



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. John the Apostle

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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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MAINTENANCE GROUP

Steve Bennett, Dennis Mican, Felix
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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!

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

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 EYES OF A CHILD

I frequently see signs on churches inviting everyone to come. Often they advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add "challenging" to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way: Rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus' mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Jesus knew that being messiah required him to give his life for all people. In a sense, Peter was tempting Jesus to avoid the painful death and use his divine power to bring prosperity. Like Satan's temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. Today this phrase is not very popular with those who say we should be free to satisfy all our desires, or with motivational speakers who say that everyone is able to achieve financial success and live a comfortable life. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God's will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves. This is what Paul is talking about in the second reading when he says to offer ourselves as a "living sacrifice." Or as Jesus says, we lose our life for his sake, only to find it in loving and serving him.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

By Tom Schmidt

The Word In Our Lives Reflection — Diocesan.com

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 29th — September 6th | † Deceased

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

05:00 pm SJA † Alfred Giles

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

08:30 am OLPH † Betty Klasel

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

08:30 am SJA † Margie Kutach

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

08:30 am OLPH † Melinda Goodrum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

09:00 am OLPH Special Intentions

05:00 pm SJA † Agnes Miska

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

10:30 am SJA † JeanMaire Pempek

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

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 Covarubias, 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

**Mary Barber, Rosalie Malota,
Don Barber & Ray Barber**

from the Barber Family

CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for
FAITH FORMATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — August 23, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,178.00
Second Collection — Local SVdP	\$571.00
Online Giving	\$900.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 24, 2025	\$3,083.00*
Difference: (\$5.00)	Decrease of 0.16%

St. John the Apostle — August 23, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,360.00
Second Collection — Local SVdP	\$460.00
Online Giving	\$1,805.85
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: August 24, 2025	\$3,803.00*
Difference: \$362.85	Increase of 9.54%

**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!

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!

BAPTISM



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

NEXT Saturday | 9 am to 12 pm | SJA hall | English + Spanish

Preparation classes are required for both parents and godparents if you are planning to baptize your child, or be a sponsor. We kindly ask that you **register by Thursday (9/3)** if you plan to attend! To do so, visit [our website](#). If you have questions, contact Rebecca at 832-212-4988.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH

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
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5/ Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/ Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16/ Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/ Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9/ Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/ Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church — 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5/ Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/ Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15/ Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/ Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

PRAYER LEADERS

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 29TH — SEPTEMBER 4TH

30 th	Grant & Gail Hoffman	46 Years
2 nd	Mark & Mary Holler	24 Years

MASS ATTENDANCE

Weekend of August 22nd & 23rd

Saturday	05:00 pm	72 people
Sunday	08:30 am	85 people
Sunday	10:30 am	176 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	98 people

Total: 431 people

Total Registered Families: 304



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Our Lady Queen of Hope Court #2289



All ladies of our parishes are invited to the CDA monthly meeting on **Tuesday (9/1)** @ 6:30 pm at the KC Hall in Brazoria! You do not have to be a member to attend. Questions? Contact Lisa at 979-292-4923.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30

2:15 pm Matachines Inquiry Meeting — OLPH hall

Monday, August 31

Faith Formation Registration Deadline!

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

First Day of Faith Formation Classes!

Thursday, September 3

Sacrament of Baptism Prep Class Registration Deadline!

11:30 am Altar Society Meeting — OLPH hall

6:00 pm OCIA Class — OLPH hall

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting — OLPH

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am First Saturday Mass — OLPH

9 a to 12 p Sacrament of Baptism Prep Class — SJA hall

Sunday, September 6

9 to 10:15 a Confirmation 2 Class — SJA 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.



2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION

THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS WEDNESDAY!

We are excited for the amazing year ahead and can't wait to welcome your children back! Class Times below:

Elementary: Kinder — 5th Grade

OLPH: 4:00 to 5:20 pm

SJA: 4:00 to 5:20 pm (WCE pickup is available)

Junior High: 6th — 8th

5:45 to 7:00 pm

High School: 9th — 12th

7:15 to 8:30 pm

Junior High & High School Meeting Locations

Fall Semester at OLPH | Spring Semester at SJA

BAZAAR UPDATES

WE'RE NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS

We're accepting items for the Live and Silent Auctions, and the Country Store!! Auction items may be brought to the Parish Office, or call Oscar at 979-236-8077 and he can come pick up the item from you.

Country Store Items: Please bring these during the workday on Saturday (10/24). If you're unable to, you may contact Lisa at 979-319-0822 (text preferred)!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Those wanting to volunteer and help out at this year's Bazaar are invited to attend! Meetings are potluck style. Please bring a covered dish (meat, side, vegetable, or dessert). Drinks will be provided!

Monday, September 21 @ 6:00 pm — OLPH hall

Monday, October 12 @ 6:00 pm — SJA hall

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.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



If your family or business is interested in becoming a sponsor, please scan the QR code! There you will find each sponsorship level and its inclusions. If you have any questions, please contact Ellaina at 210-749-3134!

RAFFLE TICKETS

The raffle tickets are out at the back of both churches! Your family's envelope of tickets can be picked up in the back of the church you are **REGISTERED** at. If you're not registered, please tank a blank envelope of tickets. When returning your envelope, please enclose sold and unsold tickets, along with all the money you collected, and place your envelope into the regular collection.

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

Take stickers off of the tri-fold boards at the back of either church, place them into a "Thank You!" envelope with the donation amount enclosed that is listed on the front of the sticker(s) you pulled, then put that envelope into the regular collection. Checks may be made payable to OLPH! **Please know 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.**



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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	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> <i>the Members of the</i> Edward R. Smith Family	<i>In Loving Memory of</i> Lawrence Hluza <i>from 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>	
<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>	