

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am, Sunday 5pm, until August 31

WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 11:00 – 11:45am
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Available during the Sunday masses, or as needed.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep class required. Call Marlys for reservations.
Best done prior to birth.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Pastoral Council: meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (usually)

Prayer Chain: pjham@att.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Does this shake your faith?

In the closing section of the Gospel of John which we have been listening to over the weeks, Jesus asks if this teaching of His is too hard? He is asking not if it is "too hard" for the Pharisees and Sadducees, Jesus is asking if it is "too hard" for you and me.

I must admit that I love Jesus when Jesus is not demanding me to change my perspectives or even more my heart. Sometimes, I desire to have just a "buddy" Jesus. A Jesus who just sits down and chats and goes on his way. At times, I want a "cheerleader" Jesus, a Jesus who is jumping around me waving pompoms saying "hey, you are great!" Finally, I desire a Jesus, who is a quiet Jesus, who gets up in the morning, drinks a cup of coffee with me (without complaining about how strong I make it) and Jesus is just happy about being near me.

But that is not who Jesus is. Yes, Jesus is the best person and best friend that I ever hope to have, but Jesus is something more, Jesus is the Lord of Lords and the Kings of Kings. Jesus desires us to be His buddies, His cheerleaders and His quiet supporting friends.

It is about Jesus and Jesus' mission and not about yours truly. I am called to change and follow Him and not the other way around.

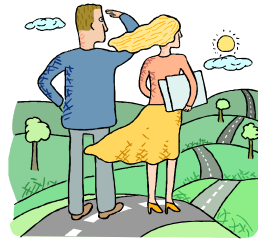
But Jesus' call for us is not that hard when we truly look at it, we just have to become like Jesus and that is to become "love" for each other as the John the Evangelist wrote in one of his letters, "God is love." It is as simple and as demanding for each one of us!

Wait a minute! I am the cheerleader Jesus! No, the buddy Jesus, no I want the quiet Jesus. Oh well, that is not to be had, but we all have something better than those kinds of Jesus mentioned, we do have the Jesus the King of Kings and Lord of Lords quietly waiting for us in the Eucharist.

Does that shake your faith? I sure hope so, because does mine everyday, because then I have to be "love" for others and that is simple and very difficult all at the same time.

Enjoy your week.

Pray for me and I will always pray for thee!
Fr. Andy OMI



A LOOK AHEAD:

Please check the Generations of Faith bulletin board in the church foyer for upcoming notices.

SAVE THE DATE: The parish picnic will be held on August 30th after the 11:30 Mass.

This year's treat will be deep-fried turkey and halibut. If your last name begins with A to M please bring a salad. All others bring a dessert.

If you can donate some halibut or ling cod, or if you have a turkey taking up space in your freezer, please call Pat at 262-7801.

"One more chance to clean out your closets, etc" A parish garage sale will be held on September 4th and 5th. Please call Althea (262-2608) for information and to volunteer to help.

Generations of Faith continues with registration until August 29/30; The first event will be on Sunday, September 13: Celebrating the Sacraments: Holy Orders; Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about this Sacrament, particularly in this Year of the Priest.

For last and this weekend, you will receive a parish registration form to fill out to update our records and hopefully, give us a clearer picture of the demographics of our parish of our parish for ministry/program development. Please take time to fill/return these forms after each Mass.

For those students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and their parents are invited to an informational meeting regarding the Confirmation program. This is a **REQUIRED meeting** for all those planning to prepare for the sacrament. The meeting is scheduled for August 31st, at 7pm in O'Neill Hall.

Calendar for August 24, 2009 – August 30, 2009, with Daily Readings

August 24 Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 25, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 26, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	August 27, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	August 28, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	August 29, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	August 30, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51	Thessalonians 2:-1-8 Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 Matthew 23:23-26	Thessalonians 2:-9-13 Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Matthew 23:27-32	Thessalonians 3:-7-13 Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17 Matthew 24:42-51	Thessalonians 4:-1-8 Psalm 97:1&2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matthew 25:1-13	Thessalonians 4:-9-11 Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mark 6:17-29	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 James 1:17-18, 21b, 22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saturday August 29, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carm Bongiovanni, Kathy Bongiovanni, Charlotte Sponsel, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom

Lectors: 1st Reading; Carolyn Cannava; 2nd Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server: Server needed

Sunday, August 30, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Henry, Theresa Carroll, Helen Knopp, David Stropes, Laurie Stropes

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Lauri Kapp; 2nd reading: Kathleen Evenson

Altar Server: Nathan O'Lena

Sunday, August 30, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Lucy Katzenberger, Dave Carey, Kate Forrest, Diane Garske, Cindy Kircher

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Tamara Slone

Altar Server: Georgie Forrest
Willa Forrest

Mop & Bucket 8/24 — 8/29: John Pothast Family **Collection Counters: 8/30:** Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

Stewardship Ministries fair will take place after each of the Masses in the foyer of the church on August 29/30; This is an opportunity to see what ministries and needs that are available for each of you to share those talents and gifts that God has given you both here in our parish family and outreach.. Information will be available from the different ministries. Please take time to stop, visit, and sign up for those areas you are interested in. In Scripture we are asked, "What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? Psalm 116:12. What will your answer be?"

It is quite commendable that because of the stewardship of so many in many different areas, that we are able to burn the mortgage on the church at the church picnic on August 30th.

Registration forms for the Discipleship Days 2009, "Formed by the Word", are available at the GOF registration table. There are many different workshops available. Early registration is due by August 31st, for a discount. Please stop by.

EXCITING NEWS !!!!!

It was 14 years ago this past May that we moved into our new church building. This week we made the final payment to the Knights of Columbus on the mortgage

This was made possible not only by the sharing of your treasure but also, in a large part, by the sharing of your time and talents. The parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help are always willing to lend a hand wherever it is needed. Not only does this help us grow together as a parish family, but it helps to make our dollars go farther.

As we look forward to a new parish hall that will accommodate more people and more programs we continue to thank God for your gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Please join us at the parish picnic as we "Burn the Mortgage".

There will be a second collection next weekend for St. Vincent de Paul. Please prayerfully consider helping the needy in our local area.

The USCCB has launched a special website on health care reform at <http://www.usccb.org/healthcare> this site will have letters to congress, testimony, action alerts and fact sheets. The USCCB is working on efforts to support reform that covers everyone, protects life and respects conscience.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Please help us keep the Men's ACTS retreat affordable by purchasing a raffle ticket. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held at the Parish picnic August 30th. More information and tickets can be purchased in the foyer. Any questions please call **Kevin Woodvine 262-3533** or **Alex Zerbinos 260-4413**