



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

310 North McKinney St, Sweeny, Texas 77480

& St. John the Apostle

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday @ 12:00 noon

PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME VISITORS & NEWCOMERS!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John the Apostle are Catholic Churches rooted in Truth, Beauty, and Goodness to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ in Brazoria County.

Call or come by the Parish Office to register in our parishes!

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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 - 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 - 10:00 am

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9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and godparents. The next class will be **March 7, 2026 @ 9:00 am at OLPH.**

Confession: Held 15 minutes before or after daily Masses and by appointment. **SATURDAY: 4:15 pm - 4:50 pm.**

Confirmation: Youth Confirmation is part of our Faith Formation program and Adult Confirmation is part of our OCIA program.

OCIA - Becoming Catholic Program: 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: This sacrament is conferred upon request, preferably before surgery or hospitalization.

BIBLICAL THEME (AUG 1, 2025 - JUL 31, 2026): JEREMIAH 17:7-8

TRANSFORMED BY THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

My oncologist's name lit up as my cell phone rang on the Feast of the Epiphany 14 years ago. "The biopsy showed cancer," she said. I took a deep breath, closed my eyes, and whispered a prayer, bracing myself before walking outside to tell my husband. Since that day, the Feast of the Epiphany has been a memorial stone date on my calendar at the start of each new year. From that day, the Lord has continued to open my eyes and transform me as He sends me on paths unexpected.

In the Gospel today, we hear of three earthly Kings led by a star to The King of Kings. Although they wore the trappings of worldly majesty, they bowed low - humbled before this newborn King. "They prostrated themselves and did him homage" (Mt. 2:11) And they rose up transformed.

What began for them as an outward pilgrimage - following a star - became an inward encounter with the Lord, the true Light of the World. That encounter changed them, their plans, their very mission. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way" (Mt. 2:12). Their expected path ahead was promptly altered by encountering the Lord. And, I dare to believe, their lives were never the same.

May it be so for all of us today as well.

All of us are on a pilgrimage to our eternal home with the King of Kings. We all have epiphany moments in our lives - phone calls, encounters, diagnoses, decisions - when we encounter our Lord and He shines His light on the path ahead in a new way. Like the three Kings, when we encounter the Lord and He reveals Himself to us, we are never the same.

And oh how He desires to reveal Himself to us on our pilgrimage through life, especially in those dark nights that come for us all. It is often in the darkness that the light of Jesus - a light of hope - shines brightest. Although I wouldn't have asked for that Epiphany phone call from my oncologist 14 years ago, it drew me closer to the King of Kings and altered my life in ways that I'm so grateful for.

May we all encounter the Lord today on our journey, wherever we are, and go back by the road He has for us "proclaiming the praises of the Lord" (Isaiah 60:6) as we go. May His light shine brightly where you need it most today. Happy Epiphany Sunday!

By Shauna Occhipinti
Inspiration Daily — Diocesan.com

MASS INTENTIONS

January 3rd — 11th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

05:00 pm SJA Parish Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH † Herlinda Ramirez —
Birthday

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

05:00 pm SJA Parish Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

10:30 am SJA † Evelyn Dybala

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Betty Bromonsky, Mike Young, Mary Pavlovsky, Emma Smith, Jace Charlebois, Darin Adams, Edward Stavinocha, Theresa Copperthite, Omar Ramirez, Alex Martinez, Philip Sanchez, Severo Balderama, Maria Ortiz, Jessica Guerrero, Reyes Baltazar, Lorine Golden, MaryAnn Devine, Charles Jenkins, Mary Amason, Libby Wilkins-Rivas, Cayetana Martinez, Tammy Sanderson, Mary Holler, Tom Ronayne, Cesar Efren Rodriguez, Laura Ramirez, Paz Ordonez, Lucy Pendon, Esther Vera, Stephanie Alejo, Gevie Glowka, Gerald Schmidt, Paula Garza, Jennifer Donald, Bobby Tosch, Irene Costilla, Maria Lowrey, Jan Tilley, Sandra Brabrandt, Ed Waligura, Ruby Barrientez, Jorge Luis Gutierrez, Brittaney Fields, Lori Comley, Ricky Bromonsky, Christine Goodrum, Lillian Rae Saldivar, Gary Evans, Christy Hanson, Bessie Highsmith, Estella Martinez, Lori Duran, Wayne Vinson, Dru Vinson, Willie Butler, Maria Garcia, Naomi Smith, SC Hutze, Dale Hudson, Eric Hatz, Viviana Salazar, Luis Covarrubias, Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Frances Gonzalez, Fatima Perez, Juan Martinez, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Ed Klaiber, Lucy Casarez, JeanMaire Pempek, Dorothy Havel, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Yolanda Guerrero, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, and Rodolfo Curiel

