

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 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

Free and Responsible

The theme of the liturgy is the law of God. God's law is just, it demands careful observation, and it is the key to life on earth. It is not a matter of clinging to what is human tradition but rather of practicing justice: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

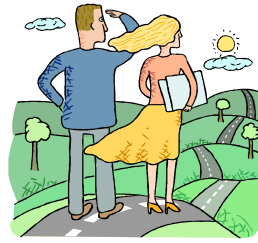
The Pharisees misunderstood what the law was all about, or as Isaiah foretold, they teach as dogmas mere human precepts. For them obeying the law meant such things as scrupulously washing their hands and the washing of cups and jugs and kettles

James, on the other hand, understood the meaning of the law of God, and he provides us with a pointed definition of the religion of YHWH/ Jesus: Looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself unspotted by the world make for pure worship without stain before our God and Father.

The law of God forbids all those things that set people against each other: theft, murder, greed, etc. The positive command of God's law is to serve God in each other, to walk blamelessly, do justice, and harm not one's fellow-man.

"The codes of Israel reflect the norms of the covenant: reciprocal responsibility, mercy, and truthfulness. They embody a life in freedom from oppression: worship of the One God, rejection of idolatry, mutual respect among people, care and protection for every member of the social body. Being free and being a co-responsible community are God's intentions for us." [U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All (1986) 36]

Gerald Darring



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.

EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank is running dangerously low on food. We can help! Please bring canned and non-perishable goods to Mass next weekend (Sept. 5/6) and set them under the EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE poster in the foyer. Donated foods will be brought to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank on Monday, September 7th. For more information contact Jen Ransom at 260-1678.

There will be a second collection this weekend for St. Vincent de Paul.
Thank you for your donation.

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 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 31, 2009 – September 6, 2009, with Daily Readings

August 31 Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Confirmation meeting, 7pm, O'Neill Hall	September 1, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	September 2, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	September 3, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	September 4, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	September 5, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	September 6, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Thessalonians 4:13-18 Psalm 96:1&3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Luke 4:16-30	Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 4:31-37	Colossians 1:1-8 Psalm 52:10, 11 Luke 4:38-44	Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Luke 5:1-11	Colossians 1:15-20 Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 5:33-39	Colossians 1:21-23 Psalm 54:3-4, 6&8 Luke 6:1-5	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday September 5, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman, John Bonk, Barbara Bonk, Bob Ermold

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

Altar Server: Server needed

Sunday, September 6, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Cowan, Connie Dunn, Kathryn Dunagan, Bob Evenson, Shirley Twohy

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathleen Evenson; 2nd reading: Pat Cowan

Altar Server: Jacob O'Lena

Sunday, September 6, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Walker, Kate Forrest, Dave Carey, Lucy Katzenberger, Diana Garske

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Scott Earsley; 2nd reading: Kathy Walker

Altar Server: Georgie Forrest
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Mop & Bucket 8/31 — 9/5: James Query Family **Collection Counters: 9/6:** Pat & Myrna Cowan

Bible Timeline to Resume Sunday, Sept. 20, after the 11:30 AM OLP Mass with pot luck lunch. Study to begin at 1 PM. Please prepare Lesson 17. New people are welcome to join this study group. Contact is Kris Viens 776-7693.

Year of the Priest: September prayer is for the cardinal virtue of justice. Justice, as a virtue, it is the constant and permanent determination to give everyone his or her rightful due. It is a habitual inclination of the will and therefore always recognizes each one's rights, under any and all circumstances. The rights in question are whatever belongs to a person as an individual who is distinct from the one who practices justice. (Modern Catholic Dictionary, Fr. John Hardon) Also, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd edition, paragraph 1807. For more information on Year of the Priest, **contact Joanne Biegel 262-2444.**

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.

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.

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.



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".