

Parish Bulletin for
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
And St Jude's

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Year of Saint Joseph



Mar 21st—5th Sunday of Lent 8:30am—Mass at St Jude 10:30am—Mass at OLPH	Mar 28th—Palm Sunday 8:30am—Mass at St Jude 10:30am—Mass at OLPH
Mar 15th—Monday	Mar 29th—Monday
Mar 23rd—Tuesday 5:30pm—Mass at OLPH 6-9pm—Adoration OLPH	Mar 30rd—Tuesday 5:30pm—Mass at OLPH 6-9pm—Adoration OLPH
Mar 24th—Wednesday 5:30pm—Mass at St Jude 6:45pm—Stations of the Cross at OLPH	Mar 31th—Wednesday 5:30pm—Mass at St Jude 6:45pm—Stations of the Cross at OLPH
Mar 25th—Thursday 5:30pm—Mass at OLPH	April 1th—HOLY Thursday 7pm—Mass at OLPH
Mar 26th—Friday 5:15pm—Stations of the Cross at St Jude 5:30pm—Mass at St Jude	April 2nd—GOOD Friday 3pm—Good Friday Service at St Jude
Mar 27th—Saturday 10am—First Reconciliation Retreat 4pm—Confession at St Jude 5p—Mass at St Jude	Apr 3rd—HOLY Saturday 8:30pm—Easter Vigil Mass at OLPH

This weekend at all Masses, the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St Jude's will be consecrated to the Patronage of St Joseph. The words of the consecration are below, please read the words for they are filled with insight as to the help, the guidance, and love of a father.

act of consecration to st. joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be the father, guardian, and protector of the Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude** Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept the Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude**, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present the Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude** to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt the souls living within the Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude** as her children. With her, pray that we may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of our lives.

O Terror of Demons, increase in us virtue, protect us from the evil one, and help us not to offend God in any way.

O Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate the Parish of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help / St Jude** to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, we place ourselves, and all our concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, we consecrate our bodies and souls, with all their faculties, our spiritual growth, our homes, and all our affairs and undertakings. Forsake us not, but adopt us as servants and children of the Holy Family. Watch over us at all times, but especially at the hour of death. Console and strengthen us with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, we may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

*Steadfast in Faith,
Joyful in Hope*



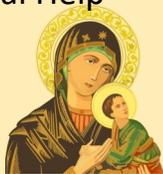
God's Gift Appeal 2021
Commitment Weekend
February 27-28, 2021



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Goal for Our Lady of Perpetual Help
\$19,703.00
Goal for St Jude
\$25,518.00



Please donate to our Easter Flower Fund. Flower memorial envelopes can be found by the bulletins in the entrance of the church. Donations are tax deductible.

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APRIL SCHEDULE
5P SAT: OLPH
830A SUN: OLPH
1030A SUN: SJ
MAY SCHEDULE
5P SAT: SJ
830A SUN: SJ
1030A SUN OLPH

OLPH 40 Cans for 40 Days: Thank you to all who have been donating to this program. We took the first batch of food over to Mayport Food Pantry and will be donating the incoming items to the Thompson Food Pantry. Items they are in need of include: paper products (toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.), also laundry detergent. They are not in need of any canned corn or beans. Any items you wish to donate are very much appreciated!

MASS INTENTIONS

march 2021

20 SJ +Jim Schaefer by P/K Cunningham
21 SJ Mass for the people
OLPH +Linda Sims by A/M Vonesh
23 OLPH +Nancy Sondrol by F/S Argenziano
24 SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband
25 OLPH +Bill & Mary Leddige by M/J Schurmacher
26 SJ +Donna Weber by her family
27 SJ +Tom Meagher by his dad
28 SJ Mass for the people
OLPH +Preston Sims by A/M Vonesh
30 OLPH +Rev Jeffrey Wald by A/M Vonesh
31 SJ +Dale West by J/R West

april 2021

01 OLPH +Mary Leddige by A/M Vonesh
02 SJ Good Friday
03 OLPH +Nancy Sondrol by her family
04 OLPH Mass for the people
SJ +Tom Meagher by his dad

Future Events

Apr 4—EASTER SUNDAY
April 23—OLPH—Wedding of Bina & Lazur
May 22—4p—Confirmation at OLPH/SJ
May 28—SJ—Wedding of Weber & Carpenter
Jun 5—OLPH—Wedding of Gutowski & Argenziano

the blessings of marriage

The new statement of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is a response to a question – in classical terms, to a *dubium*. In the present case, a disputed question has arisen in the framework of the “sincere desire to welcome and accompany homosexual persons, to whom are proposed paths of growth in faith so that those who manifest a homosexual orientation can receive the assistance they need to understand and fully carry out God’s will in their lives” (Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, n. 250). These words are an invitation to evaluate, with appropriate discernment, projects and pastoral proposals directed to this end. Among these are **blessings** given to the unions of persons of the same sex. It is therefore asked whether the Church has the power to impart her **blessing**. The Response is centered on the fundamental and decisive distinction between persons and the union. This is so that the **negative judgment on the blessing of unions of persons** of the same sex does not imply a judgment on persons. As for unions of persons of the same sex, the response to the *dubium* “**declares illicit any form of blessing that tends to acknowledge their unions as such**”.

The first reason arises from the truth and value of **blessings**. They belong to the genre of sacramentals, which are “liturgical actions of the Church” that require consonance of life with what they signify and generate. There are meanings and outcomes of grace. Consequently, a blessing on a human relationship requires that it be ordered to both receive and express the good that is pronounced and given by the blessing.

The second reason: the order that makes one fit to receive the gift is given by the “designs of God inscribed in creation, and fully revealed by Christ the Lord”. These are designs to which “relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage” do not correspond, for they are “outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life.” However, not only these unions – as if the problem were only such unions – but any union that involves sexual activity outside of marriage, which is illicit from the moral point of view. This all implies a power that the Church does not

possess, because she does not have the power over God’s designs, which would otherwise be rejected and denied. The Church is not the arbiter of these designs and the truths they express, but their faithful interpreter and witness.

The third reason is to avert an error into which one would easily be led: that of assimilating the blessing of unions of persons of the same sex to that of matrimonial unions. Because of the connection between blessings of persons and the sacraments, the blessing of such unions could in a sense imply “a certain imitation or analogue of the nuptial blessing”, imparted to a man and a woman united in the sacrament of Matrimony. This would be erroneous and misleading.

For the above reasons “*the blessing of homosexual unions cannot be considered licit*”. This statement in no way detracts from the human and Christian consideration in which the Church holds each person. So much so that the response to the *dubium* “does not preclude the blessings given to individual persons with homosexual inclinations who manifest the will to live in fidelity to the revealed plans of God as proposed by Church teaching”.

Offertory 2021-03-14 OLPH—\$873.00 Online—\$813.48 / St Jude—\$1507.00 Online—\$1210.01

Fifth Sunday of Lent B

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