

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Catholic Community

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 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)

## Do We Just Hear What We Want to Hear?

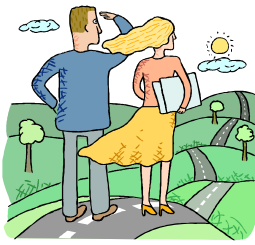
The Scripture readings for this Sunday portray moments when the people of God were closed to hearing the word that was spoken to them. The prophet Ezekiel, living with the exiles in Babylon, is commissioned to speak to a people who are “hard of face and obstinate of heart.” These exiles want to hear that everything will soon be fine. Ezekiel has to speak a more sobering message. The prophet disturbs their sensibilities as he calls them to turn back to God and become faithful once again.

In the gospel Jesus returns to his hometown after having taught the crowds with authority and worked powerful deeds of healing and exorcism. People have been talking about him. As he teaches in the local synagogue it seems that his relatives and neighbors are on the verge of believing in him; Mark tells us that “many who heard him were astonished.” But in the end they are unable to bring themselves to really listen to him. This Jesus is much too familiar; they know his family and his roots. What could they possibly have to learn from this “local boy”? And so he encounters their closed minds and hardened hearts.

It is easy for us to point out the foolishness of Jesus’ neighbors and relatives. There he was, right in your midst, and you refused to listen to the word he was speaking to you! But if we are honest with ourselves we have to admit that sometimes our minds and hearts are closed to God’s word, too. That word may be spoken to us through a voice which is challenging, even critical. It may be a disturbing word that we simply tune out. Or it may be communicated through someone we least expect, someone who may be very familiar to us.

As we pray this week, let us ask the Lord to open our hearts and minds. We need to become more aware of those times in which our complacency or prejudice hinders us from hearing and responding to God’s word. The Scriptures also invite us to make time for prayer and reflection in our daily schedules. We are invited to make our lives an ongoing conversation with God. When we do, we discover that God’s final, ultimate word to us is that he loves us more than we could ever imagine and that he wants to share his own life with us.

Fr. Robin Ryan, cp



## 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.

Liturgy Meeting Tuesday at 9:30am in the Hall

**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)**

## **P**arish-Wide Calendar Meeting

Tuesday, July 7th in O’Neill Hall from 6:30pm to 8pm. All those who are leaders in the various ministries of our parish should plan to attend with their group specific calendar dates for the 09-10 year. The goal of the meeting is to create a parish-wide calendar that includes event dates for ALL faith formation events, parish events, youth events, etc. If you are unable to attend, please plan to submit your calendar dates to Marlys beforehand for inclusion at the meeting. Thank you!

**W**e are putting the parish van up for sale. It is a 1997 Chevy Astro Ext with 85,000 miles on it. Book price is in the range of \$3500 to \$3800. Minimum bid price is set at \$2,000. Please call Jim at 398-1524 with your bid prior to July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**T**o Date: 100 families have pledged (about 36%) a total of \$47,204.50. Thank you so much for your generosity to the programs of the Archdiocese and our parish.



The bulletin typer person won't be available to do the weekly bulletin AFTER July 15 — 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 !! This is for this one week only.....

### Calendar for July 6, 2009 — July 12, 2009, with Daily Readings

July 6, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 7, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Liturgy Meeting 9:30am Parish calendaring 6:30-8pm, Hall	July 8, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 9, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	July 10, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	July 11, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	July 12, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Genesis 28:10-22a Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab Matthew 9:18-26	Genesis 32:23-33 Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b&15 Matthew 9:32-38	Genesis 41:55-57; 42-5-7a, 17-24a Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Matthew 10:1-7	Genesis 44:18-21 23b-29; 45:1-5 Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Matthew 10:7-15	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Matthew 10:16-23	Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Matthew 10:24-33	Amos 7:12-15 Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mark 6:7-13

#### Saturday, July 11, 2009, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Bonk, John Bonk, Carolyn Cannava, Barbara Dilley, Dave Carey

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Tamara Slone; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Jackie Swanson

