

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 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: csponsel@acsalaska.net

The Holy Longing

Desire took the wise men on a journey. Deep within themselves they burned to find this infant king of the Jews, and they went to great lengths to fulfill their desire. In a way, desire controls our lives. It lives within each one of us. There are no exceptions. “*We are so overcharged with desire that it is hard to come to simple rest. Desire is always stronger than satisfaction*”. (1.)” The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality” by Ron Rolheiser, OMI.

We can name this desire as a holy longing because it is placed there by the only one whom we call holy – God. God has created this holy longing within each one of us. That is why there are no exceptions. We all carry this longing deep within us, throughout our entire lives. This desire is so central to our existence that it is not an exaggeration to say that the story of our lives is the story of what we do with that desire.

We’re all chasing something or, what is most likely, we are all chasing many things. When we find ourselves traveling down too many paths at the same time, we experience a feeling that life is too much to handle. We have too many “irons in the fire.” If we find ourselves without any focus, any real center to our lives, then we need to pull back and take a long, hard, honest look at where we are heading.

Many of us need to dramatically simplify our lives. We have too much, do too much, and want too much. Our basic desire for God and for completeness has been sidetracked. On the other hand, when we allow our desire to lead us to more compassion, greater kindness, caring for others, faithfulness in our marriage and friendships, then we will have allowed that desire to lead us in the right direction. As God directed the hearts of the wise men, may God also direct our hearts as we continue to seek the one thing necessary.

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THANK YOU - THANK YOU -THANK YOU

A Major thanks to all of you for your prayers, gifts and cards over the Holidays. They are all greatly appreciated. It hardly seems possible that our first year here is complete. We feel that we are settling in and getting our “feet-wet_ and hopefully putting the correct name to the person and family. Muchas Gracias!

The Oblate Four.....



A LOOK AHEAD:

This Sunday, January 4, after both Masses we will have in the O’Neill Hall various activities to be completed for the Kairos retreat at Wildwood scheduled to begin on January 8th. These are easy activities for both children/parents and anyone else who desires to put into action our Advent awareness and challenge: that of becoming Christ-like to one another and showing Christ’s Light to the world. In this case, to show that Light of compassion and caring to those imprisoned. Please join us in the hall at 10:15am and 12:45pm next Sunday.

Parent Meeting for First Eucharist parents, Saturday, January 10 at 10am in the hall.

Baptismal Preparation class for parents is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at the hall, 7pm.

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.

Confirmation Class will meet Monday, January 12th at the hall.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, January 15th at the hall.

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.

The Seeker

I do not ride on camels
through a wind-swept desert.
I do not carry gifts
that are fit for a king.
I do not see the star
that guides the stalwart riders.

Yet I, too, am seeking.
I, too, am longing.
I go among the busy days
yearning for the Unknown One.

In the breath of a prayer,
in the care of a friend,
in the beauty of a bird,
a star-like glimpse comes to me.

A flicker of hope arises,
enough to stay in the fray,
to keep searching for the One
who is slowly revealed
in tiny sparks of daily encounters.

Holy One, you who reveal,
make manifest your presence.
Open the eyes of my heart.
Awaken my un-attuned spirit.

Bring me to full attention,
so that I come to know,
in my every moment,
your radiant star of guidance.

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Calendar for January 5, 2009 – January 11, 2009, with Daily Readings

January 5, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 6, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	January 7, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 8, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service	January 9, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	January 10, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	January 11, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52	1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-2, 3- 4, 5-6a & 9b John 3:22-30	Isaiah 55:1-11 (21B) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 1 John 5:1-9 Mark 1:7-11

Saturday, January 10, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Atkinson, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom, Bill Sadler, Ruthann Truesdell

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Dave Nelson; 2nd reading: Tamara Slone

Altar Server: Grey Hansen

Sunday, January 11, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Henry, Joan Jones, Tonilyn Spring, Remy Spring, Kevin Woodvine

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Laurie Kapp; 2nd reading: Eli Woodvine

Altar Server: Kyle Shassetz

Sunday, January 11, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Aleckson, Thelma Antila, Lucy Katzenberger, Marguerite McIntosh, Lynn Senette

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Scott Earsley; 2nd reading: Jackie Swanson

Altar Server: Georgia Forrest
Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket 1/5—1/10: Brent Senette Family **Collection Counters: 1/11:** Pat & Myrna Cowan

EPIPHANY BLESSING

20 + Gaspar + Melchoir + Balthazar + 09

Ceremony of the Blessing

(Epiphany Chalk is used to write the inscription over all the doors of one's house. Soft classroom chalk of any color is best for writing on varnished or painted surfaces. A priest should bless the chalk on Epiphany Day, before the celebration of the main Mass of the day, using the following Blessing, which is taken from the Roman Ritual.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord

R. Who made heaven and earth

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

Let us Pray:

O Lord God, Bless + these Epiphany Kits which contain chalk, water and instructions for the blessing. May it be helpful to those who use it; and grant that through the invocation of your Most Holy Name, all those who write over the doors of their houses the names or initials of your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may be their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

(Later that day, or any day within the Octave of the Feast of Epiphany, at

Home, the ceremony is completed by the father or senior member of the family. The prayer to be recited at time is included with the Kit. This is to be a respectful time....some other ideas...use the water to bless each member on the forehead to remind them of their baptism...and you could also bless the remainder of the home. You could recite the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and speak about the story there.)

JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Annunciation	(Luke 1: 30-33)
The Visitation	(Luke 1: 50-53)
The Nativity	(Luke 2: 10-11)
The Presentation	(Luke 2: 29-32)
The Finding in the Temple	(Luke 2: 48-52)

Epiphany of the Lord

Blessing of a Home

Holy God,
before he was born, a star showed
the place of our Savior's birth.
At his baptism in the Jordan,
you revealed Jesus
to be your beloved Son.
And at the wedding feast of Cana,
his power was manifest in a miracle.
On this solemnity of Epiphany,
we ask you to bless our home.
Let its shelter from cold and night
show us your protection and care.
May we see you everywhere revealed
in family and friends, guests and strangers,
in all who come to our door and share
our meal.
Fill our home with signs of your presence,
with joy, laughter, and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

LOST

A Motorola black/silver slide phone was lost @ our church during the funeral last week. If you found this, or know it's whereabouts, please let Marlys know.
