

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 18, 2009

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am
First Sunday of month, Youth Ministry 5pm

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@gci.net and you may send a copy to: cspinsel@acsalaska.net

The Fear Of Listening

As followers of Jesus, we need, above all, to learn how to listen. If we don't listen, we will not really be following Christ. On the other hand, if we become sensitive to how Jesus speaks to us in our daily lives, we will remain faithful to our vocations as disciples of the Lord. But we should be aware that listening to the Lord is not an easy task. It just doesn't happen automatically. It requires a decision on our part, and a great openness to hear the Lord, even if what we are hearing is not pleasant.

We listen differently depending on whether or not we are a child, a teenager, a young adult, a middle-age person, a senior. Every stage of life has its own set of issues and problems, which require close attention if we are to remain faithful to our call. If you enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony, you need to decide how many children you will have, what kind of lifestyle you want to live, how you will interact with the rest of the community, what kind of friends you want to cultivate. These and many more important questions require a close listening to the Lord.

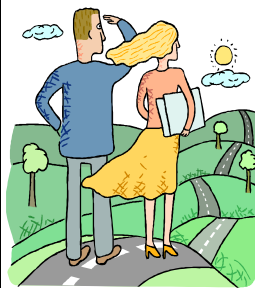
And then there are different key moments which require a further listening such as the death of a child, a parent, a spouse, changing jobs, moving, retirement, sickness, and so many other life changes. These all require a close attention to God's will for us.

Often in our listening to God, we sincerely want to hear what the Lord has to say, but we are afraid to listen too closely because of what might be asked of us. If that's the case, then we need to confess our fear and hesitation. Hopefully, the Lord will take those fears away. And then we will be able to pray as Samuel did: *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

fr.tony,omi

Children's Playgroup. We will be having a Children's playgroup on Tuesdays at 10am in the Redemptorist Center. Please bring a toy that your child does not mind sharing. If you have any questions please call Heather Stockton 260-6581.

February Adoration Need: someone to take over Norma Daniels' adoration slot from 4 to 5pm on Thursdays (until she returns to full health). Please consider taking the month of February as January is taken. Call **Maria with any questions @ 262-1703.**



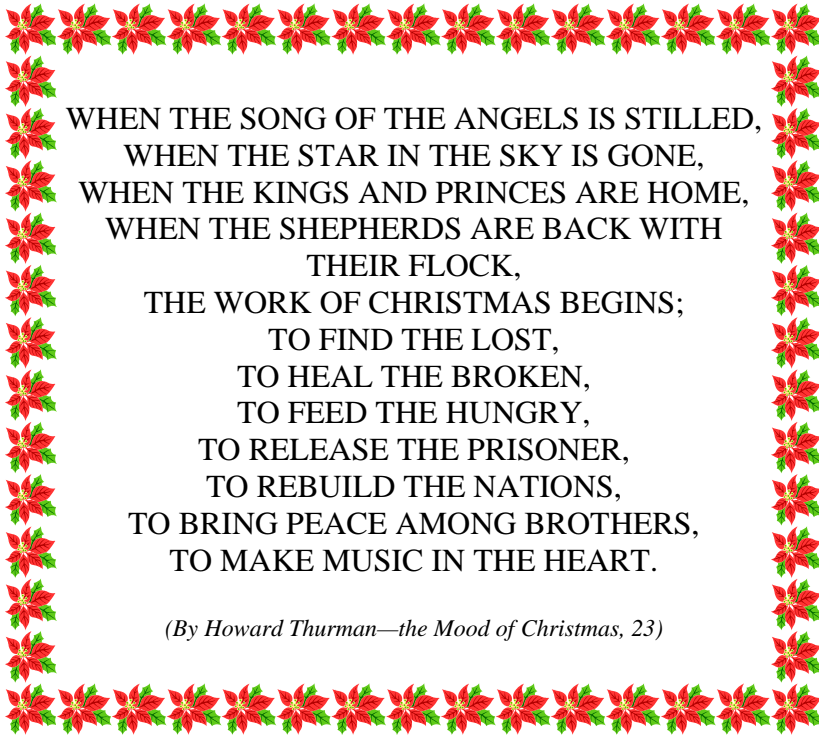
A LOOK AHEAD:

Sign up/Registration for the upcoming Generations of Faith event, January 25th will be available the next two weekends, January 10/11 and 17/18 in the foyer. Signing up each session is necessary for planning purposes of the food, and child care. If you have not been to GOF before, please register/join us. The cost is \$35/family for the year. There will be an opportunity to sign up to help in many different ways. Please check the Generations of Faith bulletin board for other info.

