# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

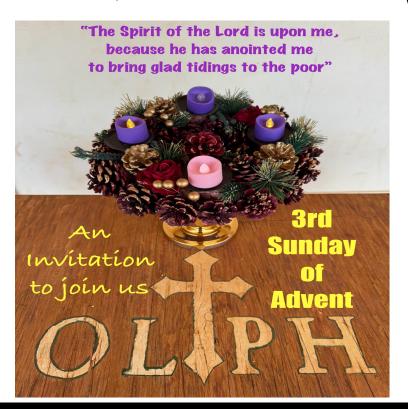


### Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish is a faith-filled community for all cultures and ages dedicated to Building the Kingdom of God. We come closer to God by following Jesus Christ through His Word and the Sacraments. Through the Holy Spirit and with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we provide a sense of belonging to all God's people through prayer, service, and the sharing of our gifts for the praise and glory of God.

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 14, 2025**

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (*Matthew 11:3*)



## Liturgical Readings

Monday, December 15 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Genesis 24: 2-7, 15-17 Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-27

Tuesday, December 16 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13 Gospel: Matthew 21: 20-32

Wednesday, December 17 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Genesis 49: 2, 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-17

Thursday, December 18 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 5-8 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

Friday, December 19 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25 Gospel: Luke 1: 5-25

Saturday, December 20 Advent Weekday 1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14 Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 Next Sunday's Readings December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent!

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14 2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Fr. Edmundo Naceno Barut, Pastor • Fr. Preston "PJ" Castro, Parochial Vicar Eric Kim and Rey Dinulong, Ronald Paglinawan (Ret.) Deacons

## THAT THEY MAY BE ONE!

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

NEW Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm Phone: (808) 689-8681 Weekends & Holidays: Closed

Fr. Edmundo Barut, Pastor, ext. 102 Fr. Preston "PJ" Castro, Parochial Vicar, ext. 103 Eric Kim, Deacon & Rey Dinulong, Deacon ext. 103 Ron Paglinawan, Deacon (Ret.), ext. 100 Mela Kim, Office Manager, ext. 101 Emily Tui, Receptionist/Secretary, ext. 100 Julia Torres, Director of Religious Education, ext. 107 Edwin Albano, Book Keeper, ext. 104 Hollie Arquette, Janitor & Lordy Luis, School Groundskeeper ext. 100

### **OLPH Ministries & Groups**

#### LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES

Adoration w/Benediction, Every First Friday, 7am & Wednesday, 5pm (Ch) Infant Baptism, 1st Saturday of Month 1pm & 3rd Saturday of the Month 10am (Ch) Combined Choir Practice, (to be announced)

Liturgy Committee Mtg, (to be announced)
Marian Devotions & Novena to the Holy Trinity, 1st Saturday, 8:30am (Ch)

Rosary to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, M-F 7:50am (Ch) Sacred Heart Society, 1st Sunday, 9:00am Mass (Ch) Samoan Choir practice, (to be announced)

#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Staff Mtg, [as needed] (Parish Office)

#### **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Church Cleaning, Every Saturday morning after the 7:00am Mass (Ch) Parking Security (to be announced)

Repair & Mainténance Committee (as needed)

#### YOUNG MINISTRY

Life Teen (Grades 9-12) & Edge Ministry Sunday at 3pm (Church)

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Evangelization Team Meeting RCIA-Adults Every Saturday, 3pm (School Lanai) Religious Ed. Classes, PreK-8<sup>th</sup>, Every Sunday, 12:30pm (Church)

#### **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

Filipino Catholic Club, 1st Sunday - 8:15am (School Lanai) Knights of Columbus, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - 9am (Conf. Rm 2) Samoan Ministry (to be announced)

#### **SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

Bereavement Ministry
Food Distribution, Last Saturday, 9:00am-11:00am (School ground) Health Ministry, Blood Pressure Screening every 3rd Sunday @ All Masses (Ch) Non-Perishable Food Collection, Every Saturday & Sunday, All Masses (Ch) Respect Life Ministry (to be announced) Seniors Exercise (low impact), Every Thursday, 9:00am (Conf. Rm 2)

Interested in joining a ministry? Please call the Church Office for more information and Point of Contact Person.

