



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. John the Apostle

John 17:21

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

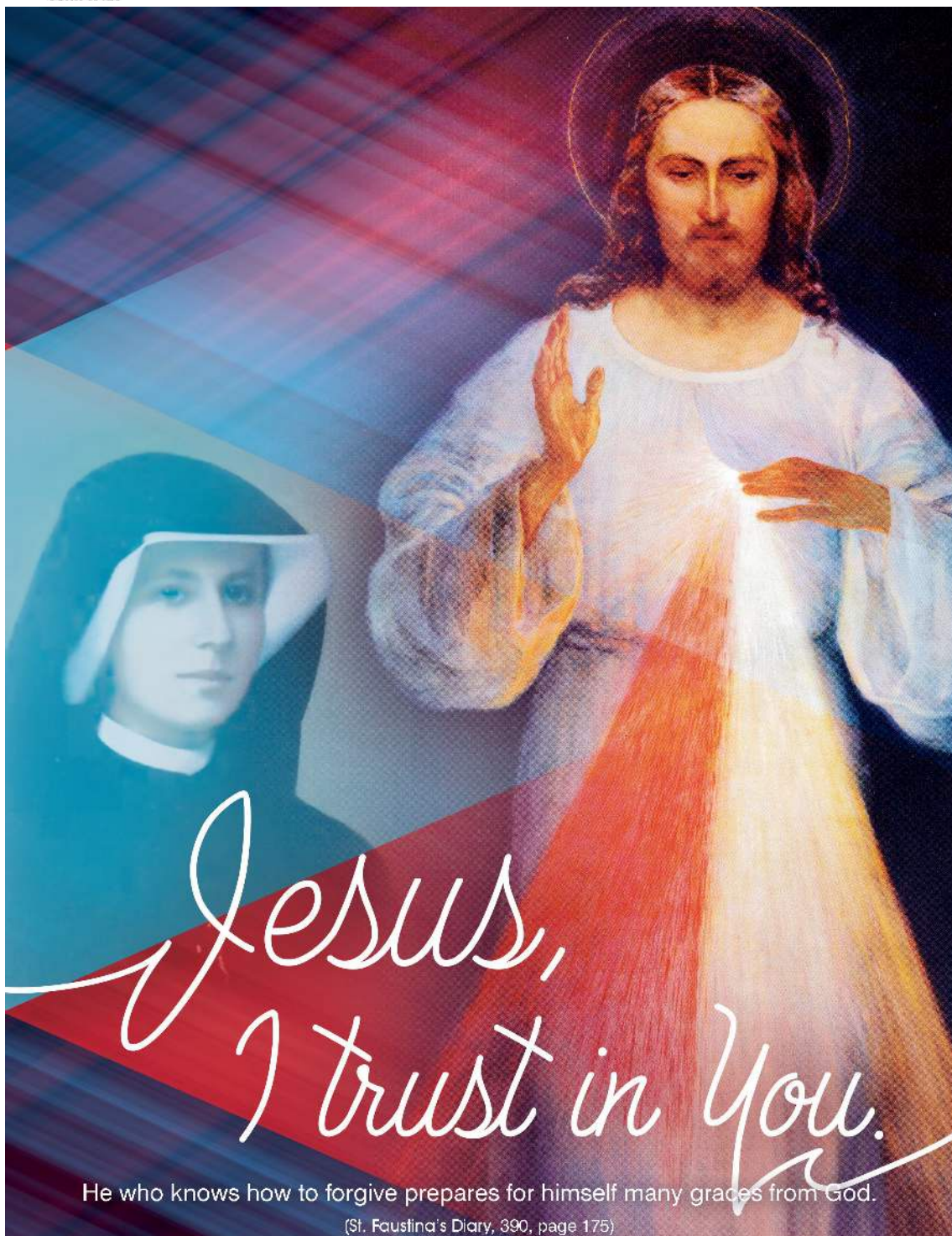
The Catholic Churches of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

310 North McKinney St, Sweeny, Texas 77480

& St. John the Apostle

807 Loggins Dr, West Columbia, Texas 77486



Divine Mercy Sunday

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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

Address

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Website

www.olphsja.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and godparents. The next class will be **June 6, 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

A WELL OF MERCY

How I wish I could be Thomas at the moment when Jesus says, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side" (John 20:27). Thomas touched Divine Mercy when he touched Christ's side. Jesus invited him to put his hand into the very wound from which blood and water had flowed.

Jesus' wounds have been transformed. They have been redeemed. They are not simply flesh wounds. They are the wounds of redemption and salvation. They are the wounds of love and mercy, from which grace is poured out to the world.

To St. Faustina, Jesus said, "From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but the wound in My Heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy. From this fountain spring all graces for souls.... I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls..." (Diary of St. Faustina, #1190).