Next Weekend, Catholics throughout the United States will be invited to give to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This special collection helps those worshipping in parishes throughout rural America — including most of the 29 parishes and missions of our own Archdiocese. Please consider supporting this special collection with a gift in an amount meaningful to you and your family.

Saturday February 14, 6pm, 2nd Annual Valentine Dinner sponsored by the Y.A.C.H.T. Club. Dinner and auction for any parishioner over 21. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the planning and implementation of more Youth events. We are in need of auction items (service or tangible) for both the silent and outcry auction. **Call Jen Ransom 260-1678** if you have an item to donate. If you are interested in helping decorate, serve, cook, take down, or help with the auction please call **Heather Stockton 260-6581.** Stay tuned for ticket information in the coming weeks.

The **"BIBLE TIME LINE"** class that was going in the fall, will continue again after the 11:30am Mass on January 11th. We will begin with Session 8... "Desert Wanderings". Please do your homework questions prior to coming to class that Sunday. You also might want to give **JoAnn Biegel a call (262-2444)** and see who signed up for providing the food for lunch. We will have class on January 11th, and January 18th...then "Generation of Faith" on January 25th. We need to decide if you want to have class on February 1st...which is Super Bowl Sunday...then class on February 8th and 15th.



WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED,
 WHEN THE STAR IN THE SKY IS GONE,
 WHEN THE KINGS AND PRINCES ARE HOME,
 WHEN THE SHEPHERDS ARE BACK WITH
 THEIR FLOCK,
 THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS;
 TO FIND THE LOST,
 TO HEAL THE BROKEN,
 TO FEED THE HUNGRY,
 TO RELEASE THE PRISONER,
 TO REBUILD THE NATIONS,
 TO BRING PEACE AMONG BROTHERS,
 TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART.

(By Howard Thurman—the Mood of Christmas, 23)

Generations of Faith is in need of folding lawn chairs, bean bag chairs, area rugs, for our next session on **January 25th**. If you have any of these items and are willing to let us use them, please let us know or deliver the items by **January 18th** to the old church. We thank you in advance for your help with this.

Generation of Faith will be meeting for the second session on **“Becoming a Disciple” on January 25th**. Please RSVP at the tables in the foyer the next two weekends, this is necessary for planning purposes. If you have not registered and want to join us, please do so. Cost is \$35/family for the year. Donations are gladly accepted for the meal.

Sign up sheets for areas where you may help us are on the GOF bulletin board; please consider helping, as well as attending the next sessions. We need many people to help facilitate this effort. **Thank you.**

Calendar for January 19, 2009 — January 25, 2009, with Daily Readings

January 19, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 20, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	January 21, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 22, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service	January 23, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	January 24, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	January 25, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm 65:4 Mark 2:18-22	Hebrews 6:10-20 Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c Mark 2:23-28	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mark 3:1-6	Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mark 3:7-12	Hebrews 8:6-13 Psalm 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mark 3:13-19	Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Mark 3:20-21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B) Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 John 1:14-20

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Dukowitz, Rick Dukowitz, James Query, Charlotte Sponsel, Krys Williams

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2nd reading: Barbara O’Lena

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Dunagan, Laurie Stropes, David Stropes, Gloria Sweeney, Mike Sweeney

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Dave Carey; 2nd reading: Charlie Miller

Altar Server: Remy Spring

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Dave Carey, Karen Evans, Diane Garske, Margaret Johnson

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Linda Houglum; 2nd reading: Jean Kudyba

Altar Server: Georgia Forrest
Robert Johnson

Mop & Bucket 1/19—1/24: Robert Williams Family **Collection Counters: 1/25:** Lynn & Gene Friendshuh

Possibilities

Can you imagine living in a world where there was no possibility of change. That would mean that at this moment, we would all just be frozen in terms of our personalities, our habits, our thoughts, feelings, attitudes -- everything that goes to make up who each of us is. The thought makes me shudder. Living without hope of changing any part of who I am would be a horrible fate.

