



# ***Our Lady Help of Christians***

***Roman Catholic Church***

*"The Heart & Soul of Midwood, Brooklyn"*

1315 East 28th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Mass Schedule**

**Monday-Friday 8:30 am**

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 10:00 am**

**OLHC Church is Open:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7 am - 9 am**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 7 am - 12 pm**

**Saturday: 9 am - 5pm**

**Sunday: 8:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Confession:**

**After Morning Mass and by appointment**

**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– June 29, 2025**

**First Collection:** \$3,222

**Second Collection: Peter's Pence** \$ 316

**Total:** \$3,538

**The second collection for this weekend was 50/50.**

**The second collection for next weekend is Catholic Education.**

**MASS COUNT**

**Saturday, June 28, 2025: 45**

**Sunday, June 29, 2025: 103**

**The Readings for the Week of July 6, 2025**

**Sunday**

Isaiah 66:10-14c  
Ps 66:1-7,16,20  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12,17-20

**Wednesday**

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24a  
Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19  
Matthew 10:1-7

**Monday**

Genesis 28:10-22a  
Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab  
Matthew 9:18-26

**Thursday**

Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29; 45:1-5  
Ps 105:16-21  
Matthew 10:7-15

**Tuesday**

Genesis 32:23-33  
Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7ab,8b,15  
Matthew 9:32-38

**Friday**

Genesis 46:1-7,28-30  
Ps 37:18-19,27-28,39-40  
Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday**

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a  
Ps 105:1-4,6-7  
Matthew 10:24-33

**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**

Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Friday: St. Benedict

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, July 6th 10:00am

Frances Giughiano  
John McTighe  
Barbara Natoli  
The People of the Parish

### Monday, July 7th 8:30am

Felisa Cabagui (Anniversary)

### Tuesday, July 8th 8:30am

Espiridion Cudiamat

### Wednesday, July 9th 8:30am

The Bonvino, Calamaio, Cosenza & Pedone Families:  
by Louise Cosenza

### Thursday, July 10th 8:30am

Living Birthday: Jeffrey Parayno

### Friday, July 11th 8:30am

Gilbert DeSantos

### Saturday, July 12th 4:00pm

Living Birthday: Rebecca Diaz  
The Members of Our Parish Purgatorial Society

### Sunday, July 13th 10:00am

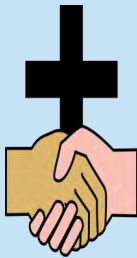
Dorothea Pascua (Anniversary)  
Living Birthday: Michael O'Keeffe  
The People of the Parish



### HOST & WINE INTENTIONS

Monday, July 7th: Rita Rotiroti

Wednesday, July 9th: Vito Molfetto:  
from the family



### R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Do you wish to learn about the Catholic Faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who wishes to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation? Were you baptized in another faith but wish to consider your faith journey in the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory to speak to Fr. Dwayne or Fr. Josh.



Our **Food Pantry** is in need of the following items: **cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, rice & dessert items.**

Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during normal Rectory business hours.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

### The Readings for the Week of July 13, 2025

#### Sunday

Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-35,36-37  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 10:25-37

#### Monday

Exodus 1:8-14,22  
Ps 124:1b-8  
Matthew 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday

Exodus 2:1-15a  
Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-35  
Matthew 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-6,9-12  
Ps 103:1b-4,6-7  
Matthew 11:25-27

#### Thursday

Exodus 3:13-20  
Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27  
Matthew 11:28-30

#### Friday

Exodus 11:10—12:14  
Ps 116:12-13,15-16abc,17-18  
Matthew 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Exodus 12:37-42  
Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24  
Matthew 12:14-21

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Connie Marzella, Sarah Maldonado, Millie Ricciardi, 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 Brillantes, Manny Quesada, Tom Tirino, Robert Ricciardi, Mary Ellen Murphy, Stephen Cipparulo, Richard T. Miolla, Regina Gancitano 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, especially Patrick Reilly*



### 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.**

### A Summertime Blessing

**May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer — every day and in every situation. Talking with God means praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, and expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you walk and talk with God every day. Amen.**

**— Unknown**

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER OUR CHURCH'S SAINTS' SHRINES & VOTIVE CANDLES\*\***



### 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**

# 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 7AM on October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**\$150 Non-Refundable deposit is due by June 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

July 2025

**Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Dwayne D. Davis, Administrator

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Elizabeth followed the footsteps of her great-aunt and namesake, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: she was born to royal parents, practiced fervent spirituality, great generosity and penances. She married King Denis of Portugal. Despite a difficult marriage and family conflicts, she remained patient and charitable. She is known for her care for the poor and sick, and for resolving political conflicts peacefully. After her husband's death, St. Elizabeth entered the Third Order of St. Francis.

### Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. "The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

"By mercy you have washed us in the Blood, and by mercy you desire to converse with your creatures... Loving Madman! ...Your mercy constrains you to give even more to mortals, namely, to leave yourself to them in food."

