

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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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. Next class April 21st at 7pm, call to register.
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

Almost there!!

Well, we are almost done with the scrutinizes and that means Palm Sunday and Holy Week is not that far away.

I remember the third scrutiny well, because not only did I get the "Our Father" in a nice scroll, but it was a group of sisters, who ministered at one of our local hospitals, who share with me that the prayer of the "Our Father" did not come alive for them until they developed a devotion in reciting the rosary!

Rosary? What is a rosary? I thought. I know that even though I was on the edge in becoming a Roman Catholic there was some of my "protesting" heritage seeking up in my heart and I was thinking "What does Mary have to do with the Our Father? Plus why do I have to recite a bunch of "Hail Maries" to get into **praying** a prayer that I was raised on like the "Our Father?"

Needless to say, the sisters were inviting and persistent and slowly I started praying the rosary with them and started doing that when I would come to our parish before the Mass too. And little by little I got into the praying the prayers, but got into thinking about each of the mysteries of rosary. At that time, there were only three sets (Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious) and now there is one more called the "**Luminousness Mysteries.**"

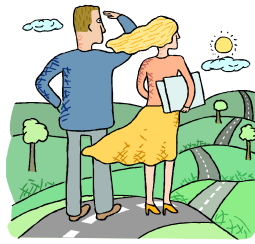
But after many years of praying the rosary, I have learned what the sisters were trying to tell me that praying the rosary is a beautiful way of praying that "Our Father" in all its glory.

So if you are a rosary bug like I am, maybe you might want to get a rosary for one of the people who are joining our parish or are in the confirmation program. But the best part is to pray it with them and seeing how this delightful devotion can teach people so much with such a simple prayer.

It is just a thought.

Enjoy the week!,
Fr. Andy OMI

Adoration Opening Starting in April, there is an opening for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays at 4pm until 5pm. Please call Maria @ 262-1703 if you would like to try this hour.



A LOOK AHEAD:

It is time again for the Easter Lily Remembrance of our loved ones. For \$12, you may have an Easter Lily placed in the sanctuary during Easter in memory of your loved ones. It is a perfect reminder of the tomb and the Resurrection which we celebrate. Please put your donation in the container in the foyer, along with the names of your loved ones to be remembered. Deadline for this is Palm Sunday. Lilies may be picked up two weeks after Easter.

Soup Supper on Friday at 5:45pm-6:45pm followed with a presentation by confirmation sponsors/students this week.

Please remember to return the Lenten Bags next Sunday, Palm Sunday. They will be brought up at the offertory time during Mass. Thank you for participating in this.

The spring 2009 Session of Ministry of Mothers Sharing- MOMS- is underway.... Please pray for the participants and all those involved in making this special ministry a reality at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thank you!

As a followup to Generations of Faith, we will have further discussions on the Triduum with Father Tony talking on the Easter Vigil service, since because of the time factor, it was not covered last Sunday. We will meet in the hall, immediately after Mass at 10:15am. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you came to the GOF presentation or not. All classes will be combined to hear Fr. Tony's presentation. In addition, the Passion of Jesus Christ will be shown in the hall on Wednesday April 8th, beginning at 6:30pm. Please join us as a preface to the Triduum. There is a sign up sheet available on the bulletin board.

OLPH will host Easter activities for preschoolers through kinders (ages 3-6), will be in O'Neill Hall on Easter Sunday between the Masses. Help is needed to facilitate a cupcake walk, craft stations, and shredded paper egg hunt area. We also need donations of bags of individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs. If you can donate candy please drop it off in the basket at the entry of the church.

If you can donate cupcakes or can help facilitate the activities, please contact Sheilah-Margaret Pothast at 262-8551 or via email at agr8fulmom@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Schedule for Holy Week—please cut and post for your use:

Palm Sunday — 5pm Saturday, 9 and 11:30am Sunday

Holy Thursday: 7pm; followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7am on Friday

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross walk around town...meet at the Hall at noon (walk takes about 2 hours)
3pm: at church, Station of the Cross
7pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8pm Liturgy; followed by a dessert potluck in the foyer; please bring your favorite dessert to share

**Easter Sunday: Mass at 9am and 11:30am
10am; Parish breakfast in Redemptorist Hall with preschool children (ages 3-6) Easter activities in O'Neill Hall**

We are in need of someone who would be willing to videotape the Baptisms on Holy Saturday? See Marlys or Father Tony.