## Faith Direct upgrade to **ParishSOFT**

Dear Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church family, Your Faith Direct account is now part of ParishSOFT Giving! Here is the new QR Code for ParishSOFT Giving.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.



#### **Parish Schedule This Week**

#### SUNDAY, December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent!

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm Masses - (Ch)

1:00pm: CCD Classes 3:00pm: EDGE and LifeTeen

#### MONDAY, December 15, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)

8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch) 7:00pm: Simbang Gabi Mass (Ch)

#### TUESDAY, December 16, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)

8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch) 7:00pm: Simbang Gabi Mass (Ch)

#### WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)

8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch) 7:00pm: Simbang Gabi Mass (Ch)

#### THURSDAY, December 18, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)

8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch) 7:00pm: Simbang Gabi Mass (Ch)

#### FRIDAY, December 19, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)

8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch) 7:00pm: Simbang Gabi Mass (Ch)

#### SATURDAY, December 20, 2025

**6:35am:** Rosary (Ch)

7:00am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

5:00pm: Vigil Mass (Ch)

#### SUNDAY, December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent!

7am, 9am,11am & 5pm Masses (Ch)

1:00pm: NO CCD Classes 3:00pm: NO EDGE and LifeTeen

## Mahalo For Sharing Your Treasures November 29/30, 2025 Collections

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Regular Offering Mahele Na Makana Collection <b>Sub Total:</b>		6,718.00 1,729.00 <b>8,447.00</b>
Building Fund (Envelopes)	\$	2,991.00
Mass Intentions	\$	200.00
Donations-Breaking Bread	\$	119.00
Baptisms	\$	420.00
Blessings	\$	50.00
Building Fund	\$	10.00
Thanksgiving	\$	120.00
Thanksgiving - 1st Collection - 7am Mass	\$	2,565.00
Thanksgiving - 1st Collection - 9am Mass	\$	2,026.00
Thanksgiving - 2nd Collection - 7am	\$	240.00
Thanksgiving - 2nd Collection - 9am	\$	<u>412.00</u>

Sub Total: \$ 9,153.00 Total: \$17,600.00

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Thank you very much for your Stewardship

## PLEASE READ!!

### Points of Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Advent 2025

- John the Baptist is a far different man from the one who prepared the people for Jesus' coming and then baptized him in the River Jordan. There was no mistaking the Son of God then, what with the dove and the voice of God from on high. But now? John has been arrested and thrown in jail for daring to speak out against Herod. Left alone in his prison cell for days on end, he begins to doubt. Where is this Messiah whom he had proclaimed? Listen to the deeds that Jesus ticks off, all quoted from Isaiah about the day of salvation. Sure, the blind see and the lame walk, but what about "liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1)? Had Jesus turned his back on his cousin? Have we often wondered the same thing? If Jesus is our brother, where is he in times of trouble? If we are adopted sons and daughters of God, why do we sometimes feel abandoned?
- It is ironic that Jesus leads with "the blind regain their sight" (Matthew 11:5), for John himself has lost his eyes of faith. With eyes of faith, John was able to see the kingdom of heaven at hand, trees bearing good fruit, and chaff thrown into unquenchable fire (as we heard last week), much as Isaiah could see flowers blooming in the desert, disabilities eradicated, and joy banishing sorrow. But in prison he can't see as he used to and can't see what Jesus' disciples are seeing. Can we see past the surface ourselves? Sometimes we feel stuck with our maladies, our problems, and our inadequacies and don't see the possibilities in the light of Christ. Sometimes reimagining our lives from God's perspective can make the difference in how we feel about our situation in life.
- It seems incongruous for Jesus to say, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me," after ticking off all the miraculous things he's done (Matthew 11:6). Yet we know that many took offense. The well-to-do may have resented the poor being raised up. Many regarded lepers as beneath them and their sudden cures didn't affect the way they felt about them as people. It had been easier to ignore the disabled, the homeless, and the outcasts. By the end of his ministry, the inoffensive little baby in the manger becomes the condemned man on the cross. Radically remaking the world to reflect the kingdom of God threatens the status quo and offends many.

