



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm

Mon – Wed Masses: 8am
Thurs Mass & OLPH Novena:
8am

Fri, Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass
Fri in July & August: 8am Mass

Reconciliation

By Appointment: Call the Pastor
604-2244344

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the Grace We Receive at Confirmation

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin Confirmations of last year's Grade 7 and Prep students. This sacrament has over the years been viewed as something of a rite of passage, along with graduation and moving on to high school. As these children are now already in Grade 8, I would like to think that the sacrament this year will be associated with the beginning of a new stage of life in high school.

This would be a very good thing indeed. The fruition of the graces of Confirmation is an important part of our faith life. The anointing in the Spirit takes the *confirmandi* to a new level of maturity in faith. What was begun in Baptism is built upon and strengthened when we open our hearts and minds to an inflow of graces from the Holy Spirit.

The prayer of anointing calls out: "Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding. . . right judgment and courage. . . knowledge and reverence. . . wonder and awe in your presence." These are qualities we all love and would dearly cherish in our children. In order to receive it for them, we as adults must also cooperate with the Spirit to grow into a deeper maturity of Faith.

We need to ask ourselves, "Am I honestly trying to live in the grace that I, myself, received in Confirmation? Am I trying to spread and defend my faith by word and deed? Or am I simply a passive bystander in a secular world which dictates the values we are to live by?"

Let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf, and for the young people receiving Confirmation in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, CSsR

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Confirmation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewardship Reflection

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St Louis

SIGN UP FOR MASSES

Sign up for Masses is restricted to 50 OLPH parishioners including the pastor and helpers. Please note that if you are not able to reserve a spot, Masses are available online.

The faithful are dispensed from attending Sunday Mass if these options are unavailable to them. Despite all precautions being taken, please note that anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk. Please sign up using the link below.

If you're unable to attend Mass after signing up, please go back to this link to remove your name so that someone else can take that slot.

Weekend Mass Signup Oct 24 & 25:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph43>

Weekday Mass Signup Oct 26 – 31:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-olph42>

MINI-RETREAT

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10-11:30 am


Discover how to encounter the beauty of God in ordinary time.

Join OLPH CWL members for inspiration through guided talks, music, scripture, visual art and poetry.

The morning includes quiet time for individual prayer and small group faith sharing. Suggested donation \$15-30. This retreat is partially sponsored by the OLPH CWL council.

See the Eventbrite page for more info and to register. Zoom link, retreat material and instructions will be sent to registrants.

All are welcome!

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I love you, O Lord, my strength. – Psalm 18