



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



THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

— THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT —

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MAINTENANCE GROUP

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!

CONNECT WITH US

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Instagram | olph.sja.youth

Flock Note | Text OLPHSJA to 84576 or visit olphsja.flocknote.com

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

Address

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

Phone Number & Fax

979-548-2020 ext. 4

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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.

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

THE PROPHET'S PROFIT

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God's people must obey his commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

December 13th — 21st | † Deceased

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

05:00 pm SJA † Karl Moody

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

10:30 am SJA † Evelyn Dybala

12:30 pm OLPH † Legion of Mary Members

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

05:00 pm SJA † Addie Wallace

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

08:30 am SJA † Julia Goodrum

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

05:00 pm SJA † Evelyn Dybala

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

08:30 am OLPH Bill Boulio

10:30 am SJA † Ronaldo Carrasco

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Mary Pavlovsky, 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 Efen 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

C.T. Baker & Sons
Funeral Home

CHURCH SUPPORT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — December 7, 2025

Regular Collection	\$2,789.00
2nd Collection — Faith Formation	\$228.00
Online Giving	\$1,425.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: December 8, 2024	\$3,626.00*
Difference: \$588.00	Increase of 16.22%

St. John the Apostle — December 7, 2025

Regular Collection	\$2,745.00
2nd Collection — Faith Formation	\$67.00
Online Giving	\$2,849.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: December 8, 2024	\$6,027.50*
Difference: (\$433.50)	Decrease of 7.19%

*sum of the Regular Collection and an ESTIMATE for Online Giving

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!

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH

Sunday | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

Monday | Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a/ Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/ Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday | Gen 49:2, 8-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/ Mt 1:1-17

Thursday | Jer 23:5-8/ Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25

Friday | Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25

Saturday | Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 1:26-38

Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Rm 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

MASS ATTENDANCE

Weekend of December 6th & 7th



Saturday	05:00 pm	101 people
Sunday	08:30 am	81 people
Sunday	10:30 am	191 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	102 people

Total: 475 people

Total Registered Families: 290



CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th

03:00 pm	Confession — SJA
04:00 pm	Mass — SJA
06:30 pm	Confession — OLPH
07:30 pm	Spanish Mass — OLPH
11:00 pm	Confession — OLPH

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

12:00 am	Candlelight Mass — OLPH
08:45 am	Confession — SJA
09:30 am	Mass — SJA

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14

1:30 pm Social Sunday — OLPH hall

Monday, December 15

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

6:00 pm Catholicism 101 with Father — OLPH hall

Tuesday, December 16

Deadline to order Christmas Poinsettia's

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

Wednesday, December 17

Last Faith Formation Class before Christmas Break

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall

Thursday, December 18

No OCIA Class --- Attend Posada instead

Sunday, December 21

11:30 am Christmas Decorating — SJA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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!**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church at SJA for Christmas next **Sunday, December 21**, following the 10:30 am Mass! Please mark your calendars — All help will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, December 31st

(New Year's Eve)

5:00 pm | Confession — SJA

6:00 pm | Mass — SJA

Thursday, January 1st

(New Year's Day)

8:00 am | Confession — SJA

9:00 am | Mass — SJA

PRAYER LEADERS

ROSARY — SORROWFUL

December 13	05:00 pm	Linda Miska
December 14	08:30 am	Laurie Kane
December 14	10:30 am	The McKeons
December 14	12:30 pm	Maria Gutierrez

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

December 20	05:00 pm	Kathy Humbird
December 21	08:30 am	Janie Bannert
December 21	10:30 am	The Phillips
December 21	12:30 pm	Lolis Soto

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 13TH — 19TH

14 th	Christopher & Olivia Owens	12 Years
17 th	Ed & Colleen Knight	37 Years
17 th	Thomas & Gabriela Morales	3 Years
18 th	Jaime & Minnie Cisneros	21 Years

POSADAS NAVIDENAS

You and your family are cordially invited! Begins @ 5:45 pm

December 16 — **Father Preston** (Rectory)

310 N McKinney St, Sweeny, TX 77480

December 17 — **Greak Family** 979-236-8077

209 Collins Lake Rd, Angleton, TX 77515

December 18 — **Bannert Family** 979-417-1104

9502 FM 524 Rd, Sweeny, TX 77480

December 19 — **Madera Family** 210-749-3134

5607 FM 1301 Rd, Pledger, TX 77468

December 20 — **Patino Family** 979-417-5913

624 CR 759, Sweeny, TX 77480

December 21 — **Velasco-Hernandez Family** 979-334-5115

2325 Shalmar Dr, West Columbia, TX 77486

December 22 — **Gomez Family** 979-417-4884

2980 Tejas Rd, Brazoria, TX 77422

December 23 — **Torres Family** 979-201-8507

7144 CR 683A, Sweeny, TX 77480

December 24 — **OLPH hall**

Please call the homeowner if you have any questions about directions!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be open half-a-day on **Monday, December 22**, and closed **Tuesday, December 23** through **Friday, December 26** in observance of Christmas! We will reopen the following Monday, December 29.

The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he

Matthew 11:11