

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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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

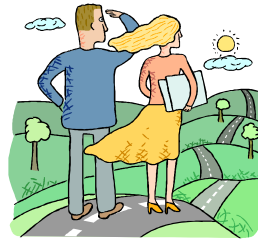
Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Presidents of nations and other leaders who hold influential positions usually have a designated spokesperson. The leader exercises a measure of control and ensures that their mouthpieces say exactly what they want them to say. No one who is unauthorized is given credence. That's not necessarily the way it is in ministry, however. In both the first reading and the gospel, individuals who are not authorized by Moses and by Jesus, respectively, exercise a ministry akin to the leader's without their prior approbation. In the case of Eldad and Medad, they had not gone out to the tent of meeting along with the other seventy, upon whom God bestowed a share of the spirit that was upon Moses. Nonetheless, the spirit came to rest upon them, too, and like the others, they began to speak prophetically in the camp.

This was most distressing to Joshua, who insisted that they be stopped. The text does not elaborate on Joshua's motives. Was he resentful, because he had trained at Moses' side from his youth, and followed carefully all the directives, whereas these two just suddenly appeared and began to minister with the others? Moses interprets Joshua's concern as a threat to Moses' position, and assures him that the prophesying of Eldad and Medad in no way diminishes Moses' own authority as prophet. In fact, it was Moses' own complaint to God about his too heavy burden of leadership, which prompted God to bestow the Spirit on others who could lighten the load. Moses exclaims that he wishes that all the people would prophesy in God's spirit. He recognizes that while not all are authorized to prophesy officially, all do have a measure of the prophetic gift to be shared.

A similar scene is played out in the gospel, where Jesus' disciples are upset about an exorcist who is claiming Jesus' authority as he casts out demons. Even though he is not an official member of Jesus' followers, Jesus insists that they not keep trying to prevent him from exercising his ministry. It is curious that in both instances, those who want to be officially recognized ministers are sadly focused on a perceived threat to their own authority, rather than on the recipients of the ministry. Joshua might have asked the question: what is the effect of the prophetic word spoken by the two who were not authorized? Is it unleashing God's freeing love in the hearers? Likewise, the disciples might ask: was the other exorcist freeing people from tormenting forces that blocked their ability to love and be loved? A word of approval from the wise leaders, Moses and Jesus, served to re-orient their followers toward the important matter of ensuring that the pressing needs of their people be

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GENERATIONS OF FAITH : FOLLOW UP

SESSION: for everyone, Sunday, September 27 at 10am inside the Church. Adults and high school students will meet inside Church; anyone is invited to join us; even if you have not attended the initial event. Father Andy will facilitate the discussion on Holy Orders. Students will meet in the hall in their respective classrooms. Preschool, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7/8.

Registration for the upcoming Generations of Faith event, on October 11 is available in the foyer for the next two weeks. We will be discussing sacramentals; RSVPing is very important for planning purposes, particularly the childcare. Please check in.

Bible Timeline will be after the 11:30am Mass on September 20th and September 27th. Class will begin at 1:00pm in O'Neill Hall. Questions please call **Kris Viens 776-7693**.

First Reconciliation class will meet this week, if there are any students in grades 2/3 who need preparation for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, please contact **Marlys at 262-5542**.

Rite of Christian Initiation for children will begin class on October 10 at 3pm in the hall. This class is specific for students in Grades 4 to 6 who are invited if they have not been baptized. Please contact **Marlys at 262-5542 or Shirley at 262-5654**.

addressed by whomever the Spirit empowered to do so. Are

Adoration Opening - There is an opening for Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 10am until 11am. A substitute is needed for October and November on Fridays from 9am to 10am. Please call **Maria at 262-1703** if you would like to try one of these hours. Thanks!

Generations of Faith will have a followup session today at 10am in the church on the Sacrament of Holy Orders; the DVD on “Fishers of Men” will again be shown; this was a very powerful film. Father Andy will facilitate the discussion; all students are invited to this session. Anyone not registered for GOF, please join us.

