

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Catholic Community

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27 2009  
Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary  
Immaculate

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### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,  
accept the call of God to  
participate in the mission of  
Jesus Christ by  
Proclaiming the Gospel  
and living the reign of  
God among us as disciples.*

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**SUNDAY LITURGY:** Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am

**HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Noon and 7pm (see bulletin)

**WEEKDAY Mass Schedule:** Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm**

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays Noon

**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.

**Funerals:** contact parish office immediately after the death

**Prayer Chain:** [pjham@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) and you may send a copy to: [csponsel@acsalaska.net](mailto:csponsel@acsalaska.net)

## How to keep it going... the Total Consecration

I have been asked a number of times by various people how to keep the True Devotion going after those who have made the "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" last week and how do I renew my commitment each day?

That is an interesting question, because there are a large number of ways to do that. There is a super website by Fr. Lance Harlow of Bellow Falls, Vermont and his website: <http://www.echoofgod.com>. His commentary book on the True Devotion to Mary by Louis de Montfort is very good, but even more helpful for those who have already done the Total Consecration is the section of his website which is entitled "Monthly Supplement" and here is the web address for that: <http://www.echoofgod.com/id73.html>. There Fr. Lance Harlow has various practices offered each day of each month that will help you grow in your Total Consecration. Finally, if you look at his products part of Fr. Lance's website he offers a desktop calendar which will have a section of Montfort's book True Devotion to Mary for each day for the whole year. It is a simple way of keeping in contact with Louis de Montfort's thoughts and inspirations.

There are other ways too and the simplest was is reciting this short prayer each day: "**I am all thine, and all that I have is thine, O most loving Jesus, through Mary Thy most holy and Immaculate Mother.**" Pope John Paul II has a this intention abbreviated in his apostolic motto of "Totus Tuus" (which means "totally yours").

The real goal of this Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a pilgrimage to a deeper lived relationship with Jesus and Mary. Mary for me is the supreme teacher on how to be a better disciple of Jesus Christ and it takes a commitment each day to live it out, just like it takes each day a commitment to become a better spouse, parent or child and that is done daily by taking time to tell those around you that you love them and to express that care not only in words, but in loving actions. It is not that difficult to love, but we make it difficult because we do not want to be loving and that is our struggle each day.

How do I renew my consecration? Well, I say the "Little Crown" (if you need one then please see me, I have more) which I handed out each day or I say the "Angelus" (I have extra copies of this too) each day and I have a devotion to the Rosary. It is **rather a easy way** which I feel God called me to do, but I truly am living the Total Consecration when I treat my Oblate brothers (Fr. Joe, Brother Craig and Fr. Roger) in a kind and loving manner and helping the people here in Soldotna with kindness then I really know that my commitment to the Total Consecration is really being renewed each day.

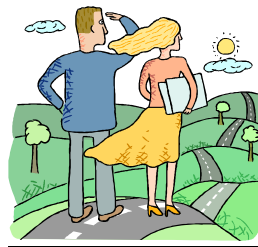
The Total Consecration for me is about **amending** my life each and every day and it is not always in some glorious manner when people will take notice, but in a simply loving way like Our Lady Mary did each day by simply loving Jesus and Joseph and ponder each day's mysteries in her heart. That is the beauty of this devotion because it helped me to ponder the daily mysteries that God sends my way and that I know deep in my heart that Mary is there to guide me to her Son Jesus, Our Redeemer.

If you have more questions and if you want to have a class on the True Devotion some time soon or a discussion or study group about Montfort's works, then please do not hesitate to ask me, email me or ask Marlys Verba to take your name down and I will bring your names and hopes to our Oblate Team of Fr. Joe, Fr. Roger, Brother Craig, because we are a team here and I need to bring it to them so we can work together in this project. I can not operate as an independent entity in sharing this devotion, because we are called by Oblate Provincial to be a "team of Oblates" working together for serving all of you. And I love this working together, because it helps me to live in the spirit of St. Louis de Montfort, and that is to practice "**obedience,**" is the first and most important step of Total Consecration.

Obedience is the gift that I have discovered through my reading and rereading the works of St. Louis de Montfort, and that is how St. Louis de Montfort has helped me to become a better Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

Blessings to you all.