## Question of the Day

If I am honest with myself, what part of Jesus' message offends me?

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## STEWARSHIP QUOTES

- Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.
- "In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

#### Please Call the Office First

#### **Getting Married?**

Wedding preparations begin at least 6 months PRIOR to the actual wedding.

#### **Funeral Arrangements?**

Call WHEN you meet with the mortuary to make funeral arrangements.

#### **Homebound Ministry**

Inform the parish office with the name, address and phone number of the person who would like to receive Communion at home.

**Planning a Baptism**Call BEFORE making any baptism celebration plans

#### **OLPH Parish Info**

## **Sunday Masses** 7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm

#### Vigil Mass

Saturday, 5pm

## **Weekday Daily Masses**

Mon-Fri, 8:15am Saturday, 7am

**Holy Rosary**Monday through Sunday preceding the daily and Sunday Masses

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Sat, 4p-4:30pm or by appointment

## **Adoration with Benediction**

Every First Friday at 7am Every Wednesday at 5pm

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!!**

## **GAUDETE SUNDAY**

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice" and is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5).

The liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday is rose, not pink. Priests' and deacons' vestments are colored rose. We also light the third candle on the Advent wreath which is supposed to be colored rose also. Liturgical environment should also use rose color.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of "joy and gladness", "the steppe will rejoice and bloom ... with abundant flowers", "God will come and save you" so the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will "leap like a stag" and the mute will sing. These imageries are fulfilled in Matthew's Gospel: "the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them".

## THE "O" ANTIPHONS

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the "Magnificat" canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. (usccb.org, 12/9/2025)

- \* Dec. 17 O Sapiensa. O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge.
- \* Dec. 18 O Adonai. O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power.
- \* Dec. 19 O Radix Jesse. O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay.
- \* Dec. 20 O Clavis David. O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness.
- \* Dec. 21 O Oriens. O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- \* Dec. 22 O Rex Gentium. O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust.
- \* Dec. 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God.

Thank you very much to Valerie Alvarez for making a "heart" remembrance for our children who experienced their First Reconciliation last December 6. Her generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure is greatly appreciated.



## **FOOD PANTRY**

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THANK YOU!



#### MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for those who have gone before us. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. We also offer prayers for healing, thanksgiving or for what ever intentions one might need to offer during the sacrifice of the Mass.

Saturday, December 13, 2025 5:00pm: MISSA PRO POPULO

Sunday, December 14, 2025 7am: +Danilo River Duclayan

9am: +Michael Jeffrey Cabudol Almerol

11am: +Kathy Sniffen, +Lucia M. Rongcal, +Constancia E. Aurelio,

+Alfred Sarte, +Mokiana Tui **Prayer for Healing:** Flor Caparas **In Thanksgiving:** Rico Aurelio

5pm: Thanksgiving - Birthday: Christine Lasley

Monday, December 15, 2025

8:15am: In Thanksgiving - Birthday: Freddie Dumlao

7:00pm: In Thanksgiving: Josie Seson

<u>Tuesday, December 16, 2025</u> **8:15am:** +Carolina Caliboso Dayoan

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 8:15am: +Antonina Getubig

<u>Thursday, December 18, 2025</u> **8:15am:** +Anastacio "Tash" DeCastro

Friday, December 19, 2025

8:15am: In Thanksgiving - Birthday: Ergel Villegas

Saturday, December 13, 2025 7:00am: + Tess Texiera

We pray for those who have gone before us. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We also offer prayers for healing, thanksgiving, anniversaries or other good intentions one might need to offer during the sacrifice of the Mass.

