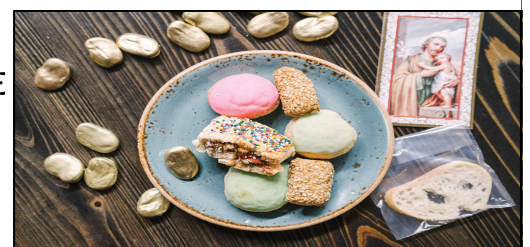
Be a part of a Catholic tradition in honor of St. Joseph and in petition for a special intention. Donations can be brought to the church hall on Thursday, March 14th. For more information, call the church office, or speak to one of the Catholic Daughters.

When you visit the altar, you may bring canned goods. Other than bags on a special table, all food will be donated to charitable organizations that feed the poor.

HELP WILL BE NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT THE ALTAR..COME AND CONTRIBUTE..MAR.15th

The altar will be blessed after 4:00 Mass on March 16th.

Viewing of the altar will be after each Mass on March 16th and 17th.





Sacramental Information

Baptism:

Expectant parents should contact the office four to six (4-6) months *before the birth of the child*.



Marriage:

Couples planning marriage need to make an appointment with the pastor at least **six months** before the intended wedding date to begin the preparation process. A wedding date cannot be scheduled without approval of the pastor.



Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the office to schedule an appt., home or nursing home visit, and, if death is imminent, contact the office for immediate action.

Knights of Columbus Council 3425 meets every 2nd Monday of each month, @ the KC Hall on L. Theriot Rd., **New Iberia, La.** Rosary at 6:15PM . Meeting follows.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550 meets every 2nd Monday of the month (except June and July) in the Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1303 St. Jude Ave., @ 6:00pm. "We welcome anyone interested in joining to attend."

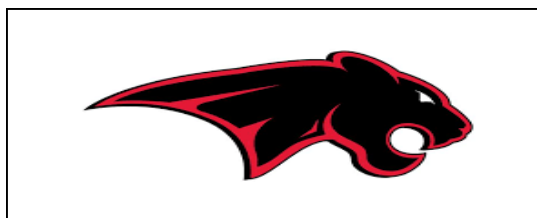


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