



Our Lady Help of Christians

Roman Catholic Church

"The Heart & Soul of Midwood, Brooklyn"

1315 East 28th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter



THIRD

Sunday of Easter

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

OLHC Church is Open:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 am - after Mass

Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am -12 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm before the 5:00 pm Mass

Holy Days of Obligation

Holy Day 8:30 am

Filipino Ministry Mass:

First Sunday of the Month 2:00 pm

Scheduled Meetings:

- ◆ Friendship Club meets Thursday in the Rectory Conference Room after the 8:30 am Mass
- ◆ Filipino Arts & Music Ensemble (F.A.M.E.) meets Friday in the Church Hall
- ◆ Rooted in Jesus Christ (R.i.J.C.) meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 2:30 to 4:45pm in the Church Hall.
- ◆ Rosary Altar Society meets the 3rd Sunday of the month (except for June, July & August) for 10:00 am Mass followed by a meeting in the Rectory Conference Room

SUNDAY COLLECTION– April 27, 2025

First Collection: \$2,505

Second Collection: Altar Flowers/Grounds \$ 285

Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions \$ 210

Total: \$3,000

The second collection for this weekend was 50/50.

The second collection for next weekend is Catholic Education

MASS COUNT

Saturday, April 26, 2025: 52

Sunday, April 27, 2025: 115

The Readings for the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41

Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a

John 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17,20

John 6:44-45

Monday

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

Friday

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117:1,2

John 6:52-59

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-60

Ps 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab

John 6:30-35

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42

Ps 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith... Remember Our Parish in Your Will when you next update your estate plan, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to Our Lady Help of Christian Church.

'REGISTER' officially as a parishioner of Our Lady Help of Christians. It's easy to do, costs nothing, and has many benefits.

CALL THE RECTORY FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Saturday: St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 4th 10:00am

John Stanczuk
Vito Molfetto: by the family
The People of the Parish

Monday, May 5th 8:30am

Mercedes Baldonado

Tuesday, May 6th 8:30am

Living Birthday: Mary Murphy

Wednesday, May 7th 8:30am

Rita Rotiroli

Thursday, May 8th 8:30am

John A. Cosenza: by Louise Cosenza

Friday, May 9th 8:30am

Rev. John J. Feminelli

Saturday, May 10th 5:00pm

For All Our Mothers Living & Deceased
The Members of Our Parish Purgatorial Society

Sunday, May 11th 10:00am

For All Our Mothers Living & Deceased
The People of the Parish



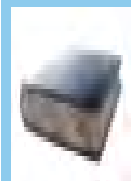
HOST & WINE INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 6th: Ricardo Parayno
(38th Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 7th: Living Birthday:
Soledad B. Pedrena

Thursday, May 8th: Living 9th Birthday:
Auden Quinn Pedrena

Friday, May 9th: Michael DeVito
(Birthday in Heaven)



The Mass Book for **July through December 31st** is now open for **Mass and Host & Wine Intentions**. Please include a **contact number** along with your request. Please note: Announced Mass donations for Masses starting July 1st are \$20.



*Welcome to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal:
Jubilee of Hope, Renewal of Faith, and Charity!*

Our **Stewardship Weekend** will take place **this Saturday, May 3rd & Sunday, May 4th**. The in-pews will take place at the Masses.

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

The Readings for the Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday

Acts 13:14,43-52
Ps 100:1-3,5
Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1-4
John 14:7-14

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Connie Marzella, Sarah Maldonado, Millie Ricciardi, Alice Sak, Eileen Lynch, Julia Friel, Sara Beleckis, Agnes Ford, Christina Kurland, Marva McDonald, Laurette Champagne, Joseph Losinno, Joseph Bird, Doreen Jennings, Ingrid Jennings, MaryAnn Sayers, Sonia Graves, Patricia, Bea & John Pyatt, Christina Cosenza, McKenzie Paulino, John Marzella, Elacia Webb, Natale Collins, Jeanine Burke, Steve Hughes, Barbara Cabe, Ethel Tan, Alice Brilantes, Manny Quesada, Tom Tirino, Robert Ricciardi, Mary Ellen Murphy, Stephen Cipparulo, Gene Smith, Richard T. Miolla and Erlinda & Juanito Sulit

If you have a loved one who is sick and you would like us to pray for them, please contact the **Rectory no later than Mondays** for inclusion in the **Bulletin**

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

We Remember in our Prayers all of our faithful departed



WEDDINGS AT OLHC

If you need to schedule a wedding, please contact the Rectory **at least six months** before the desired date



BAPTISMS AT OLHC

We have made our Baptism schedule flexible to accommodate families. Our Baptism class will be on the **3rd Tuesday of every month**. If you need to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Rectory **at least a month** before the desired date

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass on the weekend, or are unable to attend yourself, please contact the **Rectory** to arrange an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** to visit on a regular basis. Homebound parishioners are very grateful to be able to receive communion in their homes.

Please keep our homebound members in your prayers.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th. Spiritual Bouquet cards and Mass Remembrance envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church. Please return the names of your loved ones to the Rectory no later than this Monday, May 5th.



Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sister Alice Kenneally (Patrick Joseph) who died on April 28th at Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley Hills, MA at the age of 97.

