



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. John the Apostle

John 17:21

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

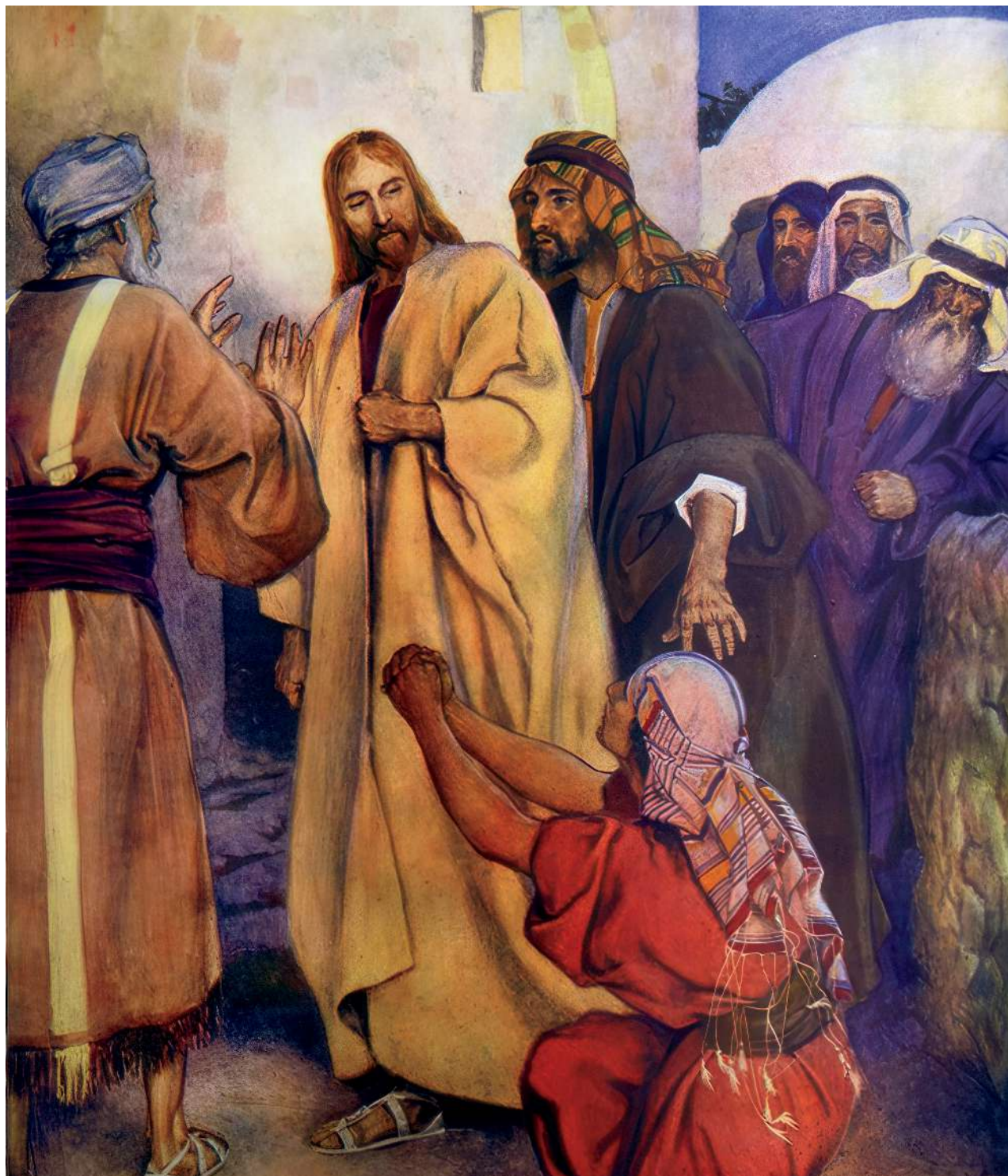
The Catholic Churches of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

310 North McKinney St, Sweeny, Texas 77480

& St. John the Apostle

807 Loggins Dr, West Columbia, Texas 77486



20th 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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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

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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

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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

A CLEVER WOMAN OF FAITH

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

By Tom Schmidt

The Word In Our Lives Reflection — Diocesan.com



BAPTISM

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Saturday, September 5 | 9 am to 12 pm | SJA hall
(Offered in both English and Spanish)

