



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. John the Apostle
John 17:21

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

The Catholic Churches of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Monday @ 12:00 noon

Mail all correspondence to:
 310 N. McKinney St.
 Sweeny, TX 77480

VISITORS & NEWCOMERS

WELCOME!

Call or come by the office to register in our parishes

Visit our website | olphsja.org

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To join Flock Note: Text OLPHSJA to 84576 or go to
olphsja.flocknote.com

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MASS SCHEDULE

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 SUNDAY**

8:30 am in English
 12:30 pm en Español

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

8:30 am

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

**St. John the Apostle
 SATURDAY**

Anticipated Mass: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 10:30 am

TUESDAY: 5:00 pm

THURSDAY: 8:30 am

Adoration & Benediction

Thursday: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

310 North McKinney St.
 Sweeny, TX 77480
 (Middle building behind church)

HOURS

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and godparents. Contact the parish office at (979) 548-2020.

Confession: Is held 15 minutes before or after daily Masses and by appointment.
Saturday: 4:15 pm to 4:50 pm

Confirmation: Youth Confirmation is a part of our Faith Formation Program and Adult Confirmation is a part of our RCIA program.

RCIA: Contact Rebecca Giles at (832) 212-4988.

Marriage: Please contact a priest a minimum of 6 months prior to your intended date.

Anointing of the Sick: The sacrament is conferred upon request, preferably before surgery or hospitalization.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What is Ad Orientum? It means to or towards the East, and when a priest celebrates Mass in this posture (either posture facing the people or facing liturgical east is approved in the sacrifice of the Mass) he is leading the people to God; all facing the same direction. I am going to share a few insights from theologians and scholars on this matter who can sum it better than I can!

From the Congregation of Divine Worship (CDW):

In the year 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship issued an official response stating that: "This dicastery wishes to state that Holy Mass may be celebrated *versus populum* or *versus apsidem*. Both positions are in accord with liturgical law; both are to be considered correct. There is no preference expressed in the liturgical legislation for either position."

CDW on 10 April 2000 (PROTOCOL NO. 564/00/L)

Cardinal Sarah:

"It's permitted and encouraged, and, I would insist, pastorally advantageous, in the more modern form of the Roman rite."

How can we enter into this interior disposition except by turning physically, all together, priest and faithful, toward the Lord who comes, toward the east symbolized by the apse where the cross is enthroned? The outward orientation leads us to the interior orientation that it symbolizes. Since apostolic times, Christians have been familiar with this way of praying. It is not a matter of celebrating with one's back to the people or facing them, but toward the east, *ad Dominum*, toward the Lord.

St. Augustine

When we rise to pray, we turn East, where heaven begins. And we do this not because God is there, as if He had moved away from the other directions on earth..., but rather to help us remember to turn our mind towards a higher order, that is, to God."

Father Joseph Fessio, SJ - founder and editor of Ignatius Press

"When I'm talking to the people, I face the people. When I'm talking to God, I face God."

"I don't say Mass "with my back to the people" any more than Patton went through Germany with his "back to the soldiers." Patton led the Third Army across Germany and they followed him to achieve a goal. The Mass is part of the Pilgrim Church on the way to our goal, our heavenly homeland. This world is not our heavenly homeland. We don't sit around in a circle and look at each other. We want to look *with* each other and with the priest towards the rising sun, the rays of grace, where the Son will come again in glory on the clouds."

Pope Francis

"To be modern, some believe that it is necessary to break away from the roots. And this is their ruin, because the roots, the tradition, are the guarantee of the future."

Pope Benedict XVI

"a common turning to the East during the Eucharistic Prayer remains essential. **This is not a case of something accidental, but of what is essential.** Looking at the priest has no importance. What matters is looking together at the Lord. It is not now a question of dialogue, but of common worship, of setting off towards the One who is to come. What corresponds with the reality of what is happening is not the closed circle, but the common movement forward expressed in a common direction for prayer."

Dr. Helen Ratner Dietz essay entitled "[The Nuptial Meaning of Classic Church Architecture](#)"

... the Christian liturgical practice of facing East ... was already a longstanding practice at the time Origen wrote and some scholars trace it back to the early second century. The practice could conceivably have been adopted before AD 70 ... when the Christian Eucharist was presumably still celebrated in private homes."

I'll leave you all with this example: at night before retiring for bed we can say our prayers lying in bed or we can kneel down next to our bed or even go to an area we have designated as a prayer area to say our evening prayers. Our bodies and gestures can and do express a reality and so it is with my posture as a priest and your postures as the Church militant.

To continue to bear an abundance of good fruit in the Lord, we MUST always be counter-cultural or swimming upstream against the heresy of modernism. May the Holy Family guide and protect each one of you in your journey towards Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.

