

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Catholic Community

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (usually)

**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 free are you?

In today's gospel reading is truly a challenge to us all, especially yours truly. When I came up to Alaska, my father and mother thought I was going to the end of the world. My father looked up where I was going in an older book on Alaska from the National Geographic and said to me, you are going to need a lot of basic supplies!

My Oblate Community in Lowell even sent me to a town near the Canadian border called Colebrook, New Hampshire to get me ready during the summer before I came there. It is a very small town. One drugstore the only way to get stuff out is the US mail, because you have to drive about 90 miles to the UPS Store. Plus my Oblate community there in Colebrook was worried that I did have enough supplies for reading, because I was going out into the middle of "nowhere." (That was the term, they would use for Alaska.)

So I followed the sagely advice of my father and sent every possible thing I could get my hands on and likewise my Oblate brothers in Colebrook, the only issue I can to sent it via US Mail flat-rate boxes, which there were many of them! Thanks be to God for Marlys Verba's and Fr. Tero's good sense of humor or I would have been killed, because I overload them with many, many boxes!! They probably thought who is this goofball and why is trying to mail a "house" to Alaska?

But after I have arrived and being here for a little over a year and a half, I realize that a lot of the stuff I sent I did not need. Actually, I sent three mail bag of books to our Oblate Mission in Zambia (thanks to our Soldotna Postmaster: Mr. Hector Rivera) and I have been throwing out stuff or giving away books ever since I got here. I did not need it all, plus Soldotna, Homer, and Kenai are metropolitan areas compared with Colebrook, New Hampshire! The only place that is close is Ninilchik!

Trying to tell this however to my Oblate brothers back there and my parents about how Alaska really is funny, because they will not listen. They still need Alaska to be a barren waste where anything can happen! The problem with their attachment to this idea is that it does not take into account the reality of Alaska. Same with the Gospel today, the Apostles are called to evangelize in a new and radical way and be detached enough to only rely on Jesus and to free enough to be with the people as they are and not what the Apostles' think the people are. Now that is truly being free!

How free are you?

Enjoy the week!  
Fr. Andy OMI

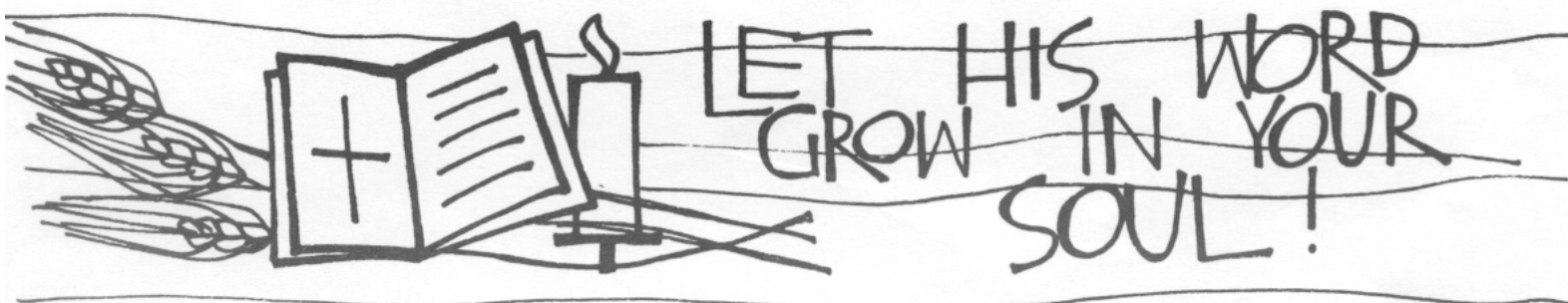


## A LOOK AHEAD:

**Vocalists are needed** for 5pm evening Sunday Mass; please come at 4pm for practice before Mass or call Mark or Maryna Conway—262-2200 for more info. Thank you.