What surge of love Thomas must have felt as he experienced this mercy! What an intimate encounter he must have had with our Lord! Jesus' glorified wounds are not only transformed, they are transformative. They are not only redeemed, they are redemptive. Thomas' heart must have been on fire as He realized the depths of Christ's love and experienced the transformation and redemption Christ died to give us. With what passion must he have proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

As with Thomas, often a sudden realization of God's great love and mercy incites our worship and cracks our hearts open as well. By accepting the invitation to bring our doubts, pain, woundedness, and sinfulness to Him, approaching Him and seeing what He has done for us, surrendering ourselves to Him as we do, He can touch our hearts. It is communion with His limitless love that transforms us when we receive Our Lord and offer our hearts as His abode.

In a very powerful way, the wound in Christ's side is the very passageway we are invited to travel to encounter His Heart. His wounds cannot be separated from Divine Mercy, for it is through His suffering and the giving of Himself, through His death and His wounds, especially the wound created by the spear driven into His Heart, that His merciful, redemptive work was released.

We can no longer physically put our hand into Christ's wound as Thomas did. We are called to believe without seeing or touching. But we do have the gift of Divine Mercy and the gift of the Eucharist, in which we can have an equally powerful experience of Christ's love and mercy, of redemption and transformation. This Divine Mercy Sunday, let us come to Our Lord. Let us pray to Him and venerate Him. Let us receive Him into our bodies. And let us cry out in worship and awe together with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

By Kimberly Andrich
Inspiration Daily Reflection — Diocesan.com

MASS INTENTIONS

April 11th — 19th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

05:00 pm SJA

† Leigh Ann Frontz

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

08:30 am OLPH

Special Intention

10:30 am SJA

† Theresa Hluza

12:30 pm OLPH

Parish Family

MONDAY, APRIL 13

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

NO MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

NO MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

05:00 pm SJA

† Catholic Life Insurance Members

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

08:30 am OLPH

† Leon Bertsch

10:30 am SJA

Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH

† Legion de Maria Members

PRAYER LIST

Virra Salinas, Jessica Pena, Nora Mendoza, Omar Ramirez, Gabe Bragg, Andrew de La Pena, Kriztopher Alvarez, Jerry McKeon, Betty Bromonsky, Mike Young, Emma Smith, Jace Charlebois, Darin Adams, Edward Stavinoha, Theresa Copperthite, Alex Martinez, Philip Sanchez, Maria Ortiz, Jessica Guerrero, Reyes Baltazar, Lorine Golden, Mary Ann Devine, Charles Jenkins, Tammy Sanderson, Laura Ramirez, Lucy Pendon, Stephanie Alejo, Gerald Schmidt, Paula Garza, Jennifer Donald, Bobby Tosch, Irene Costilla, Maria Lowrey, Jan Tilley, Sandra Brabrandt, Ed Waligura, 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, 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



CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for
GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — April 5, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,711.00
Second Collection — Faith Formation	\$374.00
Online Giving	\$1,205.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: April 6, 2025	\$3,434.00*
Difference: \$542.00	Increase of 15.78%

St. John the Apostle — April 5, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,487.25
Second Collection — Faith Formation	\$120.00
Online Giving	\$2,848.85
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: April 6, 2025	\$3,898.00*
Difference: \$1,438.10	Increase of 36.89%

*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
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To donate to **SJA**, text "Give" to 979-364-4259 or visit
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Please consider covering the administrative fee!

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Pvt. Aidan Jesse Garcia, Jennifer Lopez, Staff Sgt. Ricky Llanes, Pvt. Aiden Silva, Dylan Garcia, Senior Airman Cody Lozano, Sgt. Abel Carrasco, SA Reese Whittington, Pvt. Evelyn Wallace, Spec. Nicholas Kane, HM 2 Catherine Boykin, 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!

CATHOLIC COUNSELING

Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values, and traditions of the Church. You may visit a counselor at one of their locations in the Houston area, or online via a video session. For more info, visit <https://gratiaplenacounseling.org>, call 832-532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12TH

Sunday | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/ Jn 20:19-31

Monday | Acts 4:23-31/ Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/ Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday | Acts 4:32-37/ Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday | Acts 5:17-26/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21

Thursday | Acts 5:27-33/ Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/ Jn 3:31-36

Friday | Acts 5:34-42/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Jn 6:1-15

Saturday | Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ Jn 6:16-21

Sunday | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

MASS ATTENDANCE

Easter Triduum | April 2nd — 5th



Holy Thursday	145 people
Good Friday	160 people
Good Friday (Spanish)	36 people
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	190 people
Easter Sunday 08:30 am	187 people
Easter Sunday 10:30 am	240 people
Easter Sunday 12:30 pm	170 people

Total Registered Families: 297

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

As of April 7th | www.archgh.org/dsf



	OLPH	SJA
Goal	\$4,945	\$3,762
Amount Paid	\$7,365	\$2,745
Amount Owed	\$0	\$1,017
Total Donors	18	12

OLPH is 1 of 2 parishes in the Archdiocese to have their goal paid!