## EWA BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE will be on Saturday, December 20th

from 8AM-11:30AM. We invite and encourage you to join fellow parishioners and the Knights of Columbus for this public event. Please stay tuned for more information.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

- **December 24, 2024 (**Christmas Eve) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at the Basilica of St Peter, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee.
- **December 29, 2024** (Feast of the Holy Family) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of his cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on November 9, 2024 celebrated the 1700th anniversary of its dedication.
- **January 1, 2025** (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major.
- **January 5, 2025** (Epiphany) The Holy Father opened the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.
- <u>December 28, 2025</u> Pope Leo will close three Holy Doors on the Feast of the Holy Family -- St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul outside the Walls.
- <u>December 28, 2025</u> Bishops around the world will conclude the Holy Year in their cathedrals.
- <u>January 6, 2026</u> Pope Leo will conclude the Jubilee Year with the closing of the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

## **INVITATIONS**

## MARCH FOR LIFE

### DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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#### MISSION:

Human Life is a gift. We honor and safeguard life from conception to natural death.

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in the Gospel of Life.

We teach Catholic Social Teachings based on the Magisteri

um, Sacred Scriptures, Traditions and the Cate

chism of the Catholic Church.

We serve promoting Pro-Life Activities and establishing pro

grams to spread JOY and HOPE.

**We vote** for it is our civic duty as Christian citizens to

stand for Truth, Liberty and the Pursuit of

Happiness.

## SAVE THE DATES

October 1-31, 2025 Respect Life Month

October 5, 2025 (Sunday) Respect Life Sunday (USCCB)

**December 8, 2025 (Monday)** Naming of a Child Mass—

RESCHEDULED! See other details below in

February 2026

### January 22, 2026 (Thursday)

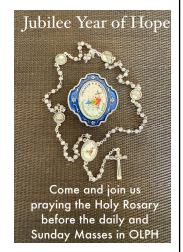
March for Life Mass— Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to be presided by Bishop Larry Silva, 6:00 PM Mass to be followed with an hour of Adoration

### January 23, 2026 (Friday)

March for Life State Capitol, 2-5 PM

#### February 19, 2026 (Thursday)

Naming of the Child Mass Watch out for the other details!



## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

## Wednesday, December 24, 2025

6pm Mass 9pm Mass

## Thursday, December 25, 2025

12 midnight 7am Mass 9am Mass 11am Mass

Parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26, 2025

Come early for parking. For more information, please call the parish office at 808-689-8681.

Mahalo!



## MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- CMU wall installation has been completed by Affiliated Construction.
- Structural steel has been installed. Design Build Hawaii, the contractor, is working on the beams for the roofing.
- We have confirmation from Arcadia that fabrication of our storefront doors is underway.
- Stormwater retention & drainage system excavation and connection is complete and backfilled adjacent to the existing church, including the section from front of church to the box drain in North Road.
- HECO has approved switchboard submittal from Roy's Electric & DPP has also given approval of electrical panel installation once the roof of the whole utility room is installed, which has been worked on.
- Monitored security system is being finalized.
- Sauder Worship finalized & executed pricing for furnishing: celebrant chairs, ambry, credence table, etc. These items will ship together with the pews.
- Data Com is being finalized with Comtel & Pacific Direct Connect.
- Church furnishings like: processional crucifix and candles, chalice and ciboria, statues of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Gospel Book metal cover, are already delivered.
- Artesanos Don Bosco has shipped to us the altar, ambo, crucifix, stained glass, mosaic for baptismal font flooring, and stations of the cross. These liturgical furnishings are already delivered in campus.

### Below are some pictures showing progress of the church construction.

























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