### ADORATION OPENING

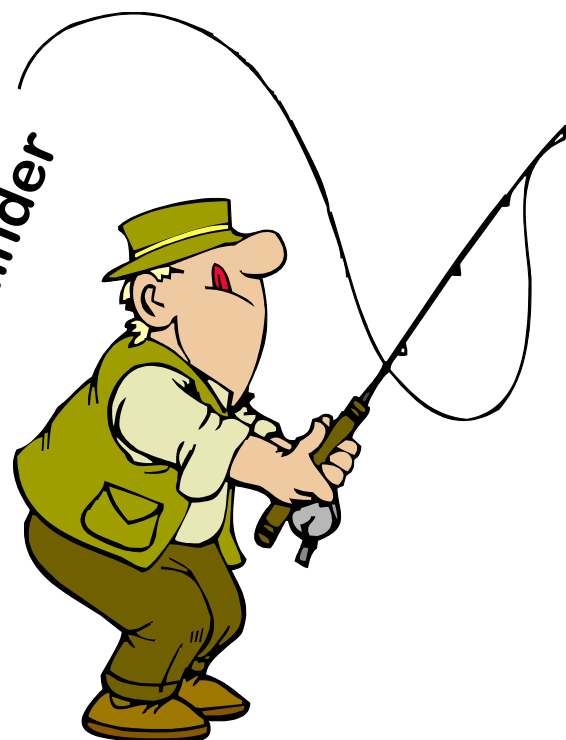
Have some extra time? Grateful for something? Need some help? Why not spend one hour with our Lord? There is an opening from 7pm until 8pm on Thursdays for Eucharistic Adoration. Please call **Maria @ 262-1703** if you would like to try this time.



If you have asked to receive the weekly bulletin via email, but haven't been getting it, please check your webmail — I've been getting several rejected addresses each week due to "full inbox" — and also several of **unknown address**. You may verify your email address by sending an email request to: [csponsel@acsalaska.net](mailto:csponsel@acsalaska.net)

The bulletin typer person won't be available to do the weekly bulletin AFTER July 15 — (for this week only) so, please have your bulletin items in to Art Sponsel (through Marlys) no later than 9am July 15. This will allow sufficient time to assemble and duplicate the bulletin !! Regular schedule resumes after July 18.....

Reminder



### Calendar for July 13, 2009 — July 19, 2009, with Daily Readings

July 13, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 14, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 15, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 16, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	July 17, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	July 18, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	July 19, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Exodus 1:8-14, 22	Exodus 2:1-15a	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12	Exodus 3:13-20	Exodus 11:10-12-14	Exodus 12:37-42	Jeremiah 23:1-6 (107B)
Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8	Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34	Psalms 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7	Psalms 105:1&5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27	Psalms 116:12-13, 15&16bc, 17-18	Psalms 136:1&23-24, 10-12, 113-15	Psalms 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6
Matthew 10:34-11:1	Matthew 11:20-24	Matthew 11:25-27	Matthew 11:28-30	Matthew 12:1-8	Matthew 12:14-21	Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

#### Saturday, July 18, 2009, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Ermold, Kathy Bongiovanni, Carm Bongiovanni, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Christine Ermold; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Carolyn Cannava

**Altar Server:** Server needed

#### Sunday, July 19, 2009, 9:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Pothast, Gloria Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Tim Agosti, Thelma Antila

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Lauri Kapp

**Altar Server:** Hannah Pothast

#### Sunday, July 19, 2009, 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Garske, Shirley Aleckson, Lucy Katzenberger, Cindy Kircher, Kate Forrest

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Karl Kircher; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Dave Carey

**Altar Server:** Willa Forrest

**Mop & Bucket 7/13 — 7/18:** Robert Moore Family **Collection Counters: 7/19:** Jacquie Moxey & Connie Gatling

## Is Medjugorje calling you?

Medjugorje ("between the hills") has become well known in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the world, because of six young people who claim to have seen visions of the Madonna. Beginning on June 24, 1981, the Blessed Mother appeared to, and later told the visionaries God set her to our world to help us convert our hearts and lives back to Him. Our Lady's call is one of Peace, Love, Faith, Conversion, Prayer, and Fasting. We are each challenged to answer Our Lady's call to change our lives, and hearts back to God.

The visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. We are called individually by Our Lady. What an awesome thought! If you feel called to go to Medjugorje then answer Our Lady's invitation! Traveling to Medjugorje is truly a life changing experience!

For informing on joining our pilgrimage to Medjugorje, please call or email for more information. Ed Harper, Phone 567-4487, email: [erhjn@alaska.net](mailto:erhjn@alaska.net)

Date of pilgrimage: November 5 to November 13, 2009.  
Confirmation needs to be done soon, space is limited!

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**A**s we continue to support the Year of the Priest, we would like to encourage all to pray for their chosen priest or priests by joining in a monthly intention. This month we suggest the virtue of humility. Pope Benedict chose the Cure of Ars as the model for priest and spoke of this saint's great virtue of humility. Please join us in this month's intention to pray for the virtue of humility in our priests and Archbishop. **Questions please call Joann Biegel at 262-2444.**

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**T**een Hike with Youth from Anchorage and Seward.

**Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Resurrection Trail to Juneau Falls**

**Mass and BBQ following at John Newman Church in Cooper Landing**

**Meet at O'Neill Hall at 9:45am**

**Drivers / Transportation / Chaperones NEEDED !**

Youth will need to bring a sack lunch/drink for the hike. Teens will also need to fill out the necessary permission forms to go, these will be by the Teen Bulletin Board.

Hamburgers and the brats will be provided by Anchorage, we need to help out with chips, side dishes and desserts. If you can help out in any way please call us or email us:

**Adam or Elise Bell 262-4956 [elisethompson@yahoo.com](mailto:elisethompson@yahoo.com)**

## Year of the Priest 2009-2010

This year in the Church, we are celebrating the "Year of the Priest" and we are asked to focus on the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, who is St. John Vianney often called the Cure of Ars.

He was famous for his dedication to the Christ and the people, whom he served and was the champion of champions in the confessional. Plus he would give sermons that would challenge the heck out of the people.

Just look at one of his sermons taken from [www.theworkofgod.org](http://www.theworkofgod.org)

### **THE WORLD IS EVERYTHING AND GOD IS NOTHING!**

by St. John Vianney

**If people would do for god what they do for the world, my dear people, what a great number of Christians would go to Heaven! But if you, dear children, had to pass three or four hours praying in a church, as you pass them at a dance or in a cabaret, how heavily the time would press upon you! If you had to go to a great many different places in order to hear a sermon, as you go for your pastimes or to satisfy your avarice and greed, what pretexts there would be, and how many detours would be taken to avoid going at all. But nothing is too much trouble when done for the world. What is more, people are not afraid of losing either God or their souls or Heaven. With what good reason did Jesus Christ, my dear people, say that the children of this world are more zealous in serving their master, the world, than the children of light are in serving theirs, who is God. To our shame, we must admit that people fear neither expense, nor even going into debt, when it is a matter of satisfying their pleasures, but if some poor person asks them for help, they have nothing at all. This is true of so many: they have everything for the world and nothing at all for God because to them, the world is everything and God is nothing.**

How that is a sermon and a half! The one thing that St. John Vianney desired from his people is a real conversion! Not some halfhearted attempt, but a complete one of one's heart and mind!

Are you ready to rumble your heart for Christ!?!?!? And truly be converted!? If so, then we need to take a closer look at St. John Vianney, because he just like St. Eugene De Mazenod (Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate) are all about conversion of the complete person for Jesus Christ!

This is not your safe lukewarm Christianity here! Just want you to know about a little about the person on whom the Year of the Priest is based on!

Are you READY!?!?!?!?! (I hope I am!) Blessings to you all!

Fr. Andy OMI