Your servant and shepherd in Christ,

Father Preston Quintela



Masses For The Week

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am OLPH
5:00 pm SJA

† William Gary Ellis
Parish Family

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am OLPH
10:30 am SJA
12:30 pm OLPH

† Genevieve Buenger
† Glen & Annette Elster
† Ramiro Martinez

Monday, May 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 pm SJA

† Rolando Carrasco

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 am OLPH

† Salvador Ramirez

Adoration following Mass

Thursday, May 9

8:30 am SJA

† Theresa Siska

Adoration following Mass

Friday, May 10

8:30 am OLPH

Kylie Brienne Hickman

Saturday, May 11

5:00 pm SJA

† Emil Miska

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am OLPH
10:30 am SJA
12:30 pm OLPH

Parish Family
† Rosalee Minks
Legion of Mary

Southern Styles Salon

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 5:

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1/ Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19



PRAYER REQUESTS
Jan Tilley, Sandra Brabrandt, Ed Walligura, Pete Ordonez, Henry Ordonez, Ruby Barrientez, Freda Fondon, Charles Jenkins, Shirley Winstead, Sam Hollis, Stanley Kutach, Ange Ronayne, Margo Master, Peggy Barak, Jorge Luis Gutierrez, Mamie Sanchez, Alex Martinez, Lizette Trini Ramirez, Brittaney Fields, Cindy Mendez, Lori Comley, Marietta Hardin, Evelyn Duibala, Ronnie Hock, Ricky Bromonsky, Kaye Crocker, Julia Foote, Maria Rosas, Christine Goodrum, Julia Goodrum, Lillian Rae Saldivar, Maria Cecilia Espina, Gary Evans, Christy Hanson, Bessie Highsmith, Kathy Howard, Luis Pizarro, Groze Family, Estella Martinez, India Mosely-Simpson, Lori Duran, Wayne Vinson, Dru Vinson, Willie Butler, Maria Garcia, Naomi Smith, SC Hutze, Dale Hudson, Brittney Billings, R. J. Perez, Alainah Perez, Eric Hatz, Viviana Salazar, Luis Covarrubias, Sofia Patino, Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Judy Bernard, Frances Gonzalez, Linda Miska, Fatima Perez, George Gracia, Juan Martinez, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Ed Klaiber, Lucy Casarez, JeanMaire Pempek, Diana Berlanga, Dorothy Havel, Janie Ordonez, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Juanita Griffith, Yolanda Guerrero, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Roger Edgar, Larry Barak, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, Rodolfo Curiel, Leon Bertsch

The **announcements** are no longer read before Mass!
To view them, please visit our website: www.olphsja.org



CHURCH SUPPORT

OLPH – April 28, 2024	
Regular Collection	\$2,083.00
2nd Collection – <u>Catholic Home Missions</u>	\$108.00
Online Giving	\$1,215.00
Weekly amount needed	\$3,700.00
SJA – April 28, 2024	
Regular Collection	\$1,380.05
2nd Collection – <u>Catholic Home Missions</u>	\$143.00
Online Giving	\$1,035.00
Weekly amount needed	\$3,700.00

Ways to Give On-Line:

- 1) Text "Give" to 979-364-4259 for St. John's
Text "Give" to 979-356-3309 for OLPH
- 2) Give online at
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnwestcolumbia>
OR <http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/olphsweeny>
- 3) Scan the QR Codes at the exit doors

Divine Mercy Chaplet		Rosary – Sorrowful	
5/04	05:00 pm	Susan H.	5/11 05:00 pm
5/05	08:30 am	Laurie Kane	5/12 08:30 am
5/05	10:30 am	Rebecca G.	5/12 10:30 am
4/28	12:30 pm	Maria G.	5/12 12:30 pm
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Parish Attendance:

April 27 & 28



Saturday	05:00 pm	64 people
Sunday	08:30 am	82 people
Sunday	10:30 am	142 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	90 people
Total Attendance:		378 people
Registered Families:		279

HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES:

- Monday, May 6**
6:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting – SJA hall
- Tuesday, May 7**
6:00 pm Turkey Dinner/Bazaar Meeting – SJA hall –
All parishioners are invited to attend!
- Wednesday, May 8**
1:00 pm Wellness Exercise Class – OLPH hall
1st Communion Rehearsal practice during Faith Formation
- Thursday, May 9**
11:00 am SOAR group Meeting – OLPH hall
6:00 pm Welcoming Dinner – OLPH hall
- Friday, May 10**
11am – 5:30 pm **Altar Guild Tamale pickup – SJA hall**
- Sunday, May 12**
MOTHER'S DAY
10:30 am First Communion – SJA

RCIA will have a dinner on Thursday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm in the **OLPH hall** to celebrate the newest members of our parishes with a catered meal. All Finance, Maintenance, and Pastoral Council members are invited to attend this celebration! **Please RSVP by May 6!**

St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Danbury is having their **Picnic – Bazaar** THIS Sunday at Skrabanek Park. BBQ brisket, sausage, and homemade trimmings will be served from 11 am – 2 pm for **\$15/plate**. Auction will begin @ 12:30 pm.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: May 4th – 10th

Joseph & Brittinee Hardin	12 Years
Larry & Lee Ann Phillips	35 Years
Richard & Brenda Cole	33 Years