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 15th — 23rd | † Deceased

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

05:00 pm SJA

† Theresa Hluza

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

08:30 am OLPH

Special Intention

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

08:30 am SJA

† Daniel Orsak

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

08:30 am OLPH

† Leon Bertsch

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

05:00 pm SJA

Charlene Garcia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

08:30 am OLPH

† Betty Klasel

10:30 am SJA

† Rolando Carrasco

12:30 pm OLPH

Parish Family

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

In Loving Memory of

**Andrus, Theresa &
David Lacombe**

From Debra

CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for
GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — August 9, 2026

Regular Collection	\$3,000.05
Second Collection — Infirm Priests	\$298.00
Online Giving	\$500.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 10, 2025	\$4,032.00*
Difference: (\$531.95)	Decrease of 13.19%

St. John the Apostle — August 9, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,596.00
Second Collection — Infirm Priests	\$155.00
Online Giving	\$875.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 10, 2025	\$4,325.00*
Difference: (\$1,854.00)	Decrease of 42.87%

**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>



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Please consider covering the administrative fee!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



LOCAL SOCIETY NEWS

*Your donations at work in the
community during the month of July!*

RENT PAID — \$1,726.48
FOOD ASSISTANCE — \$1,770.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16TH

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

Monday | Ez 24:15-23/ Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/ Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday | Ez 28:1-10/ Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/ Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday | Ez 34:1-11/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16

Thursday | Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church — Ez 36:23-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mt 22:1-14

Friday | Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope — Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40

Saturday | Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Ez 43:1-7ab/ Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 23:1-12

Sunday | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23/ Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/ Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

PRAYER LEADERS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ROSARY — SORROWFUL

August 22	05:00 pm	Susan Hatch
August 23	08:30 am	Janie Bannert
August 23	10:30 am	The Phillips

MASS ATTENDANCE



Weekend of August 8th & 9th

Saturday	05:00 pm	93 people
Sunday	08:30 am	98 people
Sunday	10:30 am	187 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	125 people

Total: 503 people

Total Registered Families: 303



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16

1:30 pm Social Sunday — OLPH hall

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

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

6:00 pm PPC Meeting — SJA hall

Thursday, August 20

6:00 pm OCIA Class — OLPH hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY FOR SINGLES

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer | Reinvigorate your prayer life with this inspiring eight-part study featuring Fr. Mark Toups! St. Michael's Catholic Church in Lake Jackson is hosting this bible study, which is open to singles ages 30-55, on **Fridays** beginning **September 4** through October 23, from 6 to 8 pm (*includes a family-style dinner*). The registration link can be found on our website. Registration is free; workbook purchase is encouraged. For more info, please contact Amy Hartl at aahartl26@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Just about 2 WEEKS LEFT until registration closes!!!

Scan the QR Code below to register your child(ren)!



Registration Deadline: AUGUST 31ST

We ask that you register your child(ren) by the deadline, to ensure we have the correct number of workbooks and supplies prior to the start of the year. To pay with cash or a check, come by the Parish Office. If you have questions, contact Bianca at 979-709-9138 or Ellaina at 210-749-3134. **Interested in volunteering** as an Active Disciple? Visit our website or Facebook page for the sign up link!



ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 15TH — 21ST

15th | Frank & Linda Miska

55 Years

16th | Bobby & Cheryl Tosch

56 Years

BAZAAR UPDATES

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25th

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!!

The raffle tickets have been put out at the back of both churches and are available for you to take!

- Please take the envelope with your family's name.
- If you are a **REGISTERED PARISHIONER**, your envelope of tickets will be at the back of the church that you are registered at.
- If you are **NOT a registered parishioner**, or don't see your family's name, then please take a blank envelope from the back of the box and put your information on the front of the envelope when you turn it in.
- When **TURNING IN YOUR ENVELOPE**, please enclose the bottom portion of the tickets (*filled out*), **any unsold tickets**, and all of the money you collected, and place your envelope into the regular collection slot at Mass.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

If you are planning to volunteer in ANY way, you MUST be Safe Environment trained! If your 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.

- **PARISH FRIEND LEVEL \$500** — includes your business's logo/name at each table, 2 meal tickets, 5 raffle tickets, and acknowledgement in the bulletin
- **DISCIPLE LEVEL \$1,000** — includes your business's logo/name at each table, 4 meal tickets, 10 raffle tickets, and acknowledgement in the bulletin
- **GUARDIAN ANGEL LEVEL \$2,500** — includes your business's logo/name at each table, dinner for 4 with Father Preston, 6 meal tickets, 15 raffle tickets, and acknowledgement in the bulletin
- **PATRON SAINT LEVEL \$5,000** — includes your business's logo/name at each table, dinner for 6 with Father Preston, 8 meal tickets, 20 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 from <i>Theresa Hluza</i>	<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 from Felix & Mamie	<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>	