



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

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 25th

12:00 am | Candlelight Mass at OLPH

8:45 am | Confession at SJA

9:30 am | Mass at SJA

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th

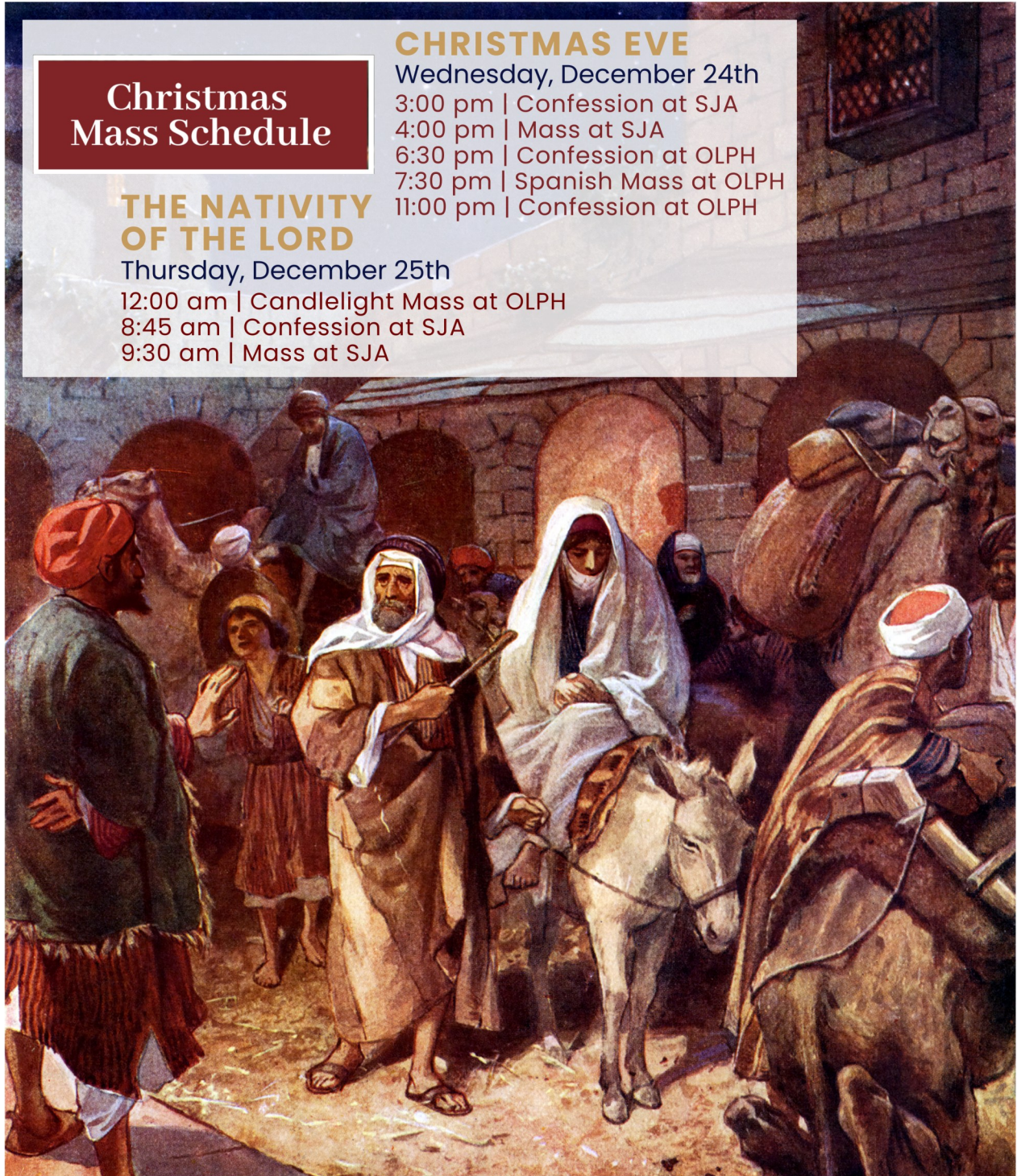
3:00 pm | Confession at SJA

4:00 pm | Mass at SJA

6:30 pm | Confession at OLPH

7:30 pm | Spanish Mass at OLPH

11:00 pm | Confession at OLPH



# Fourth Sunday of Advent



## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor

Father Preston Quintela  
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### Business Manager

Trish Speers  
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### Parish Receptionist

Jolie Orsak  
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### Director of Sacred Music –

### Assistant Liturgy Coordinator

Mary Hanning  
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### Parish Caretaker –

### Quinceañera Coordinator

Adela Gutierrez

### Youth Ministry Coordinators

Bianca Heinroth – OLPH  
Ellaina Madera – SJA  
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### Director of Sacramental Prep

Rebecca Giles

### Annulment Coordinators

Paul & Amye Kibodeaux

### Assistant Coordinators

Petra Armendariz, Jessica Balderas,  
and Michael & Bianca Heinroth

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Coordinator

Rosa Patino

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dennis Mican (*President*), Tim Whitt (*Vice President*), Lee Ann Phillips (*Secretary*), Brenda Baca, Jessica Balderas, Alvin Bannert, Danny Buentello, Ed Knight, Ellaina Madera, and Chuy Rodriguez

