

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary.
 God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Christmas Information: These are the Christmas Mass/New Year's Day Mass schedules:

Christmas Eve: 5pm Children's Mass; all children are reminded to bring their baby Jesus from their home crèche sets to the Mass for a blessing. In addition, please bring bells to be rung during the Gloria of Mass.

Midnight Mass: at midnight; Please bring additional bells to Mass to be rung during the Gloria of Mass. At the Midnight Mass, there will be an opportunity for those who have been recently (within the last couple of weeks) engaged to be married to have their engagement rings blessed during the Mass.

Christmas Day: 10am
New Year's Eve, December 31st, 7pm
New Year's Day, 10am

KNOW an individual or youth group serving our local Church and community in an exemplary way? The 2008 St. Francis of Assisi Awards Committee is calling for nominations in three categories: clergy or religious, lay person, and youth or youth group. Nominations are due by 5pm on Monday, January 7, 2008. Awards will be February 5, 2008 at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. Nomination forms are on table in foyer.

TRES NELL (Will Triplett's brother) and the S.E.A.L. Team II would like to express their deepest appreciation for the wonderful gift boxes and Christmas Cards from OLPH. Receiving the Christmas blessings was an absolute thrill of their tour. Will and Barbara would also like to extend their humble gratitude for the wonderful support and caring for Will's brother, Tres. This parish is truly a blessing!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the children's bazaar; the set-up, the check-out, the wrapping and the generous donations of many items. The students had a great time shopping for the "perfect gift" and a profit of \$757.25 was made to help support the Sisters of Mercy in Mukuru, Kenya.

PRACTICE for Children's Christmas pageant for Christmas Eve — today @ 10am. Please be here by 4:15pm on Monday evening if you want to participate in the pageant.

Calendar for December 24— December 30, 2007

December 24 Monday: No Mass at Noon
 Morning prayer, 7:30am
Midnight Mass

December 25, Tuesday: Christmas Day Mass, 10:00am
 Morning prayer, 7:30am

December 26, Wednesday: Noon Mass
 Morning prayer, 7:30am

December 27, Thursday: Noon Mass
 Morning prayer, 7:30am
 Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon Mass

December 28, Friday: Noon Mass
 Morning prayer, 7:30am
 Eucharistic Adoration continuous from yesterday, ends before noon Mass
 Fr. Andy's Talk, 7:00pm, Paradiso's in Kenai

December 29, Saturday: Mass, 5pm
 Reconciliation, 4:00pm

December 30, Sunday: 9am and 11:30am Masses

ONGOING ITEMS:

There are several large items for the rectory that are needed; if you wish, please check the list on the bulletin board and donate money in the canister there or buy scrip for the Fathers to purchase items. If you would like to purchase a specific item on the list, please see Father Tony.

OPENING for Eucharistic Adoration from 5 to 6pm and from 7 to 8pm on Thursdays. **Please, please call Maria** if you are interested in trying these times **262-1703!**

THE ARCHDIOCESE'S Office of Stewardship & Development is looking for bread recipes to be included in next year's One Bread, One Body Annual Appeal promotional materials. Please submit bread recipes from you family-and any questions about this request for your help-to Julie at julie.alfred@caa-ak.org. To contact Julie by phone, please call 297-7718. **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE REMEMBER to put your miles onto the board in the foyer for Journey to Bethlehem — So far, 3,900 miles have been traveled. **Email jfellman@alaska.net or call 262-**

SET YOUR CALENDARS for December 28th, the next Theology on Tap with Fr. Andy Sensenig, who will present, "The True Meaning of Christmas". We will meet at Paradiso's in Kenai at 7:00pm, small banquet room, doors open at 6:30pm. Please come enjoy a meal, a drink or just good conversation about the blessed season of Christmas. This is a great opportunity to relax with one of our new priests. For more information, call Kris at 776-7693.

Saturday, December 29, 2007 5:00pm **Sunday, December 30, 2007 9:00am** **11:30am**

President: Fr. Joe

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sue Dukowitz	Margaret Sill	Shirley Aleckson
Rick Dukowitz	Gloria Sweeney	Karen Evans
Cheryl Hammarstrom	Mike Sweeney	Diane Garske
Steve Hammarstrom	Meg Zerbinos	Connie Gatling
	Alex Zerbinos	Lynn Senette

Lectors:

1st reading: David Nelson	1st reading: Barbara O'Lena	1st reading: Linda Houglum
2nd reading: Jackie Swanson	2nd reading: Eli Woodvine	2nd reading: Karl Kircher

Altar Servers:

Grey Hansen	Mark West	Robert Johnson
	Forrest Henry	Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket: 12/24—12/29: Matt Dammeyer family

Collection Counters: 12/30: Joyce & Paul Fischer

Youth Ministry Family Christmas Contest



Name: _____

Twelve Days of Christmas Quiz

Fill out one quiz per family. Email answers to schaefbauer@acsalaska.net or Drop off sheet by Sunday, January 6th – Epiphany of the Lord!

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

We hope you enjoy a little Catholic Christmas history!

1st Day of Christmas: The partridge in a pear tree represents _____.

2nd Day of Christmas: Two turtledoves represent the _____ and the _____.

3rd Day of Christmas: Three French hens stood for ... _____ (1st Corinthians 13:13.)

4th Day of Christmas: Four calling birds are the four gospels. Name them: _____.

5th Day of Christmas: Five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament. Name them: _____.

6th Day of Christmas: The six geese a-laying stood for the six _____ of creation.

7th Day of Christmas: Seven swans a-swimming represented the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Name them... _____

8th Day of Christmas: The eight maids a-milking were the eight _____ (Matthew 5:1-10)

9th Day of Christmas: Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Name them: _____.

10th Day of Christmas: The ten lords a-leaping represent the 10 commandments. Name them! (use back of sheet!)

11th Day of Christmas: The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples. Name them: _____

12th Day of Christmas: The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed. Name them. (use back of sheet!)

Reminder: Next weekend will be the 5th Sunday of the month, so the Special Collection for St. Vincent dePaul will be taken—please help as much as you are able.