

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Week Four, Advent

December 19, 2010

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 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY: 3rd Sunday each month at 4:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays 12:00 noon



Sacrament of Anointing of Sick or Communion: Available during the Sunday Masses, or as needed. Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish @ 262-4749.

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
for children 8 and older; RCIC classes — please call our Office

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Funerals: contact parish office immediately after the death.

Prayer Chain: pjham@alaska.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: knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Calendar for December 20, 2010 - December 26, 2010, with Daily Readings

<p>December 20, Monday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am</p>	<p>December 21, Tuesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm</p>	<p>December 22, Wednesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon</p>	<p>December 23, Thursday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon</p>	<p>December 24, Friday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 5:00pm No noon mass</p>	<p>December 25, Saturday: Midnight Mass Mass 10am MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>	<p>December 26, Sunday: Mass 10am</p>
<p>Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1: 26-38</p>	<p>Sg 2: 8-14 Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1: 39-45</p>	<p>1 Sm 1: 24-28 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1: 46-56</p>	<p>Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Ps 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1: 57-66</p>	<p>Is 9: 1-6 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 10-11</p>	<p>Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4 5-6 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18</p>	<p>Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3: 12-21 Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23</p>

Candle one: HOPE, Candle two: PREPARATION, Candle three: JOY, Candle four: LOVE



Please see the bulletin board for schedule. Thank you very much to all the 2010 volunteers who shared their time, talent, and treasure with our parish. You made it a wonderful year filled with sharing and caring. Peace.

Mop & Bucket 12/20 -12/25: Kevin Woodvine Family

Collection Counters: 12/26: Robert and Myrna Schuh

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sign-up sheets for different ministries for the Christmas Eve/Day Liturgies are posted. Please sign up if you can help. Please only sign for one liturgy to give everyone a chance to serve the holy day.

TRADITION

Simbang Gabi is one of the longest and most popular among the Filipino traditions. It is when Catholic Churches across the world welcome the faithful to the Simbang Gabi Mass. Mass is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother to welcome the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Peter's Catholic Church in Ninilchik will be celebrating this tradition for the first time on Sunday, December 26th at a 6pm Mass. It is celebrated by Fathers Ben Torrento and Fr. Jaime Mencias. For more information please contact Ed @ 235-8436 or the priests. In light of our Mission this past week, attending and participating would be an act of solidarity with our Filipino brothers and sisters. May God bless you.

E-SCRIP

Our church has partnered up with eScrip! What that means is when you sign up on the attached slip of paper, and drop it off in the eScrip box in the foyer, you will be earning money for OLPH every time you shop at Safeway/Carrs and give them your Safeway Card Number (or phone number - that's what I do... one less card to carry)!! Please take the minute to fill out the attached slip and drop it off next Sunday and I will enter it on the computer. If you would like to learn more about eScrip, visit the website www.escrip.com (where you can also shop hundreds of online merchants).

BELL RINGING!

The sign-up sheet for our parish for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is on the foyer. Please consider this opportunity to help this organization with their Christmas needs by spending one hour ringing bells at the Fred Meyer, on two possible days. Tuesday, December 21 from 11am-7pm is still open. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- December 19: Youth Ministry Mass/activity 4:00pm
- December 21: Salvation Army bell ringing 11am-7pm
St. Vincent's meeting in hall 5:00pm
- December 23: No Adoration today
Clean/Decorate Church 1:00pm
- December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm
Midnight Mass
- December 25: Christmas Mass 10:00am (only)
- December 25: No Reconciliation today
- December 26: Mass 10:00am
- December 30: Adoration after Mass to
- December 31: Friday at 12:00 noon
- December 31: Vigil Mass 5:00pm
- January 1: Mass 5:00pm (only)

SCRIP NEWS

Jean Kudyba is the winner of the \$100 Fred Meyer Gift Card. Congratulations Jean! There will be no scrip sales on December 25th and 26th.

CHOIR

Choir practice for the Midnight Mass: anyone interested; musicians or vocalists, please contact Steve at dianeastings@catholic.org or 262-2629. Thanks!



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Providing marriage preparation primarily for couples who are planning to marry in the Catholic Church. However, couples who are not Catholic are also welcome to attend one of our weekends. Weekend dates include: January 7-9, May 20-22, and October 7-9, 2011. For more information please contact Deacon Mick Fornelli at mformelli@caa-ak.org or telephone (909) 297-770 and (907) 223-1090 cell.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The Brother Francis Shelter is preparing for Christmas and needs your help. Please consider providing a gift for those who will be homeless this holiday season. We are collecting new shirts, jackets, hats, gloves and socks that will be wrapped and given to our shelter guests on Christmas day. Please drop items off at 1021 East 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Thank you! Also, Clare House, and emergency shelter for women with children and expectant mothers needs gently used winter boots of all sizes. Boots can be dropped off at 420 West 54th Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Thank you, again!

HOLIDAY CHURCH CLEANING

We will clean and decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23rd at 1:00pm. Please bring vacuums, if you can. Come on over, if only for an hour - this is a busy time for everyone and many hands make light work. We need you!



JUSTICE CHALLENGE

We celebrate the Incarnation this week-God taking on human flesh and becoming one of us. This is the ultimate act of solidarity. Jesus embraced humanity in all of its joy and in all of its suffering. He truly became "one of us." We are called to be one with each other as Jesus is one with us. Your challenge this week is to ask yourself which part of God's community you are disconnected from. With whom does God want you to stand in solidarity-locally or globally? Say a prayer every night this week for this person or group of persons.

DREAM ACT

Right now, thousands of young people who were brought to the United States as infants or children can be locked up in federal detention centers and deported to countries they have never known, due to illegal status. The good news is that a movement is growing for a vote on the Dream Act, which could stop this act by giving students who have grown up and graduated high school in the United States the opportunity to earn legal status through higher education or military service. The Dream Act protects the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children. This is why the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Justice for Immigrants Campaign is supporting the Dream Act. More information about the Dream Act may be found at www.justiceforimmigrants.org/learn-issues.html or email Mary Gore at mgore@caa-ak.org.

ATTENTION TEENS

The next Teen Event is on Sunday, December 19th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. It begins with mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 4:00pm. Afterwards we go to the Kenai Recreation Center. Then we return to O'Neill Hall at 9:00pm. You must do your permission slips and pay \$5.00 to attend. Please bring gym shoes to change into...no wet street shoes permitted in the gym area. You can bring your own pool cue stick to play billiards. Invite a friend too!

Reminder: The permission slips must be turned in by Sunday, December 12th. If you have not already turned in a Medical Release Form for this year, please turn that in also. Friends are welcome and must fill in both of those forms and pay too. ..NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have any questions, please call Brenda Ahlberg @ 2625432 or Rose Henry @ 252-9465. Thanks!