Calendar for March 30, 2009 — April 5, 2009, with Daily Readings

March 30, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	March 31, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Children's playdate 10am, at O'Neill	April 1, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Reconciliation Service @ 7pm, (RCIA) Teen Music practice 7pm	April 2, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6am Quilting, 10am- 3pm	April 3, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service Soup Supper 5:45-6:45pm Stations 7pm	April 4, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm Music practice 1pm MOMS 9:30- 11:30am RCIA—3pm	April 5, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 John 8:1-11	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 John 8:21-30	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3:42 53, 54, 55, 56 John 8:31-42	Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 John 8:51-59	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7 John 10:31-42	Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 John 11:45-56	Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1 -15-47

Saturday, April 4, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Carm Bongiovanni, Kathy Bongiovanni, Barb Bonk, John Bonk, Bob Ermold

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Christine Ermold 2nd reading: Dave Nelson

Altar Server: Grey Hansen

Sunday, April 5, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lauri Stropes, David Stropes, Meg Zerbinos, Alex Zerbinos, Sonja Foutty

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2nd reading: Lauri Kapp

Altar Server: Mark West

Sunday, April 5, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Aleckson, Connie Gatling, Jamie Query, Myrna Cowan, MaryLou Nushart

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Linda Houglum; 2nd reading: Pat Cowan

Altar Server: Edward Johnson
Robert Johnson

Mop & Bucket 3/30—4/4: Jim Dunn Family Collection Counters: 4/5:

Upcoming Youth Ministry Activities

– A great way to start Holy Week:

Middle School Retreat on homeless teens on the peninsula
When: Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: 253 Arlington Court in Soldotna

We will learn about the problem, watch a movie about it, and decide what we can do about it.

Middle school students will look at the same issue that the high school teens addressed in their retreat, but they will determine a different action to take to help make a difference. Sign up in advance is helpful! For more information, call Janet Shapley at 262-7313.

Teen Night is Palm Sunday, April 5th at O.L.P.H. Mass starts at 5 pm – please show up early to sign in and enjoy the praise and worship service, beginning at 4:30 – all parishioners are welcome. Mass will include a special re-enactment of the gospel by the teens, for the teens. After mass the evening continues with dinner in O’Neil Hall, presentations of high school and junior high service projects to promote understanding of the Kenai Peninsula’s homeless teen crisis, and a to-be-announced movie – popcorn included! Teen Night ends at 8:30. Cost is \$5. Please sign up ahead of time at the Youth Ministry table in the foyer. For more information contact Adam Bell at 262-4956.

College Students Easter Care Packages:

We are continuing to collect items for our college kids Easter care packages. We will be collecting items for those kids attending college away from home the next two weekends through April 5, 11:30 Mass to be mailed on April 6. We have had a great response from our college kids in the past. They loved the home baked cookies, canned salmon & crackers, toiletries, religious items, Easter cards, socks, etc. It is a wonderful way to let them know their parishioners back home miss them and are praying for them and their success.

Please stop by the table in the foyer through 4/5 to drop off donations and to sign an Easter card and let them know they’re in our prayers. Thanks, **Karen Evans- 260-3637 or Marlys- 262-4749.**

OLPH will have a team for the Relay for Life May 29th at Skyview High School. We are looking for energetic folks willing to help brainstorm fundraising ideas, recruit walkers and help guide us as “We Race for a Cure”. Interested? Please call **Alyson at 389-3235 or email fishhappens@gci.net.**

Office of the Archbishop

April 1, 2009

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. As the USCCB reminds us:

A hallmark of the Catholic Church is the protection of life and the dignity of the human person. Through scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response of what we are called to do as Church.

Dioceses throughout the country will be honoring this very important month by renewing their commitment to providing a safe environment for the most vulnerable members of our communities. I encourage each member of the Archdiocese of Anchorage to join in this effort by becoming more aware of what child abuse is, the signs and symptoms of abuse and how to respond appropriately if you suspect abuse. In addition, I ask that you continue to pray for an end to child abuse and for the healing of all those who have been victimized by abuse in any way. Together we can all work towards maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all of God’s people.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Sr. Jackie Stoll, OP at 297-7736.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary;



+Roger L. Schwietz, OMI
Archbishop of Anchorage

KEEP CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Cardinal Francis George is urging Catholics in the United States to tell the Obama Administration to retain Health and Human Services regulations governing conscience protections for health care workers.

This is vital to keep the government from “moving our country from democracy to despotism,” said Cardinal George, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You may see the video on the Web at <http://www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection> and on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NoCRwMqVzQ>.

Those who want to protect conscience rights can speak out through an action alert at <http://www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection>.

“Respect for personal conscience and freedom of religion as such ensures our basic freedom from government oppression. No government should come between an individual person and God ---That’s what America is suppose to be about,” Cardinal Francis George said. “This is the true common ground for us as Americans. We therefore need legal protection for freedom of conscience and of religion --- including freedom for religious health care institutions to be true to themselves.

“I ask you please let the government know that you want conscience protections to remain strongly in place. In particular, let the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington know that you stand for the protection of conscience, especially now for those who provide the health care services so necessary for a good society.”