In Jesus through Mary: Fr. Andy OMI



## A LOOK AHEAD:

**T**hank you to the families who participated in the Flower Remembrance for Christmas: Please remember to pray for these loved ones during this Holy

season:

Matt Johnson, Witte/Murray families, Wally Lahndt, Enid/Archie McLane, Bob Antila, Richard Ross, Charles and Jeroma Joy, Mike Hayes, Lisa Barrett, Hal Alsip, Rita and Brad Trombley, Joe Dilley, Mary Ellen Ninershiem, Rose Zerbinos, Cecelia Heier. Robert Fox, Margaret/John Fox, Fellman/Hoke families.

The Poinsettias may be picked up after the liturgy on January first.

**I**n celebration/preparation of our next Generations of Faith, which will be on the topic of Baptism, we invite everyone to locate their Baptismal pictures/candles and bring them to church for a display for the month of January. Bring in anytime, Marked clearly, and put in the basket in the foyer. These items will be displayed in the foyer for everyone to enjoy. Mark the date, January 10th the feast day for the Baptism of the Lord, for the event and Plan to attend. Please RSVP, in particular if Childcare is needed.

# Happy Birthday, Jesus!

As we celebrate the most joyous birthday of all,  
let us remember to reach out to those who are less fortunate.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grade GOF class will be collecting boxes of cake mix, frosting, candles,  
and/or gift bags to be given to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank to contribute to their  
Birthday Bag program.

Contributions can be placed in the birthday box in the church foyer beginning December 26th.

Thank you for your help!

Questions? Contact Sheilah-Margaret Pothast: 262-8551 or agr8fulmom@hotmail.com

## NOTE THIS:

**December 31:** No noon Mass; Vigil Mass at 5pm. **January 1:** Mass at 10am

## Calendar for December 28, 2009 — January 3, 2010, with Daily Readings

December 28, Monday: No Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	December 29, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	December 30, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Decorate church, 1pm	December 31, Thursday: Vigil Mass at 5pm Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 1, Friday: Mass at 10am, Mary Mother of God Octave Day of Christmas Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 2, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	January 3, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Matthew 2:13-18	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18	Numbers 6:22-27 (18ABC) Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28	Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC) Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

### Saturday January 2, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman

Lectors: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server:

### Sunday, January 3, 2010, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Myrna Cowan, David Stropes, Laurie Stropes, Lynn Senette

Lectors: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Pat Cowan; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Scott Earsely

Altar Server:

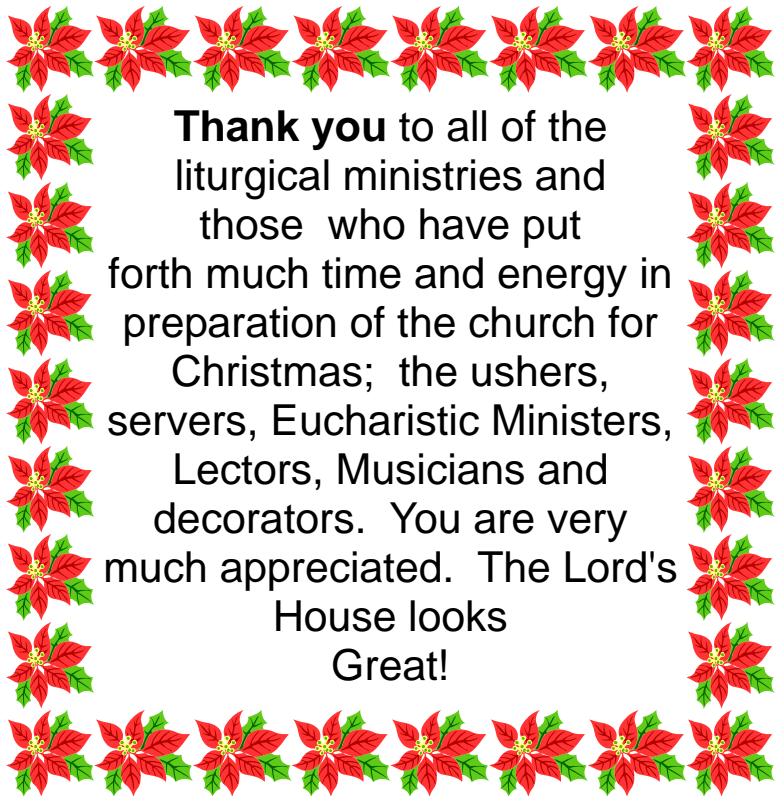
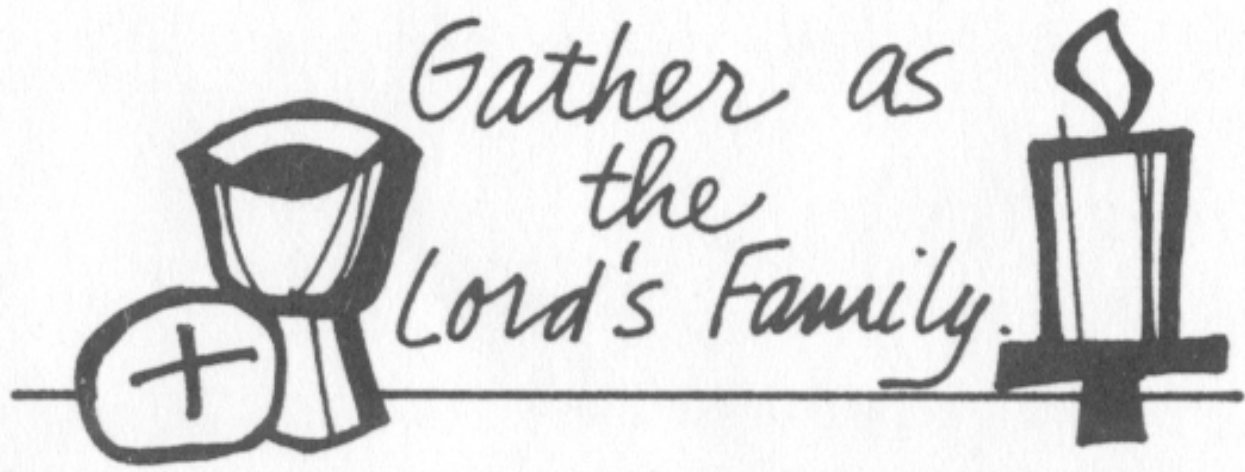
### Sunday, January 3, 2010, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Gatling, Shirley Aleckson, Karen Evans, Lucy Katzenberger, Marguerite McIntosh

Lectors: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Kathy Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Dave Carey

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 12/28 — 1/2: Bruce Vadla Family Collection Counters: 1/3: Terri Davis



**Thank you** to all of the liturgical ministries and those who have put forth much time and energy in preparation of the church for Christmas; the ushers, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians and decorators. You are very much appreciated. The Lord's House looks Great!

**A** **DVENT SOCK DRIVE** — I was naked, and you clothed me.—Matthew 25:36



This Advent, consider adding to your shopping cart a few pair of warm socks for the Brother Francis Shelter. A pair per week, or per day if you can, will help clothe our brothers and sisters who are homeless this winter. A Sock Drive Box will be set up in the foyer throughout the Advent season, please drop off as many new, warm socks as you can — Let's fill the box! The socks will be taken to the BFS in January during a Foot Care Clinic. For more information, contact **Jen Ransom at 260-1678 or Ruthann Truesdell at 262-4570.**

### Father Tony Update

After months of tests and consultations with his doctors, it was determined that the only viable option for Fr. Tony is to treat his heart arrhythmia with a regimen of medicines (he is not a good candidate for surgery). With his medical condition in mind, the U.S. Oblate Provincial and his council have decided that Fr. Tony should not continue in this ministry on the Kenai Peninsula. He will remain with his family in Oregon for the holidays and will return to the Peninsula some time in January for a farewell celebration. (Further details will be forthcoming). Father Tony tells us that in February he will begin a 100 day renewal program for religious. Due to Fr. Tony's departure, Fr. Roger's assignment here on the Kenai has been extended through at least the end of 2010. You can pass your best wishes on to Tony at the following address:

Fr. Tony Dummer

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