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

No Daily Mass Tuesday — Friday
Father Preston will be at a Priests Conference

Saturday, April 11

6 to 8 pm Ladies Discernment Dinner — SJA hall

Sunday, April 12

9 to 10:15 am First Communion Class — SJA hall
9:30 am Coffee Sunday — OLPH hall

Monday, April 13

7:30 am Legion of Mary (English) — OLPH hall

Tuesday, April 14

9 to 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation — OLPH hall
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting — SJA hall

Wednesday, April 15

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall

Thursday, April 16

6:00 pm OCIA Class — SJA hall

Friday, April 17

4:30 pm Bus Departure to Basketball Game — SJA

Sunday, April 19

1:30 pm Social Sunday — OLPH hall

COFFEE SUNDAY AT OLPH

All are invited to come enjoy great food and fellowship in the OLPH hall after 8:30 am Mass **this weekend!**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **SJA Altar Guild Scholarship:** Applications are available for pick up at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy of SJA! Applications must be received by **Sunday, April 26.**
- **West Brazos Knights of Columbus Scholarship:** Applications may be picked up at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy of OLPH or SJA. The applications plus letters of recommendations must be received by mail or hand delivered, no later than **Friday, May 1.**
- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship:** Applications can be picked up at the Parish Office or in the Sacristy of OLPH or SJA! Applications & essays must be postmarked or hand delivered by **Monday, May 4.**

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

ALL OF THESE WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

2026-2027 First Communion: Parents of current 1st graders, please attend where your child is enrolled in FF!
4:15 pm at OLPH & 5:15 pm at SJA

2026-2027 Confirmation: Parents of current 9th graders, please attend the meeting @ 6:15 pm in the SJA hall!

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 11TH — 17TH

11th | Jorge & Lorena Mexicano 34 Years
12th | Jesus & Yadira Garcia 18 Years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES DISCERNMENT DINNER

All families who have **daughters** and those **single ladies** from both parishes and beyond, are invited to an evening of fellowship and learning about the true meaning of womanhood by looking at the Blessed Virgin Mary as the ULTIMATE WOMAN and the feminine genius.

THE WHOLE FAMILY is invited who have underage daughters. This event will take place **Saturday** evening, after the 5:00 pm Mass in the SJA hall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A meal will be provided so it is important that those who plan on attending RSVP!

9TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME

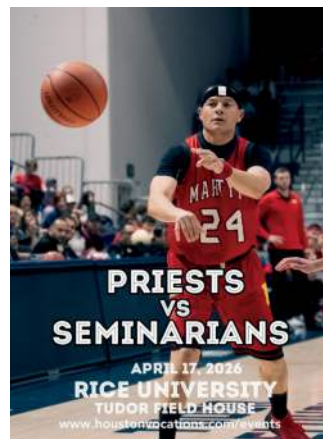
THIS FRIDAY @ 7:00 PM
Tudor Fieldhouse

Get your tickets if you have not already!! Remember to dress out in support of your team:

PRIESTS — RED
SEMINARIANS — BLUE

Bring your family and come enjoy this exciting event that you **WON'T** want to miss!!

Scan the QR Code for more info & tickets!



We have **CHARTERED A BUS** and seats are **\$36 each!** Please call the Parish Office at 979-548-2020 to reserve your spot ASAP! If you ride the bus, you will have to purchase tickets to the Game separately!

IF YOU'RE RIDING THE BUS, IT WILL LEAVE SJA @ 4:30 PM!

ALTAR GUILD TAMALE & SALSA FUNDRAISER

The Altar Guild Ladies of SJA are taking orders for their Tamale and Salsa Fundraiser! This is one of their main fundraisers which helps them support and provide for different events happening in the parish throughout the year!! If you're interested in placing an order, please contact Mary Amason at 979-299-8337. Orders are due to her by **Monday, April 20**, and will be ready for pickup on Friday, May 8 from 11 am to 5:30 pm in the SJA hall.

Please see their flyer at the back of each church for flavors!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday, May 9 | 6:30 to 7:30 pm | SJA

Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass for a Holy Hour! All are invited, especially teens and young adults to consider and discern how the Lord is calling them to serve His Church. Mark your calendars!!

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<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Leon & Maria Nunez <i>from Felix & Mamie</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Rene Carreon, Jr. Casen Holt Christopher Baca	<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Bill Cummings <i>From Angie & Girls</i>	<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Rob Tosch		