



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



25th 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

Address

310 N. McKinney St.
Sweeny, TX 77480
(Middle building behind church)

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 **December 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

MANAGEMENT UNFAIR

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

By Tom Schmidt

The Word In Our Lives Reflection — Diocesan.com

MASS INTENTIONS

September 19th — 27th | † Deceased

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

05:00 pm SJA † Emil Miska

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

08:30 am OLPH Special Intention

10:30 am SJA † Jerry McKeon

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

05:00 pm SJA † Vi Janda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

Adoration following Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

08:30 am SJA Christopher Wrbas

Adoration following Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

08:30 am OLPH † Betty Klasel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

05:00 pm SJA † Father Joe Gietl

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

08:30 am OLPH † Leon Bertsch

10:30 am SJA † Jeanmaire Pempek

12:30 pm OLPH Parish Family

PRAYER LIST

Vic Collins, 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, 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



THURSDAY
September 24, 2026

ST. LOUIS, MO

OAK PARK & PECAN PARK TOWNHOUSES

Alvin & Janie Bannert - Parishioners

N. McKinney & Avenue B - Orange St.

548-3188

CHURCH SUPPORT

The Second Collection this weekend is for
YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help — September 13, 2026

Regular Collection	\$2,084.00
Second Collection — Faith Formation	\$143.00
Online Giving	\$660.00
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: September 14, 2025	\$2,331.00*
Difference: \$413.00	Increase of 17.72%

St. John the Apostle — September 13, 2026

Regular Collection	\$1,348.00
Second Collection — Faith Formation	\$245.00
Online Giving	\$1,518.85
Weekly amount needed	\$4,100.00
Last year: September 14, 2025	\$5,079.00*
Difference: (\$2,212.15)	Decrease of 43.55%

**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!

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!

MASS ATTENDANCE



Weekend of September 12th & 13th

Saturday	05:00 pm	76 people
Sunday	08:30 am	84 people
Sunday	10:30 am	176 people
Sunday	12:30 pm	101 people

Total: 437 people

Total Registered Families: 311

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20TH

Sunday | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/ Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

Monday | Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday | Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/ Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday | Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest — Prv 30:5-9/ Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/ Lk 9:1-6

Thursday | Eccl 1:2-11/ Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc/ Lk 9:7-9

Friday | Eccl 3:1-11/ Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/ Lk 9:18-22

Saturday | Eccl 11:9-12:8/ Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28/ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 19TH — 25TH

19th | Antolin & Clara Rubio

11 Years



THE

Andrew DINNER



Monday, November 9

6 PM IN FAITH FORMATION HALL

ANDREW DINNER

A dinner for high school young men who want to have a conversation with a priest about the priesthood.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20

9 to 10:15 a Confirmation 2 Class — SJA hall
1:30 pm Social Sunday — OLPH hall

Monday, September 21

7:30 am Legion of Mary (English) — OLPH hall
6:00 pm Catholic Bazaar Meeting — OLPH hall

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

6 to 7 am Parish Brothers in Christ (TMiY) — OLPH hall
Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, September 24

6:00 pm OCIA Class — OLPH hall

Sunday, September 27

9 to 10:15 a First Reconciliation Class — SJA hall

BAZAAR UPDATES

Visit our website olphsja.org to view all info & updates!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC BAZAAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

COLUMBIA HERITAGE HALL
508 E. BERNARD ST, WEST COLUMBIA
SERVING BEGINS @ 10:30 AM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Interested in becoming a sponsor at our Bazaar? Scan the QR code to see what these funds will be used towards, as well as each sponsorship level and its inclusions!

WE'RE NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS

Live and Silent 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. **Have Country Store items to donate?** 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)!

RAFFLE TICKETS

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 bring 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.

TURKEY BOARD

Take stickers off the tri-fold boards, 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 drop into the regular collection. Checks may be made payable to OLPH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAMON BARBECUE & BAZAAR

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church located at 603 Parrott Ave, Damon, TX is having their annual Bazaar this weekend, on the church grounds. They will be serving BBQ Beef and Sausage with all the trimmings from 10:30 am until 2:00 pm, or until they sell out. Plates are \$15 each. They will also be selling BBQ Beef, Sausage, and Ribs by the pound from the Pit. The live auction will begin @ 12:30 pm under the pavilion. Featuring music, games, bingo, pastries, a silent auction, homemaker's market, raffle, and much more!

CATHOLIC BAZAAR MEETING

Those wanting to volunteer and help out at this year's Bazaar are invited to attend the meeting on **Monday** @ 6:00 pm in the OLPH hall! It is potluck style, so please bring a covered dish (meat, side, vegetable, or dessert) to share. Drinks will be provided!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER MARIAN BRUNCH

Saturday, October 10 | 10:30 am | SJA hall

All mothers and daughters from both parishes are invited to join us for brunch and games honoring our Blessed Mother Mary! There will be food, fellowship, faith, and fun. Please RSVP to Ellaina at 210-749-3134.

CLASSROOM ANNIVERSARY DINNER

All donors who made a financial contribution to the classrooms at SJA are invited to attend a dinner following 5:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, October 10** to celebrate the one year anniversary!

CARE MANAGER FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

Are You a Nurse Looking to Make a Meaningful Difference?

Do you have a nursing background, a love for your Catholic faith, and a desire to support the health and well-being of our priests?

The Archdiocese is seeking a compassionate and mission-driven nurse for a unique position dedicated to providing healthcare navigation, advocacy, and personal support to active and retired clergy. This role does not involve hands-on clinical care but uses your nursing knowledge and experience to help priests access appropriate care, understand their healthcare needs, and establish and achieve healthier living goals.



This is a wonderful opportunity to combine your professional experience with your Catholic faith while serving those who have devoted their lives to serving others. Please submit your resume to REC@metacareusa.com. For more info, scan the QR code!

The last will be first
and the first will be last

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In Loving Memory of the Members of the Edward R. Smith Family	In Loving Memory of Lawrence Hluza from Theresa Hluza	In LOVING MEMORY OF Jerry & Annie Sliva, Libert & Pat Vitek, Howard "Bubba" Smith From Sharon Hardwick	In Loving Memory of Thomas Bennett & James Buenger Bill Bennet from Steve & Pat	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. 
In Loving Memory of Leon & Maria Nunez from Felix & Mamie	In Loving Memory of Rene Carreon, Jr. Casen Holt Christopher Baca	In Loving Memory of Rob Tosch	In Loving Memory of Andrus, Theresa & David Lacombe From Debra	In Loving Memory of Juan, Juana & Jose Ordenez from the family