Vintage Sparkle Floral & Boutique
Victoria Speers, *Parishioner*

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thank you for your continued generosity! There are no numbers available this weekend, as this bulletin was submitted early due to the Christmas holiday.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Weekly amount needed \$4,100.00

St. John the Apostle

Weekly amount needed \$4,100.00

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Almost every year at Christmas time, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

By Tom Schmidt
The Word In Our Lives — Diocesan.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

Sunday | The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday | Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/ Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday | 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/ Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday | 1 Jn 4:11-18/ Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ Mk 6:45-52

Thursday | 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/ Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22

Friday | 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16

Saturday | 1 Jn 5:14-21/ Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 3:22-30

Sunday | The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Mt 3:13-17

May all kings bow before him,
all nations serve him

ONLINE GIVING

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Please consider covering the administrative fee!

LEGION OF MARY

Want to know Christ better?
Let Mary lead you to him!



For English, join the ladies every **Monday @ 8:15 am** (location varies), or to become an auxiliary member, call Anita Heble at 979-480-3224!

For Spanish, join the ladies every **Tuesday @ 5:00 pm** in the OLPH hall. They also meet to pray the rosary on **Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm** in the grotto!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 4

9 to 10:15 am 1st Communion Class — SJA hall

Monday, January 5

8:15 am Legion of Mary (English) — SJA hall

6:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting — SJA hall

Tuesday, January 6

5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall

Wednesday, January 7

Faith Formation Classes resume

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall

Thursday, January 8

11:00 am SOAR Group Meeting — OLPH hall

6:00 pm OCIA Class — OLPH hall

Sunday, January 11

9 to 10:15 am Confirmation 2 Class — SJA hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements are no longer read before Mass!
To view them, please visit: www.olphsjia.org or see the informational blurbs below.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle at OLPH this weekend is in memory of **Herlinda Ramirez** from Paula Garza.

NO DAILY MASS

Father Preston will be traveling to Philadelphia this week for a Theology of the Body conference. Therefore, we will not have daily Mass **Tuesday** through **Friday**.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation classes will resume this **Wednesday!**

Elementary: Kinder — 5th Grade

4:15 pm to 5:45 pm at OLPH and SJA

Junior High & High School: 6th — 12th Grade

6:45 pm to 8:00 pm

**** REMINDER that Faith Formation classes for Junior High & High School students will be held at SJA this semester! ****

We have come to
do him homage

Matthew 2:2

PRAYER LEADERS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

January 3	05:00 pm	Linda Miska
January 4	08:30 am	Laurie Kane
January 4	10:30 am	Amber Stowers
January 4	12:30 pm	Fidelia Martinez

ROSARY — GLORIOUS

January 10	05:00 pm	Kathy Humbird
January 11	08:30 am	Janie Bannert
January 11	10:30 am	The Phillips
January 11	12:30 pm	Rosario Borrego

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY 3RD — 9TH

4 th	Jerry & Debbie Spearow	51 Years
6 th	Benjamin & Luz Salazar	36 Years
8 th	Sergio & Rosalinda Vargas	32 Years
9 th	Melquiades & Maria Ortiz	33 Years

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Pvt. Aiden Silva, Dylan Garcia, 1st Class Airman Cody Lozano, Sgt. Abel Carrasco, SA Reese Whittington, Ashton Thompson, Pvt. Evelyn Wallace, PV 2 Nicholas Kane, HN Catherine Kane, Major Stephen Koether, GY Sgt. Phillip James Sanchez III, Javier Villisana, Major Mike Knight, Major Ciara Knight, Chris Roche, Jared Nelson, Staff Sgt. Robert Reynolds, Cpt. Jake Knight, Warrant Officer Dylan Diaz, Sgt. Gabriel Quinones, Pvt. Edgar Servantes, Staff Sgt. Jazmin Cisneros, D.J. Cisneros, and Gage Alderman

God bless the members of our armed forces!

The glory of the Lord
shines upon you

Isaiah 60:1

