

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *We, the faith community, accept the call of God to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ by Proclaiming the Gospel and living the reign of God among us as disciples.*

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am

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

Different Kinds of Glory

We all nurse a secret dream of glory. We daydream that in some way we will stand out and be recognized. The daydreams vary but, inside them, always we are at the center - the most admired person in the room, the one scoring the winning goal, the ballerina star, the actor picking up the Academy award, the author writing the best-seller, the intellectual winning the Nobel Prize, or even just the one in the circle who tells the best story.

And this isn't all bad or unhealthy. What's less healthy in our daydreams is how we envision that glory. In our fantasies, glory almost always consists in being famous, in standing out, in achieving a success that makes others envious, in somehow being the best-looking or the brightest or the most talented person in the room. In our fantasy, glory means having the power to actuate ourselves in ways that set us above others, even if that is for a good motive.

But, as we see from the Gospels, real glory doesn't consist in out-muscling the bad, or anyone else. When Jesus was being crucified, he was offered precisely the challenge to prove that he was special by doing some spectacular gesture that would leave all of his detractors stunned and helpless: "If you are the Son of God, prove it, come down off the cross! Save yourself!"

But, with a subtlety that's easy to miss, the Gospels teach a very different lesson: On the cross, Jesus proves that he is powerful beyond measure, not by doing some spectacular physical act that leaves everyone around him helpless to make any protest, but in a spectacular act of the heart wherein he forgives those who are mocking and killing him. Divine kingship is manifest in forgiveness, not in muscle.

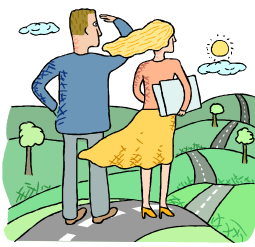
That is real glory, and that is the one thing of which we really should be envious, namely, the compassion and forgiveness that Jesus manifested in the face of jealousy, hatred, and murder.

We see this illustrated in the Gospels in the incident where James and John come to Jesus and ask him to give them the seats of glory at his side. What Jesus is saying in his response is, in effect: You will taste suffering, everyone will, and that suffering will make you deep. But, it won't necessarily make you deep in the right way. Suffering can make you deep in compassion and forgiveness, but it can also make you deep in bitterness and anger. However only compassion and forgiveness bring glory into your lives.

Jesus defines glory very differently than we do. Real glory, for him, is not the glory of winning a gold medal, of being a champion, of winning an Oscar, or of being an object of envy because of our looks or our achievements. Glory consists in being deep in compassion, forgiveness, and graciousness - and these are not often spawned by worldly success, by being better-looking, brighter, richer, or better muscled than those around us.

We all nurse the secret dream of glory. Partly this is healthy, a sign that we are emotionally well. However, this is something that needs to grow and mature inside of us. Our secret dream of glory is meant to mature so that eventually we will begin, more and more, to envision ourselves as standing out, not by talent, looks, muscles, and speed, but by the depth of our compassion and the quality of our forgiveness.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI



A LOOK AHEAD:

The Oktoberfest dinner will be held on Oct 24th this year. Tickets are available in the foyer and are \$20.00 per person. Seating is limited so please plan ahead and get your tickets early to join in the fun !!

Generations of Faith: Follow up session for EVERYONE, whether you participated in GOF or not, will be in the church, Sunday, October 25th at 10:15am; we will continue learning about Sacramentals and church. We will have a Scavenger hunt for various items found in the church — won't you join us and see what we're about?

The upcoming Generations of Faith event on November 8th will explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Archbishop Schweitz will be here to facilitate that session. Please register if you plan on coming, particularly if childcare is needed — registration is at the GOF foyer table.

Parish health ministry will sponsor blood pressure readings after each Mass this upcoming weekend.



October Teen Night—Scavenger Hunt

All are invited to attend this Mass.

On Sunday, October 18, the monthly teen night will be held at OPLH. Mass starts at 4:00pm with a Scavenger Hunt and Supper to follow. The event will end at 8:00pm. All participants must be signed up by this weekend, Sunday, October 11. Make sure to bring \$5.00 for the attendance fee and warm clothing as we will be outside. If you have questions you can contact **Elaine Agosti 283-7055** or **Tonilyn Spring 262-8478**.

