



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

807 Loggins Dr, West Columbia, Texas 77486



Presenters:
Derek & Dana Maresh

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

2nd

Heart of Humility

DEREK & DANA MARESH
featuring Oscar & Dianna Greak

3rd

Heart of Hope

DEREK & DANA MARESH
featuring Jerry & Denise McKeon

4th

Heart of Service

DEREK & DANA MARESH
featuring Father Preston Quintela



December 2nd – 4th 2025

Tuesday through Thursday



St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

807 Loggins Dr. West Columbia, TX

First Sunday of Advent

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Steve Bennett, Dennis Mican, Felix Nunez, Larry Phillips, Tom Ronayne, and Ron Smith

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

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Email

reception.olphsja@gmail.com

Website

www.olphsja.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and godparents. The next class is **December 6, 2025 @ 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

WHY YOU NEED AN ADVENT WREATH

What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first day of Advent, which begins this year on November 30th, the Church celebrates its New Year's Day. The date for the beginning of Advent falls each year on the Sunday closest to November 30th - the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle.

What is the history of Advent?

Originally Advent was celebrated over forty days, just like the Lenten season. This has now been shortened to four weeks, but the symbolism remains. You may notice another similarity to Lent when you attend Mass; although we still sing the Alleluia before the Gospel reading, we no longer sing the song of the angels - the Gloria. We will sing this song anew with the angels on Christmas day - just as they did over 2000 years ago.

The Scripture readings during Mass remind us of all the prophecies that point to the Lord's coming. We are called to keep watch and to leave behind our sinful ways. We also hear the recurring theme of a light shining through darkness. In Isaiah 60:19 we are reminded of this promise: "The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory."

What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. The light of the flame is a visual reminder that Christ is "The Light of the World" (John 8:12). There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first, second, and the fourth weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. These meanings are simply illustrated in The Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Advent Wreath. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the Angel's Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pinecones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.

Article from [The Catholic Company](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

November 29th — December 7th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

05:00 pm SJA † Evelyn Dybala

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH Jose Ines Campos

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

NO DAILY MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

05:00 pm SJA † Evelyn Dybala

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

08:30 am OLPH Bill Boulio

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

08:30 am SJA Andrew Calhoun Birthday

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

05:00 pm SJA † Jerry Babik

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

08:30 am OLPH Betsy, William, & Ronald Hutson

10:30 am SJA † James Bordelon

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Emma Smith, Jace Charlebois, Darin Adams, Edward Stavinoha, 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, Rodolfo Curiel, and Leon Bertsch

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CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for
GENERAL MAINTENANCE

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Weekly amount needed \$4,100.00

St. John the Apostle

Weekly amount needed \$4,100.00

ONLINE GIVING

To donate to **OLPH**, text "Give" to 979-356-3309 or visit
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/olphsweeny>

To donate to **SJA**, text "Give" to 979-364-4259 or visit
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnwestcolumbia>



Scan to donate to **OLPH** Scan to donate to **SJA**
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 @ 6:30 pm** in
the OLPH hall. They also meet to pray the rosary on
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in the grotto!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30TH

Sunday | First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rm
13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44

Monday | Is 4:2-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday | Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:
21-24

Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 25:6-10a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:
29-37

Thursday | Is 26:1-6/ Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday | Is 29:17-24/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Mt 9:27-31

Saturday | Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt
9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Rm
15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12



MASS SCHEDULE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
(THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

8:30 am at OLPH

6:00 pm at SJA

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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!

**At an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come**

Matthew 24:44

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 30

Orders due for the Guadalupe's Fundraiser

11:30 a to 1 p Life Night: "Breath of Fresh Air" — SJA hall

Monday, December 1

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

6:00 pm OLPH Ladies Christmas Party — OLPH hall

Tuesday, December 2

9 to 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation — OLPH hall

6 to 8 pm Advent Mission Night 1 — SJA

6:30 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall

Wednesday, December 3

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall

6 to 8 pm Advent Mission Night 2 — SJA

No Jr High & HS Faith Formation --- Go to Advent Mission

Thursday, December 4

Deadline to register for the Baptismal Prep Class

6 to 8 pm Advent Mission Night 3 — SJA

No OCIA Class --- Go to Advent Mission

Saturday, December 6

9 am to 1 pm Sacrament of Baptism Prep Class — OLPH

Sunday, December 7

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

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

OLPH LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies are invited to the Christmas Party on **Monday** @ 6:00 pm in the OLPH hall! Please bring your favorite snack food to share, along with your preferred beverage.

In support of our local Pregnancy Help Center, please bring a baby gift that can be donated. We look forward to seeing all of you!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed next week, **December 8** in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception! We will reopen Tuesday 12/9 @ 9:00 am.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please put an envelope in the regular collection or call the Parish Office! We ask that you write "Christmas Poinsettias" on the outside of the envelope, and specify in honor or in memory next to your loved one's names. Poinsettias are **\$15 each**.

The deadline to order is **Tuesday, December 16!**

PRAYER LEADERS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

November 29	05:00 pm	Susan Hatch
November 30	08:30 am	Laurie Kane
November 30	10:30 am	The Phillips
November 30	12:30 pm	Erika Hernandez

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

Join us **Tuesday through Thursday** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, each night at SJA, for our Parish Advent Mission! Come hear from Derek & Dana Maresh, as well as some of our own parishioners. Father Preston will be available for confession, and the night will conclude praying the rosary. Babysitting services will be available for a monetary donation toward the summer camps.

****See the bulletin cover for more details****

GUADALUPANA'S FUNDRAISER!!

The Guadalupe's are taking orders for **Ramirez's Tamales & Salsa!** The cost is \$15 per dozen of tamales or quart of salsa. All orders need to be placed by **THIS SUNDAY, November 30**. Orders will be available for pick-up on **Tuesday, December 9** @ 11:00 am in the OLPH hall. Please contact Adela Gutierrez at 979-235-0290 or Claudia Garza at 979-216-6566 if you have any questions!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Our next Baptismal Prep Class (in both English & Spanish) is **NEXT SATURDAY, December 6** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at OLPH! This class is required for both parents and godparents to attend if you are planning to baptize your child, or be a sponsor, within the next 3 years. Please contact Rebecca Giles at 832-212-4988 if you have any questions. We kindly ask that you **register for the class** using the signup link on our website (www.olphsja.org) under the Sacraments tab, by **Thursday** if you plan to attend! This class is only offered quarterly in our parishes, so please plan appropriately as to when you will need to attend a class!

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

All ladies of both parishes are invited to the Altar Guild's Christmas party on **Thursday, December 11** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the SJA hall! Fellowship will be from 6 to 6:30 pm, and a catered dinner from White Apron will follow at 6:30 pm. Games of Left, Right, Center will be played and those attending are asked to bring nine \$1 bills. Instead of gifts, please bring monetary/canned good donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul group. Please RSVP by December 8 to Linda Miska at 979-236-3978.