It really is comforting to know that there is a possibility of change that lies deep within each of us. We all have many things, small and large, which we would like to change about ourselves. And even though we may find it very hard to actually bring about some of those changes, we still have the desire and the hope that someday we will be able to rid ourselves of sinful and destructive habits and replace them with genuinely good qualities.

But sometimes we don't change. We just go on and on, remaining stuck in our old and harmful ways. It seems to me that, at times, we don't really believe that we can change, and so we don't put any effort into changing.

There is really only one way to start any movement in us that will lead to change, and that way is prayer. Prayer does many things, but the first thing it does is break the isolation which many of us allow to surround the darkest part of our lives. When we pray, we stand before God with open hands and open hearts. We allow God to enter every part of our lives. Alone we are condemned to remain just as we are. With God as our companion, we can move forward on life's road.

God doesn't see us in a prison or caught in a net. God sees the possibilities for real and lasting change that exists in each one of us. Somehow, we have to start seeing ourselves as God does. When we do, we will have taken that most important first step which leads to freedom.

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LETS GO SKIING / SNOWBOARDING Junior High/Senior High Ski trip to Alyeska

Monday January 19th (school in-service day)

Cost: \$20 for transportation plus extra for lift ticket/lessons/rental equipment

Last day for sign-up **January 11th**, no exceptions. Need to fill our permission forms and give these, plus \$20 to one of the Priests.

Any questions phone **Elise / Adam Bell at 262-4956 or cell (970)-274-2201 elisethompson@yahoo.com**
also see Teen Bulletin Board

Limit to 44 teens, need 37 to make it happen

Prayer For Christian Unity

One of the saddest things in a family happens when siblings or other relatives do not talk to one another. The same thing happens in the church. Centuries ago believers in Christ disagreed on certain points of doctrine or authority and were unable to resolve their differences, ending up in a schism, or separation. The division of the churches started in the 11th century, when the Eastern churches separated from the Roman church. They refused to accept the authority of the pope and started calling themselves Orthodox churches. In the 16th century, the Protestant Reformation took place, and it created new churches in Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, England, Holland, and Scandinavia. These denominations are not spread all over the world.

Realizing what a great tragedy it is that the followers of Christ are divided among themselves, the various groups (confessions) have been taking steps toward dialogue and closer relationships. The goal of this ecumenical movement is to reach the union of all those who believe in Christ, founded on Jesus' own prayer: "*That all be one as you and I are one....that the world may believe.*"

Ecumenical prayer does not consist only in making prayers to God but in uniting in a community of listening and faith. In this community, everyone treats one another with respect and dignity, recognizing that all are children of the same Father. It also means praying that we will be illuminated by the Spirit and be open to reconciliation. Each year the Ecumenical Committee and the World Council of Churches ask a different group to prepare materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated at the end of January. The materials for 2007 have been prepared in South Africa. They include prayers and celebrations for each day of the week and a common celebration. They focus on the passage of the gospel of Mark 7: 31-37 on the healing of the deaf-mute. The following is one of the suggested prayers.

PRAYER

*Oh God, you who sit in your heavenly splendor,
have broken your silence through the revelation of your Word,
Jesus Christ,
coming out of the womb of your silence
and hidden from the Prince of this world.
Open our eyes, that we may see Jesus,
the start that dispels our darkness.*

*Open our ears, that we may resound the voices
enveloped in the silence of those missions whose voices are
muted
by the trials and tribulations of this passing world.*

*Open our hearts, that we may be able to respond
to people who are sick among us,
just as the woman at Bethany who anointed Jesus' head,
like Simon of Cyrene who, uncomplaining, carried the cross of
your Son,
reduced to silence by those who persecuted him.*

*Gathered here, we break our silence
With the words of the prayer Jesus taught us.*

Our Father.....

fr.tony,omi Dec. 2008