SCHEDULE

MAY 2025

02 FRI	SPORTS & ARTS NIGHT SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM IN GYM (GRADES 7 th - HIGH SCHOOL)
09 FRI	HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT IN THE GYM FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM
11 SUN	YOUTH SUNDAY HANGOUT AFTER 11:30 MASS IN DUMS OX CAFE GRADES 7 th THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
16 FRI	MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT IN THE GYM FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM

3550 HENDRICKSON ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11224



First Friday of the Month

Benediction after the 8:30am Mass



Pray for the Men and Women in our United States Armed forces and their families

Join STA & OLHC as
we visit the Shrine
Churches of
Brooklyn and Queens
during this Jubilee

Saturday, May 17th



Buses Leave from St. Thomas Aquinas at 7^{AM} Sharp
1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234 (Bet Ave. P & Flatlands Ave.)



Visits to the following Shrine Churches:

- Cathedral Basilica of St. James
- Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
- Shrine Church of St. Jude
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bayside
- Shrine Church of St. Gerard Majella

\$60 per person for Pilgrimage or

\$90 per person for Pilgrimage and Dinner
(Catered Buffet with Wine at St. Thomas)

For More Information Call the Rectory at 718-253-4404 or
Speak with a Member of the Vocations/Holy Family Committee

Weekend Pilgrimage to Washington DC

With Fr. Dwayne

October 24-26, 2025

Highlights

- Museum of the Bible
- African American Museum
- National Shrine



\$550

Round trip via Bus

Lodging: Fairfield Inn & Suites Alexandria West-Mark Center, Double occupancy, Single supplement upon request

***Bus departs St. Thomas at 7^{AM} on October 24th

\$150 Non-Refundable deposit is due by June 15th to hold your seat.

First Come First Serve



Fill out the form below and return with check to the Rectory. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas Aquinas.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Roommate Name _____



Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

May 2025

Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Dwayne D. Davis, Administrator

One Minute Meditations

St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who, with forty other monks, was sent to re-evangelize England. The Celtic population had already accepted Christ, but the incoming Anglo-Saxons hadn't. St. Augustine and his companions arrived at Ebbsfleet in 597, and were, thankfully, welcomed by King Ethelbert of Kent, who gave them permission to preach the Gospel. He also later converted. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England. He is called the "Apostle of England."

Happy Pentecost!

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the Upper Room, in a display of divine glory. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, just as He inspired the first Apostles to go preach to the ends of the earth. How might He be guiding you? (We celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this year.)

"Be the one"

"Be with Jesus. ... I always write that sentence, 'I looked for one to comfort Me, but I found no one.' Then I write, 'Be the one.' So now you be that one. Try to be the one to share with Him, to comfort Him, to console Him. So let us ask Our Lady to help us understand."

Mother Teresa

"Be not afraid"

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand ..."* (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper. Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

"Pray, hope and don't worry."

This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might

happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. *"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* (Matthew 6:27).

"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Accept aid. When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride — the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith.

For example, the miraculous image

Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

The Ascension brings us closer to Jesus

The Ascension might have felt like a moment of separation to Jesus' disciples, but in reality, it brought them closer to Him in a deeper spiritual connection. Through His Ascension, Jesus became spiritually present everywhere, continually interceding on our behalf. He is always thinking of us, presenting our needs to the Father. When we pray, we are never alone—Jesus Himself is praying with us and for us.

Prayer "power-up." Prayer doesn't have to feel good to be good prayer. It can be a real struggle to pray throughout the day, to stay focused on God, and not get distracted. That's when we can lean on Jesus' perfect prayer to the Father. We

can join our prayers to His, and know they are pleasing to God.

Offer it up. Whether it involves suffering, fulfilling a necessary duty, or performing an act of charity, when we unite these actions with Jesus' self-offering on the Cross, they gain profound spiritual significance and immeasurable value for souls — especially our own.

Mass intentions. During Holy Communion or right after Mass, take a moment to present your concerns, and your desires to God, dedicating them to the service and glory of His love. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity!

from Scripture

John 14:23-29, "I am with you always."

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. As He prepared to face His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus sought to strengthen His disciples, a close-knit group who had followed Him for three years. In this poignant moment, He reassured them of His continued presence, even after His departure. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus promised, *"I am with you always"* (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message was clear: although His followers would no longer see Him physically, He would remain invisibly but powerfully present. If they kept His word, both He and the Father would

dwell within them through grace. Furthermore, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter, granting them the gift of His peace and the assurance of His return.

It is natural to feel that being faithful would be easier if we could see and hear Jesus directly. Yet, He remains present in His Church—in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and acts of charity.

Above all, Jesus is profoundly present in the Eucharist, where His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present (CCC, #1374). We do not need to look back in time; we encounter Jesus at every Mass.

Q & A How can I make a consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700s, introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshipping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus. (Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.)

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (First Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 12 – Sais Nereus and Achilleus (d.c.100). Little is known about the early lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus. They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard but converted to Christianity. They resigned the army, refusing to serve the Emperor. They

were exiled from Rome to the island of Terracina and were beheaded.

May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). Today marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 29 – Pope St. Paul VI (1978). Born in 1897, near Brescia, Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini spent most of his priesthood working for the Vatican. He was elected pope in 1963 and concluded the Second Vatican Council, went on many apostolic missions, and wrote several significant encyclicals. He died in 1978.

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