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Monday @ 12:00 noon

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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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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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 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

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

Reflections — Inspiration Daily (Diocesan.com)

I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

May 2nd — 10th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, MAY 2

05:00 pm SJA Parish Family

SUNDAY, MAY 3

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

10:30 am SJA Luke & Anne Morton

12:30 pm OLPH † Esther Vera

MONDAY, MAY 4

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 5

05:00 pm SJA † Theresa Hluza

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

08:30 am OLPH Special Intentions

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 7

08:30 am SJA Parish Family

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 8

08:30 am OLPH † Betty Klasel

SATURDAY, MAY 9

05:00 pm SJA † Emil Miska

SUNDAY, MAY 10

08:30 am OLPH Special Intention

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH † Legion de Maria Members

PRAYER LIST

Vilra Salinas, Nora Mendoza, Omar Ramirez, Gabe Bragg, Andrew de La Pena, Kriztopher Alvarez, 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

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help — April 26, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,112.00
Second Collection — Catholic Home Missions	\$135.00
Online Giving	\$1,332.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: April 27, 2025	\$3,583.00*
Difference: (\$1,139.00)	Decrease of 31.79%

St. John the Apostle — April 26, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,887.00
Second Collection — Catholic Home Missions	\$105.00
Online Giving	\$2,370.85
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last Year: April 27, 2025	\$2,282.88*
Difference: \$2,974.97	Increase of 130.32%

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

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God bless the members of our armed forces!

MASS ATTENDANCE



Weekend of April 25th & 26th

Saturday	05:00 pm	83 people
Sunday	08:30 am	75 people
Sunday	10:30 am	139 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	96 people

Total: 393 people

Total Registered Families: 297

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3RD

Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter — Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

Monday | Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14: 21-26

Tuesday | Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday | Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8

Thursday | Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11

Friday | Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15: 12-17

Saturday | Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/ Jn 15:18-21

Sunday | Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21



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MINISTRIES

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

Together, we can lift our neighbors in need. Prayerfully consider joining SVdP as we help our neighbors with food and/or monetary assistance.

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm at SJA.

LEGION OF MARY

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



English: join the ladies every **Monday @ 7:30 am** (location varies), or to become an auxiliary member, call Anita Heble at 979-480-3224!

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!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS



Our Lady Queen of Hope Court #2289

Join the Catholic Daughters for their monthly meeting on the **1st Tuesday** of each month @ 6:30 pm at the KC hall in Brazoria!

Their next Meeting is **Tuesday, May 5th**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 3

10:30 am First Communion during Mass — SJA

Monday, May 4

7:30 am Legion of Mary (English) — OLPH hall
6:00 pm Altar Guild Meeting — SJA hall

Tuesday, May 5

9 to 10:30 am Adult Faith Formation — OLPH hall
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall
6:00 pm Councils End of Year Gathering — Rectory

Wednesday, May 6

6 to 7 am That Man is You — OLPH hall
4:15 pm 26-27 First Communion Meeting — OLPH
5:15 pm 26-27 First Communion Meeting — SJA
6:15 pm 26-27 Confirmation Parent Meeting — SJA

Thursday, May 7

11:30 am Altar Society Meeting — OLPH hall
6:00 pm OCIA Class — SJA hall

Saturday, May 9

6:30 pm Holy Hour for Vocations — SJA

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our youth who received the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** this weekend! May the Holy Family continue to guide each of you as you take the next step in your faith.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications & essays must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Court Regent, Lisa Schaubroeck, by **Monday!**

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join us next **Saturday**, following 5 pm Mass at SJA, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone from both parishes is invited to come pray for our young to better understand how the Lord is calling them to serve His Church — whether that be through marriage, priestly, or religious vocations!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Our next Baptismal Prep Class (in both English & Spanish) is coming up on **Saturday, June 6** from 9 am until 12 pm at OLPH! This class is required for both parents and god-parents to attend if you are planning to baptize your child, or be a sponsor, within the next 3 years. We kindly ask that you **register for the class** by **Thursday, June 4** if you plan to attend! Please visit our website, under the Sacraments tab, to find the signup link. This class is only offered quarterly in our parishes, so please plan appropriately as to when you will need to attend! Contact Rebecca Giles at 832-212-4988 if you have any questions.

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 2ND — 8TH

2nd | Derek & Andrea Lewis 10 Years
5th | Joseph & Brittinee Hardin 14 Years
6th | Larry & Lee Ann Phillips 37 Years

PRAYER LEADERS

ROSARY — SORROWFUL

May 2 05:00 pm Susan Hatch
May 3 08:30 am Laurie Kane
May 3 10:30 am Trisha Wleczyk

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

May 9 05:00 pm Linda Miska
May 10 08:30 am Janie Bannert
May 10 10:30 am The Phillips

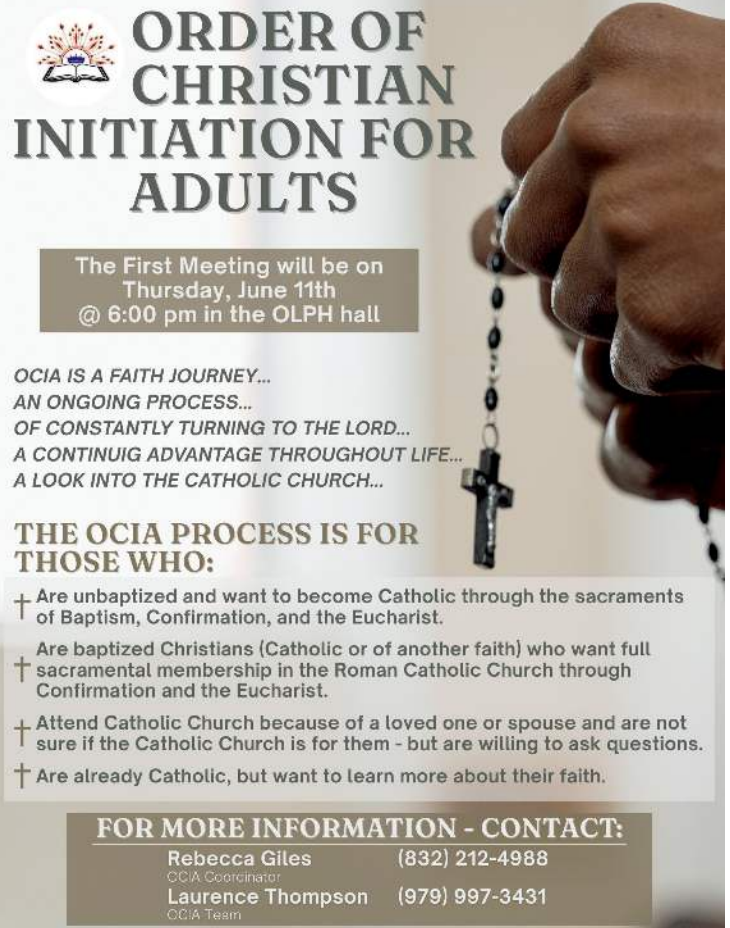
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

REMINDER — THIS **WEDNESDAY!!**

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**



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The First Meeting will be on Thursday, June 11th @ 6:00 pm in the OLPH hall

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