NEW RULE: You MUST be signed up the week before the monthly event in order to participate. This is for planning. There will be NO exceptions!

Calendar for October 19, 2009 – October 25, 2009, with Daily Readings

October 19, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Meeting, St. Vincent dePaul, 5pm	October 20, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	October 21, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Teen choir practice, 7pm RCIA, in Hall at 7pm	October 22, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	October 23, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service Oktoberfest Bingo, 6:30- 9pm, Carnival 5- 9pm	October 24, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm Carnival 1- 4pm, Oktoberfest dinner for parish, 6pm	October 25, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses GOF followup session, 10:15am
Romans 4:20-25 Luke 1:69-70, 71- 72, 73-75 Luke 12:13-21	Romans 5:12, 15b,17-19,20b-21 Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Luke 12:35-38	Romans 6:12-18 Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Luke 12:39-48	Romans 6:19-23 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Luke 12:49-53	Romans 7:18-25a Psalm 119:66,k 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Luke 12:54-59	Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 24:1b-2, 3- 4ab, 5-6 Luke 13:1-9	Jeremiah 31:7-9 (149B) Psalm 126:1-2, 2- 3, 4-5, 6 2 Timothy 1:10 Mark 10:46-52

Parish Health Ministry
Blood Pressure checks after all Masses

Saturday October 24, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte Sponsel, Krys Williams, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, John Pothast

Lectors: 1st Reading; Dave Nelson; 2nd Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast

Sunday, October 25, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Gloria Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Tonilyn Spring, Remy Spring, Henry Rose

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Eli Woodvine; 2nd reading: Kathleen Evenson

Altar Server: Alex Agosti

Sunday, October 25, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna Laroche, Shirley Aleckson, Diane Garske, Lucy Katzenberger, Cindy Kircher

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Linda Hoglum

Altar Server: Jack Navarro

Mop & Bucket 10/19 — 10/24: Guff Sherman Family **Collection Counters: 10/25:** Pat & Myrna Cowan

Teens: The Kenai Peninsula's Hungry Need Your Help

Last year the Teen Thanksgiving Food Drive collected more than 1600 pounds of food. The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank needs our help this year more than ever; in 2009 their new client base has **increased by 40%**. That's a lot of hungry mouths to feed, but if Jesus can do it with a few loaves of bread and a few fish, we can do it with an army of dedicated teens and the Holy Spirit!

We will post fliers around town on Saturday November 7th from 2-4pm and then collect around town and weigh in the food at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank on Saturday, Nov. 14th from 2-5 p.m. Help with either or both Saturdays is appreciated! A sign up sheet is posted at the Teen Ministry bulletin board.

Parents: We need drivers! Please sign up along with your teen.

Parishioners: If your home doesn't receive a flier and you would like to bring your donation directly to the church, please drop it off in the foyer near the Teen Ministry bulletin board before 2 p.m. on November 14th.

For more information, please contact *Ruthann Truesdell at 262-4570 or Jen Ransom at 260-1678*. Remember, with one pound of food at a time we can feed the world!

A **doration Opening** -
 There is an opening for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 5pm until 6pm. If you would like to try this hour, please call **Maria at 262-1703**. Thanks!

Journey to Bethlehem 2009 begins November 1; What better way to truly prepare ourselves for the ongoing birth of Christ in our lives, than to commit to a deepening of our spiritual and physical wellbeing. Those interested sign up at the bulletin board or contact Jane for further info: cell 398-4524 or email: jfellman@alaska.net You will be contacted and given your materials.

Parish Financial Summary/Cash Flow Report July 1, 2009 through Sept 30, 2009

<u>Revenue</u>	
Weekly Collections	\$ 75,715.08
Other donations/gifts	\$ 509.84
Interest /Investment income	\$ 3,382.02
special donations/ for remodel	
Misc Income	<u>\$ 540.00</u>
Fiscal YTD revenue	\$ 80,146.94
<u>Expenses</u>	
Personel exp (salary,benefits)	\$ 20,348.45
Supply expense	\$ 3,404.01
facility/plant expense	\$ 12,249.37
Stewardship paid to Diocese	\$ 11,064.44
all other expense	<u>\$ 5,781.23</u>
Fiscal YTD expense	\$ 52,847.50
mortgage pay- ments	principal
	\$ 15,261.14
Net cash flow	\$ 12,038.30