## FINANCE COUNCILS

### OLPH Members

Glenn Krauskopf (*President*), Kelly Bertsch, Paul Kibodeaux, Colleen Knight, and Penny Mican

### SJA Members

Oscar Greak III (*President*), Brian Devine, Steven Giles, Larry Phillips, Trent Roundtree, and Ron Smith

## 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

**Facebook** | @Our Lady of Perpetual Help & St. John the Apostle

**Instagram** | olph.sja.youth

**Flock Note** | Text OLPHSJA to 84576 or visit [olphsja.flocknote.com](http://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

979-548-4253

### St. Vincent de Paul

979-548-2020 ext. 3

### Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Friday**

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

### Email

[reception.olphsja@gmail.com](mailto:reception.olphsja@gmail.com)

### Website

[www.olphsja.org](http://www.olphsja.org)

## 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**



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A **Merry Christmas** to you and your families! I want to THANK all of you for your financial contributions this year. Many improvements have been made at both parishes, through your generosity, and more are still to come, including the installation of new sound systems at both OLPH and SJA. Your contributions also help our youth attend life changing summer camps and conferences, of which we will be attending in 2026! If you would like to donate to either of our parishes, via online giving, please scan the QR code below of the church that you would like to give your tithe to (**each parish has their own bank account**).

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



### ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE



Thank you again not only for your financial contributions, but for also fulfilling your baptismal responsibilities by volunteering your time, talent, and treasure!

God bless you and your families this Advent and Christmas season, and remember it is a season and not just one day!! Let's keep Christ in the Mass, in our homes, in our hearts, and in our intellects.

May the Holy Family continue to guide, protect, and heal each one of you. The family that prays the rosary together, stays together.

Your shepherd and spiritual father in Christ,  
*Father Preston Quintela*

**Christmas is joy,  
religious joy,  
an inner joy of  
light & peace**

POPE FRANCIS

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 20<sup>th</sup> — 28<sup>th</sup> | † Deceased

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

05:00 pm SJA † Evelyn Dybala

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

08:30 am OLPH Bill Boulio

10:30 am SJA † Rolando Carrasco

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

05:00 pm SJA † St. Jude

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

04:00 pm SJA † Evelyn Dybala

07:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 am OLPH Parish Family

09:30 am SJA Parish Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

08:30 am OLPH Parish Family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

05:00 pm SJA † Leo Heble

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH † Dominga Gutierrez —  
Anniversary of Death

## 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

S.E. Roofing & Building  
Patios, Siding, Gutters & Windows

# CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for  
**GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help — December 14, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1,931.00
2nd Collection — Sisters' Retirement Fund	\$363.00
Online Giving	\$605.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: December 15, 2024	\$1,867.00*
<b>Difference: \$669.00</b>	<b>Increase of 35.83%</b>

## St. John the Apostle — December 14, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1,480.00
2nd Collection — Sisters' Retirement Fund	\$108.00
Online Giving	\$1,529.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: December 15, 2024	\$1,390.00*
<b>Difference: \$1,619.00</b>	<b>Increase of 116.47%</b>

*\*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>

**Please consider covering the administrative fee!**



# PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Pvt. Aiden Silva, Dylan Garcia, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup>

**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

**Monday |** 1 Sm 1:24-28/ 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday |** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday |** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday | The Nativity of the Lord**

*Vigil Mass:* Is 62:1-5/ Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

*Mass during the Night:* Is 9:1-6/ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

*Mass at Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/ Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20

*Mass during the Day:* Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Friday | Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/ Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday | Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

— 1 Jn 1:14/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Sunday | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

— Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

# MASS ATTENDANCE



## Weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

Saturday	05:00 pm	109 people
Sunday	08:30 am	80 people
Sunday	10:30 am	97 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	207 people

**Total: 493 people**

**Total Registered Families: 290**

# 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!



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 21

11:30 am Christmas Decorating — SJA

### Monday, December 22

**Parish Office open half-a-day**

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

### Tuesday, December 23

**Parish Office Closed**

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

### Wednesday, December 24

**Parish Office Closed | Christmas Eve**

### Thursday, December 25

**Parish Office Closed | Christmas Day**

### Friday, December 26

**Parish Office Closed**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## Merry Christmas

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The Altar Guild will be decorating SJA for Christmas this **Sunday, December 21**, following the 10:30 am Mass! All help will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

### 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.

### POSADAS NAVIDENAS

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

**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!

## PRAYER LEADERS

### 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

### ROSARY — JOYFUL

December 27	05:00 pm	Susan Hatch
December 28	08:30 am	Janie Bannert
December 28	10:30 am	Trisha Wleczyk
December 28	12:30 pm	María Isabel

## ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> — 26<sup>TH</sup>

26<sup>th</sup> | Javier & Yessica Hernandez 5 Years

## A LIGHT WILL SHINE ON US THIS DAY: THE LORD IS BORN FOR US

**Psalms 97:11**



## SHE WILL BEAR A SON & YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS



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

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
(New Year's Eve)

5:00 pm | Confession — SJA  
6:00 pm | Mass — SJA

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(New Year's Day)

8:00 am | Confession — SJA  
9:00 am | Mass — SJA