St. Catherine of Siena

## Step out and let Christ meet you where you are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life — to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

**Prayer:** The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat — and you'll find Christ waiting.

**Relationships:** The virtues — patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty — aren't just about personal growth; they're about

loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

**Service:** "...the Son of Man came ... to

**"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).**

serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver — and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Church teaches that many souls, though destined for Heaven, undergo purification after death, a process called Purgatory. Purgatory prepares us to see God clearly.

Scripture supports this: Judas Maccabee offered prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:43-46), and Jesus mentioned sins forgiven in the next life (Matthew 12:32). St. Paul described a

## Why Do Catholics Believe in Purgatory?

judgment in which a person is saved, but their works are tested by fire. This fire isn't Hell (since they are saved), but a purifying fire, which aligns with the idea of Purgatory (1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

Purgatory is mercy. The souls there benefit from our prayers — and they pray for us in return. It's part of God's loving plan to make us truly ready for His presence.

# Outsmart temptation with grace in action

When temptation strikes, the first line of defense is often simple: say “no” or avoid the situation entirely. But when that’s not enough, there are deeper, proven strategies that can help us respond with grace and strength.

**First, think of temptation as an opportunity for holiness.** God always gives us a choice, and when we say “yes” to Him and “no” to sin, He responds with even more grace. If another person is involved, pray for him or her. That small act of charity not only pleases God but disarms the enemy. As Scripture says, “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

**Second, don’t just resist temptation—replace it.** Trying

not to think about sin often leads us right back to it. Instead, follow the advice of Philippians 4:8: focus on what is true, honorable, and good. For example, swap out gossip for words that build others up, or replace a bad habit with a holy one.

**Finally, don’t overlook small victories.** Faithfulness in little things strengthens us for bigger battles. Telling the truth in a pressure situation, showing patience in traffic, or keeping a promise all train the soul for harder moments. “Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities” (Matthew 25:23). Grace builds on effort. Use every moment well.

## from Scripture

### Luke 11:1-13, The Our Father is a school of prayer

If you’ve ever found yourself thinking, “I want to pray better,” this Scripture reading is for you. In it, Jesus teaches His disciples the Our Father — a masterclass in prayer, compact and profound. It’s not just one prayer, but four in one.

First, it’s a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, placing God above all. Second, it’s a petition, where we ask for our daily needs — spiritual and material. Third, it’s a plea for mercy, as we ask for forgiveness and the grace to forgive others. And finally, it’s a declaration of trust in God’s providence, a surrender of our will to His.

Praying the Our Father well means acknowledging that God knows what’s best for us — even when His will challenges ours. It’s an invitation to deeper faith.

God always answers prayer — but not always how or when we expect. Sometimes the answer is “Yes.” Other times, it’s “No” or “Wait — I have something better.” Jesus also makes it clear that persistence matters. Like the neighbor in the parable who keeps knocking at the door, we’re called to ask, seek, and knock with confidence. Prayer isn’t just about getting what we want — it’s about drawing closer to the One who loves us most.

## Q & A

### Can we console Jesus?

If you saw a close friend in deep pain, you wouldn’t walk by thinking, “She will get over it — I’m busy.” You’d drop everything, run to her, and ask, “What can I do?” This is the logic — and the love — behind consoling the Heart of Jesus. It’s not just a pious tradition; it reaches into the very core of our faith.

Jesus is fully human. He felt real emotions — joy, grief, betrayal, and sorrow. He understands our pain, and we can share in His, since He is also fully God, He stands outside of time. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He saw not only every sin but also every act of love, repentance, and faith. That means your love today can truly console His Heart in His Passion.

Words like “consolation” or “reparation” might sound outdated, but they mean something simple and powerful: to love Jesus where He has been wounded, to bring gratitude where there was ingratitude, and to respond with compassion where He was abandoned. Even small acts of love — a kind word, a prayer, a moment of sincere repentance — touch Him deeply.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions (1648-1930).** This feast honors St. Augustine Zhao Rong, a soldier-turned-Catholic priest, and his martyred companions, forming a group of 120 Chinese Christians and Catholic missionaries. They were canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000.

**July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (1251).** The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock in England, carrying the brown scapular, a sign of her favor of the Carmelite Order, and promised whoever wore the scapular until death would avoid the fires of Hell.

**July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis (1614).** Born in Italy, St. Camillus aimed for holiness despite battling a gambling addiction and a hot temper. After gambling away his possessions, including his shirt, Franciscan brothers gave him a job. He was ordained a priest, and later founded the Order of the Camellians, caring for the grievously sick, prisoners, and the plague victims.

**July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola (1556).** Ignatius spent several years defending Spain and suffered serious injuries. While recovering, he began a religious conversion and a lifelong dedication to education. He wrote spiritual exercises and started a community of priests now known as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

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