

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 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 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@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Getting back...

The Gospel this weekend has two beautiful healings of a woman from a long suffering affliction and a little girl (Mark 5:21-43). We have Jesus healing them and encouraging not only them but us to have faith in Him.

For me, the word “faith” always brings me to that hymn “We walk by Faith and not by Sight,” where it calls me to have complete trust in God. Faith helps me to connect the past to the future with the present ever there. For example, this Saturday, June 27th is the memorial for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It is our patroness’ day and as I enter our parish, I take a long hard look at that beautiful icon we have. It reminds me of all the good people, our brothers and sisters, some living and others passed on, who suffered, sweated, sacrificed, and rejoiced as our parish became what it has become.

I stare at our icon to see Mary carrying Our Lord Jesus and see how she is ever looking out not only for Jesus, but out for us. She is ever on guard like all mothers to keep an eye out for trouble and being the gracious lady she is, she wants to make sure that everything is okay.

We have a great gift to have such a wonderful patroness like Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Here is a prayer in honor of her:

Mother of Perpetual help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God’s mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.

Please take the time to pray this prayer this weekend and may it help you and your loved ones to get back to why we are here in the first place. May this weekend be a holy time for you to “get back” and feel that “faith” where Jesus reigns in your heart of hearts and everything is a blessing of great joy, because we do walk not by sight, but by Faith!

Enjoy your week!
Fr. Andy OMI



A LOOK AHEAD:

The Peace Retreat, to be put on in conjunction with the Global Solidarity Partnership, was to be held on July 9-11 in Anchorage. Due to immigration difficulties, the Peace Retreat is postponed to a later date. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Please continue to pray for our global solidarity partners in the Cotabato Diocese of the Philippines.

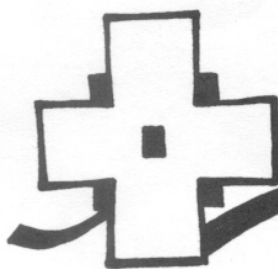




BAKE SALE - This Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28 after 5:00pm, 9:00am and 11:30am Masses
For OLPH's Youth Mission Trip to Mountain Village in August

Please stop by the table after Mass and show your support of these youths. *Thanks!*



*We have been baptized into the Lord's
Death and Resurrection.*

Calendar for June 29, 2009 – July 5, 2009, with Daily Readings

June 29, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 30, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	July 1, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am VBS Clean up party, 5:30pm in Redemptorist ceter	July 2, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	July 3, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	July 4, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	July 5, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19	Genesis 19:15-29 Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Matthew 8:23-27	Genesis 21:5, 8-20a Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Matthew 8:28-34	Genesis 22:1b-19 Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Matthew 9:1-8	Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 John 20:24-29	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Matthew 9:14-17	Ezekiel 2:2-5 (101B) Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

Saturday, July 4, 2009, 5:00pm

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

Lectors: 1st Reading; Tamara Slone; 2nd Reading: Jackie Swanson

Altar Server:

Sunday, July 5, 2009, 9:00am

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

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Pat Cowan; 2nd reading: Barb O'Lena

Altar Server:

Sunday, July 5, 2009, 11:30am

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

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathy Walker; 2nd reading: Linda Houglum

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 6/29 — 7/4: Dennis LaRoche Family **Collection Counters: 7/5:** Joyce & Paul Fischer

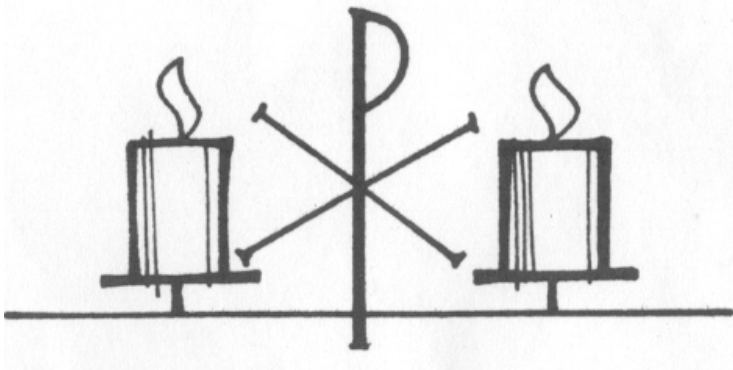
The Sting of Death

It is always so difficult to deal with the death of another. There is really very little that can ease the pain that cuts so deeply into life. Soothing words and thoughtful gestures may comfort for a time, but then the searing pain returns and we are often left bereft. The sting of death often causes a festering that is not easily healed.

Why do we have to die? People continue to ask: "Why does a good God allow bad things to happen to good people?" Perhaps we are asking the wrong question. Rather than ask "Why do we die?" we should ask: "How are we to deal with the inevitability of death?" The gospel reading provides insight here. It lays bare the power of Jesus in the face of suffering and death. When Jesus healed the woman suffering from hemorrhage, he was really combating the forces of death. The raising of the daughter of the synagogue official was a second demonstration of Jesus' power over death. In each case, faith was required. The woman believed: "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." The official, initially looking for a cure, blindly followed Jesus' instructions even when he was told that his daughter was already dead.

These wonderful stories remind us of Jesus' tenderness toward those who suffer. However, they might also mislead us if we think that faith will save us from the forces of death. The people in the stories were people of faith. If we believe that Jesus has power over the forces of death, how do we think he will exercise that power in our lives? Do we trust that we will be spared suffering and death? Or do we place ourselves in his hands as the people in the stories did, not knowing exactly what will happen, yet trusting in his commitment to our well-being?

Dianne Bergant, C.S.A.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! We had a tremendous week in Rome and learned a lot about the Church's beginnings. The kids had so much fun in all of the marketplace shops, the Underground Church, playing the games and of course singing praise to our King! Thank you to all who donated their evenings to helping, we could not have done it without your help. I want to send a special thanks to Kate Forrest, Who's creative genius helped create Rome. I also want to thank all of the youth who helped, the young kids look up to you, and seeing you there to help really makes them want to be part of our community. Thank you all again! Heather Stockton

We will be having a clean up party for VBS on Wednesday July 1st at 5:30pm in the Redemptorist Center. Pizza and drinks will be served for all who help! Looking forward to seeing you there. Any questions call Heather 260-6581.

