



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



Take courage, it is I;
DO NOT BE AFRAID

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Steve Bennett, Dennis Mican, Felix
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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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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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310 N. McKinney St.
Sweeny, TX 77480
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Phone Number & Fax

979-548-2020 ext. 4

979-548-4253

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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

Website

www.olphsja.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Preparation classes are required for the parents and
godparents. The next class will be **September 5th @ 9:00 am at SJA.**

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 (JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027): LUKE 1:38

TWO STEPS FORWARD...

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

By Tom Schmidt

The Word In Our Lives Reflection — Diocesan.com

**Near indeed
is his salvation
for those who
fear him**

Psalm 85:10

MASS INTENTIONS

August 8th — 16th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

05:00 pm SJA

† Melinda Goodrum

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

08:30 am OLPH

Special Intention

10:30 am SJA

Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH

† Jose Ines Salazar

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

05:00 pm SJA

† Robert Casarez

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

08:30 am OLPH

† Leon Bertsch

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

08:30 am SJA

Christine McDonald

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

08:30 am OLPH

† Julia Goodrum

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

09:00 am OLPH

† Anton Dybala, Jr.

05:00 pm SJA

† Father Joe Gietl

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

08:30 am OLPH

† Catholic Life Ins. Members

10:30 am SJA

Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH

† Jose Nicolas

PRAYER LIST

Heather Dupont, Sheila Newton, Felix Garza, Mary Amason, Phillip James Sanchez III, 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, 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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979-848-1724

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979-244-4774

"BALDERAS FAMILY"

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

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>

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnwestcolumbia>



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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, 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!

PRAYER LEADERS

ROSARY — JOYFUL

August 8	05:00 pm	Susan Hatch
August 9	08:30 am	Janie Bannert
August 9	10:30 am	The Phillips

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

August 15	05:00 pm	The Jenkins
August 16	08:30 am	Laurie Kane
August 16	10:30 am	Lisa Orsak

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9TH

Sunday | **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Rm 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33

Monday | **Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

— 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/ Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday | **Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**

Ez 2:8-3:4/ Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday | Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22/ Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ 2 Cor 5:19/ Mt 18:15-20

Thursday | Ez 12:1-12/ Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/ Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday | **Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

— Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/ Mt 19:3-12

Saturday | **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28

Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Sunday | **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 56:1, 6-7/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

Near indeed is his salvation
for those who fear him

Psalm 85:10

BAPTISM



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptismal Prep Class will be on **Saturday, September 5** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the SJA hall! Preparation classes are required for both parents and godparents if you are planning to baptize your child, or be a sponsor, within the next 3 years. This class will be offered in both English and Spanish. We kindly ask that you register by September 3 if you plan to attend! To do so, please visit our website. If you have any questions, contact Rebecca at 832-212-4988. These classes are only offered quarterly in our parishes. Please plan appropriately as to when you'll need to attend a class!

Upcoming Classes in 2026: December 5 at SJA



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, August 10

7:30 am Legion of Mary (English) — OLPH hall
6:00 pm Amazing Parish Follow-up Meeting — OLPH

Tuesday, August 11

11:00 am FF Catechist/Volunteer Training — OLPH
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting — SJA hall

Thursday, August 13

11:00 am SOAR Group Meeting — OLPH hall

Friday, August 14

5:30 pm Confession — SJA
7:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — SJA

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am Confession — OLPH
9:00 am Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — SJA

Sunday, August 16

1:30 pm Social Sunday — OLPH hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year is **OPEN!**

Scan the QR Code below to register your child!



Registration Deadline: **AUGUST 31ST**

We ask that you register your child(ren) by the deadline, so we are able to ensure the correct number of workbooks and supplies for the students prior to the start of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Bianca at 979-709-9138 or Ellaina at 210-749-3134. Registration help will be available August 13 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am and August 14 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the OLPH hall!



ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 8TH — 14TH

8 th	James & Carolyn Pisklak	62 Years
8 th	John & Millie Gresham	56 Years
8 th	Ryan & Jessica Follett	11 Years
9 th	Fermin & Maria Soto	
10 th	Bruce & Denise Gotcher	52 Years
10 th	Jeff & Kristin Effenberger	13 Years
14 th	Quintana & Maria Rosas	



2026 CATHOLIC BAZAAR UPDATES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you are planning to volunteer in ANY way, you MUST be Safe Environment trained! If you're training is near expiration, you will receive a letter from the Parish Office! **Renewal instructions and instructions for new users can be found on our website under resources.** If you have any questions, please contact Trish at 979-548-2020 ext 6.

TURKEY BOARD

Please take stickers off of the board and place them into a "Thank You!" envelope, with the donation amount enclosed that is listed on the front of each sticker you pulled, and put that envelope into the regular collection slot (*checks may be made payable to OLPH*).

Please know that you are NOT ACTUALLY going out to buy the item on the sticker you pulled — instead, you are giving a monetary donation to cover the cost of that item!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Want to become a sponsor? Please contact Oscar at 979-236-8077! Listed below are the inclusions for each level.

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- **DISCIPLE LEVEL \$1,000** — includes your business's logo/name at each table, 4 meal tickets, 10 raffle tickets, and acknowledgement in the bulletin
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<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Edward & Eunice Moy		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> John, Pauline & Johnny Olsovsky From Olsovsky Family		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Edward R. Smith Junior & Dorothy Riggs					
<i>In Loving Memory of</i> <i>the Members of the</i> Edward R. Smith Family		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Lawrence Hluza <i>from</i> Theresa Hluza		<i>In LOVING MEMORY OF</i> Jerry & Annie Sliva, Libert & Pat Vitek, Howard "Bubba" Smith <i>From Sharon Hardwick</i>		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Thomas Bennett & James Buenger Bill Bennet <i>from Steve & Pat</i>		Knights of Columbus COUNCIL #8548 BINGO Every Thursday Church or national holidays excluded Doors Open 5:00pm First number pulled @7:00pm, usually out by 10pm \$2500 pay-out horse races, All plays, Pull Tabs.	
<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> Rob Tosch		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Andrus, Theresa & David Lacombe <i>From Debra</i>		<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Juan, Juana & Jose Ordenez <i>from the family</i>	