Parish Nursing Ministry - will provide blood pressure checks after each Mass this weekend.

Generations of Faith Follow Up Session—Grades 4, 5, 6 will meet in the church for class after the 9am Mass. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am in O’Neill Hall.

Calendar for September 28, 2009 – October 4, 2009, with Daily Readings

September 28, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	September 29, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	September 30, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	October 1, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men’s Group Breakfast 6:30am Pastoral	October 2, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service Parish Nurse Ministry, 6-10	October 3, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm Parish Nurse Ministry 9-3:30	October 4, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Zechariah 8:1-8 Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23 Luke 9:46-50	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 John 1:47-51	Nehemiah 2:1-8 Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Luke 9:57-62	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Luke 10:1-12	Baruch 1:15-22 Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Matthew 18:1-5, 10	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37 Luke 10:17-24	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Hebrews 2:9-11 1 John 4:12

Saturday October 3, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Dukowitz, Rick Dukowitz, Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman, Bob Ermold

Lectors: 1st Reading; Christine Ermold; **2nd Reading:** Tamara Slone

Altar Server:

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Thelma Antila, Sonja Foutty, Barb O’Lena, Ruthann Truesdell

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Pat Cowan; **2nd reading:** Scott Earsley

Altar Server:

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Walker, Marguerite McIntosh, Karen Evans, Kate Forrest, Connie Gatling

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Charles Miller; **2nd reading:** Kathy Walker

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 9/27 — 10/3: Sarah Self Family **Collection Counters: 10/4:** Joyce & Paul Fischer

Revised, N1H1 (Swine) Flu Precautions:

The beginning of the school year brings continued warnings from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention about the possibility of a pandemic arising from an increase in the N1H1 flu virus. New cases are being reported daily in our state and some deaths have been reported as a result of the virus.

With the spread of this flu, I believe it is prudent that the Archdiocese of Anchorage, after consulting with local medical experts, and following the lead of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, issue these regulations. You are strongly encouraged to follow these practices effective immediately and inform your congregations about them to prevent the spread of the influenza/swine flu.

- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Presiders and Deacons should use an alcohol based hand gel just prior to distributing Holy Communion.
- Provide hand sanitizing stations at each entrance to the church.
- Suspend the handshake of peace. We will bow to each other at the Sign of Peace.
- Suspend holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- Reception of the Blessed Sacrament on the hand is the best way to reduce the possibility of flu virus transmission.
- Distribution of the precious blood from a common cup is optional, intinction (dipping the host into the Precious Blood) is not an option. If you feel ill, or have a family member who is ill within your household or if you have a compromised immune system you should refrain from receiving the precious blood from the common cup.
- While scientific evidence is inconclusive at this point, health professionals are recommending taking precautions when using holy water. Water from the fonts should not be ingested, nor should it enter the body via the eyes or nose. Holy water should be changed frequently.
- The Center for Disease Control reminds people to practice respiratory etiquette; cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough—into your sleeve NOT your hand. Wash hands frequently with soap and water, scrubbing for at least 30 seconds. Avoid transmission of mucus or bodily fluids if you suspect you may be infected, refrain from shaking hands, refrain from sharing a communion cup, and above all, if you feel sick, do not come to places where you might infect others.

If you are in any way ill or suspect that you might be experiencing any infectious disease, you are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass. The CDC recommends that people with influenza like symptoms remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 F—137.8 C), or signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medications. Normally this occurs 3-5days after initial symptoms. Stay at home until you feel healthy, Missing Mass due to illness is not sinful and is a prudent decision. The virtue of charity, which encourages us to care for our brothers and sisters, would demand that we do what is in our power to prevent others from becoming ill. This is specifically the case when others who might not have the flu but may be medically fragile are present. It is a sign of respect to refrain from attending Mass or, in fact, doing anything that might put others at risk if one is sick.

I urge all of us to continue our prayers for the speedy recovery of those suffering from this virus. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has more information on their website www.usccb.org/liturgy.

These practices will remain in effect until further notice.