



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



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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!

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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.
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(Middle building behind church)

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

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

THE CHAIR OF PETER

Word was spreading and people everywhere were talking about Jesus. Who was He? He is somehow John the Baptist. No, He's Elijah. No, Jeremiah. No, He's a prophet. Ancient us, modern us...are we really that different? We're still arguing. Jesus was a prophet; Jesus was God but not really man; Jesus was man but not really God; Jesus was just a really nice guy that lived a long time ago.

Who is Jesus? Peter knew. Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God." "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

God knows us so well. He knew that the years leading up to His second coming would be much like the final days of His first: full of disputes, disagreements, debates, each participant certain of his own position. Who do we believe? How do we know what's true? God knew we needed an authority to trust, so through his Son, He left us a gift - the Papacy.

When Jesus promised that Peter would be our rock, our authority, he became our first Pope, and we can trace that line of authority from Peter right up to Pope Leo XIV today. We look to the chair of Peter not because he himself was so wise but rather because God promised to reveal Truth to this chair, and God keeps His promises.

Throughout the centuries, saints, including Peter, have filled that Holy Chair, but so have imperfect, even corrupt, men. Still, the Chair and the Church endure. As He promised, "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it," and God's promises will always triumph over the lies of man.

We don't trust the authority of the Church because the guys in charge of it are perfect, but rather because He who established it is indeed perfect. Our ever-faithful God promised that the successors of Peter would hold Truth. It's not the man himself who is infallible but rather the position, the Holy Chair, the Holy See. When our Popes speak "ex cathedra," from the chair, to the Universal Church on issues of faith and morals, we believe that he is being guided by the Holy Spirit and cannot make a mistake. That is God's promise, and that is why we can look to the Holy See and trust it.

Not only can we trust our Holy Father's authority, but also are we called to, especially when that wisdom challenges our own. It is not a blind following that ignores or dismisses the missteps of man. Instead, it is a humble following that recognizes an eternal wisdom, understanding, and authority greater than our own. Why did Jesus leave us our Church, our Pope, our earthly authority? Because he knows us so well.

By Pamela Kavanaugh

Inspiration Daily Reflection — Diocesan.com

MASS INTENTIONS

August 22nd — 30th | † Deceased

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

05:00 pm SJA † Jeanmaire Pempek

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

08:30 am SJA † Evelyn Dybala

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

08:30 am OLPH † Melinda Goodrum

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

05:00 pm SJA Vladimir Goodrum

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

08:30 am OLPH Special Intention

10:30 am SJA Parish Family

12:30 pm OLPH † Isauro Moreno

PRAYER LIST

Mary Pavlovsky, Helen Peter, 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 Stavinocha, 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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CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for our
LOCAL ST. VINDENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — August 16, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,733.00
Second Collection — Gen Maintenance	\$240.00
Online Giving	\$710.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 17, 2025	\$2,251.00*
Difference: \$192.00	Increase of 8.53%

St. John the Apostle — August 16, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,676.00
Second Collection — Gen Maintenance	\$207.00
Online Giving	\$2,230.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 17, 2025	\$3,536.00*
Difference: \$370.00	Increase of 10.46%

**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>



Scan to donate to **OLPH** Scan to donate to **SJA**
Please consider covering the administrative fee!

PRAYER LEADERS

ROSARY — SORROWFUL

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

August 29	05:00 pm	Linda Miska
August 29	08:30 am	Laurie Kane
August 30	10:30 am	Trisha Wleczyk

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!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23RD

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
Monday	Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b-14/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/ Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/ Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Monica — 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church — 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist — 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/ Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

MASS ATTENDANCE



Weekend of August 15th & 16th

Saturday	05:00 pm	67 people
Sunday	08:30 am	85 people
Sunday	10:30 am	152 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	135 people

Total: 439 people

Total Registered Families: 303

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 22ND — 28TH

26 th	Esteban & Bibiana Tenorio-Adame	10 Years
26 th	Jesus & Joann Rodriguez	19 Years
27 th	Charles & Rita Jenkins	62 Years

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) — OLPH hall
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting — SJA hall

Thursday, August 27

6:00 pm OCIA Class — OLPH hall

Sunday, August 30

2:15 pm Matachines Inquiry Meeting — OLPH hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATACHINES INQUIRY MEETING

A meeting for current members and those interested in joining the Matachines will be held on **Sunday, August 30** @ 2:15 pm in the OLPH hall! All ages, including adults, are welcome to join. If you have questions, please contact Rosa at 979-417-5913 or Petra at 979-417-7283.

PARISH BROTHERS IN CHRIST — TMIY

All men of both parishes are invited to come join our men's group on **Wednesday mornings**, beginning **September 9**, from 6:00 to 7:00 am in the OLPH hall, as they take turns sharing and growing in Catholicism! They review real life experiences and use them as examples to help become stronger leaders in our faith. If you have questions, please contact Dennis at 979-417-8476 or Ron at 979-248-8868.

TMIY stands for "That Man is You". It is the original program we started from Paradisus Dei four years ago. We modified and deviated from the program last year. That's why we thought it'd be good to give the group a new name, but retain the initials of TMIY as some of the structure is still used.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Only 1 WEEK LEFT!! | Registration Closes AUGUST 31ST

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



We ask that you register by the deadline to ensure we have the correct number of workbooks and supplies prior to the start of the year. 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!

BAZAAR UPDATES

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Two meetings will be held for those wanting to participate at the Bazaar, as well as team captains. Mark your calendars for **September 21** & **October 12!**

TICKETS AS A FORM OF PAYMENT

This year, some booths will take tickets as payment instead of cash/check/credit card! You will be able to purchase tickets in a central location the day of.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!!

The raffle tickets are out at the back of both churches!

- 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.

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- **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. 	
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