**Altar Server:**

#### Sunday, July 12, 2009, 9:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynn Senette, Sharon Shassetz, Tonilyn Spring, Remy Spring, Myrna Cowan

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Pat Cowan; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Barb O'Lena

**Altar Server:**

#### Sunday, July 12, 2009, 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Evans, Marylou Nushart, Mike Walker, Jackie Swanson, Marguerite McIntosh

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Kathy Walker; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Linda Houglum

**Altar Server:**

**Mop & Bucket 6/29 — 7/6:** Joe Montaque Family **Collection Counters: 7/12:** Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

## Being an intercessor...

As I was walking into the ICU floor at Central Peninsula Hospital earlier this week to visit a person who desired to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, I was asked by one of the nurses on the floor: "How is Fr. Tony doing?" I explained that Fr. Tony has taken a health sabbatical and is visiting family and on July 2nd, he would be visiting a cardiologist at Stanford for a consult. The nurse smiled and said to me: "If you speak to Fr. Tony, please tell him that I am praying for him." I smiled back at her and said that I would when I get a chance to talk with Fr. Tony that he will know she is praying for him.

After I left the hospital, I went on some errands and as I was entering the Safeway here in Soldotna, I saw one of our local parishioners, Forrest Henry, hard at work. I encouraged Forrest on doing a great job and we chatted for a bit, and as I was on the way to checking out, Forrest asked about Fr. Tony and told me that he was praying for Fr. Tony too. I did tell Forrest that I would tell Fr. Tony about his prayer for him when I get a chance.

And since then I have often talked with people around Soldotna and the first thing they express to me is how they are keeping Fr. Tony in their prayers. I have been stunned on how many times people have said this to me, because it is a beautiful and powerful statement on how Our Lady of Perpetual Help really do practice intercessory prayer! This is a powerful statement of faith, because being an intercessor means to step in between sessions and session is judicial term where you are determining a judgment on a case. By being an intercessor, you are pleading for the person who is being tried and you are standing up for that person's defense.

Thank you, Our Lady of Perpetual Help for standing up for Fr. Tony in his time of need. Keep it going too, because the power of intercessory prayer is wondrous to behold.

Thank you too, for sharing with me that you are praying for Fr. Tony, because it always goes with my old pastor statement: "Pray for me and I will pray for thee." and to paraphrase another great priest Fr. Peyton, "A parish that prays together stays together!"

Let us stay together and stand up for Fr. Tony and offer all the prayers we can great and small, long and short and whatever does happen, God will know the great love you have for Fr. Tony and Fr. Tony will too, because I will share this delightful witnessing of love and faith the next time I have a chance to speak to him!

**Blessings:**  
**Fr. Andy OMI**

*Saint Peter's Square*  
*Wednesday, 24 June 2009*

*Year for Priests*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Last Friday, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a day traditionally devoted to prayer for the sanctification of priests—marked the beginning of the *Year for Priests* commemorating the sesquicentennial of the death of the Cure of Ars, Saint John Mary Vianney, patron of parish priests. The Pauline Year now ending and the current Year for Priests invite us to consider how the Apostle Paul and the humble Cure of Ars both identified themselves completely with their ministry, striving to live in constant communication with Christ. May this Year for Priests help all priests to grow towards the spiritual perfection essential to the effectiveness of their ministry, and enable the faithful to appreciate more fully the great gift of grace which the priesthood is: for priests themselves, for the Church and for our world. Configured to Christ in the sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest is called to become an *alter Christus*, "another Christ". His personal union with the Lord must thus unify every aspect of his life and activity. During this Year for Priests, let us entrust all priests to Mary, Mother of the Church, and pray that they will grow in fidelity to their mission to be living signs of Christ's presence and infinite mercy.



## Thanks, Thanks and Mega THANKS!

The Bake Sale for the Youth Mission Trip to Mt. Village was a stupendous success.

Many thanks to everyone who baked, donated goods and of course bought stuff!

Through your overwhelming support we raised over \$1,000. God bless each of you!