

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Epiphany of the Lord, January 3, 2010

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary
Immaculate

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Closed on Mondays

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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

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Noon and 7pm (see bulletin)

WEEKDAY Mass Schedule: Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

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

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays Noon

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

Next Class, January 6 @ 7pm
Call to register

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@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

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
BENEDICT XVI
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

1 JANUARY 2010

**IF YOU WANT TO CULTIVATE
PEACE, PROTECT CREATION**

At the beginning of this New Year, I wish to offer heartfelt greetings of peace to all Christian communities, international leaders, and people of good will throughout the world. For this XLIII World Day of Peace I have chosen the theme: If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation. Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because “creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God’s works”, and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. Man’s inhumanity to man has given rise to numerous threats to peace and to authentic and integral human development – wars, international and regional conflicts, acts of terrorism, and violations of human rights. Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect – if not downright misuse – of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. For this reason, it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen “that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying”.



A LOOK AHEAD:

Generations of Faith will meet on January 10th for an event on the Sacrament of Baptism;

Please bring your baptismal pictures to share for this month of January; There is a basket in the foyer for collection; Please be sure to put your name, date on the items. There is also a RSVP guest list on the foyer table; in particular, child care is important to note.

Baptismal Preparation class for parents on Wednesday January 6th at 7pm in the hall, please call to register—262-5542.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting on Wednesday, January 13th at 7pm in hall. This is a required meeting for parents; students classes start on January 20th.

Those who have not yet completed/ done the **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** training need to have that completed within the next week; The web site is safeandsacred-anchorage.org. Please complete the course and archdiocese sexual abuse policy program and return the completion certificate to me. Those adults who are involved in faith formation, teen ministry, teen choirs, and any ministry dealing also with vulnerable adults, such as parish nursing, St. Vincent dePaul on a regular basis must complete this. I will be checking with those of you that are actively involved on a regular basis in these ministries for completion of the course. **Any questions, 262-5542 Marlys**

Father Tony will be with us for a brief visit to collect his personal items and say good bye. He will be here for the Masses on Sunday, January 17th. We will have a parish breakfast in the hall between Masses for greeting Father Tony as well as a reception after the 11:30am Mass in the foyer. Please plan on attending to greet Father Tony.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

As we celebrate the most joyous birthday of all,
let us remember to reach out to those who are less fortunate.

The 4th, 5th, & 6th grade GOF class will be collecting boxes of cake mix, frosting, candles,
and/or gift bags to be given to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank to contribute to their
Birthday Bag program.

Contributions can be placed in the birthday box in the church foyer beginning December 26th.

Thank you for your help!

Questions? Contact Sheilah-Margaret Pothast: 262-8551 or agr8fulmom@hotmail.com

Calendar for January 4, 2010 – January 3, 2010, with Daily Readings

January 4, Monday: No Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 5, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 6, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 7, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 8, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 9, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	January 10, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
1 John 3:22-4:6 Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52	1 John 4:19-5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-2, 3- 4, 5-6a & 6b John 3:22-30	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9- 11 (21C) Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21- 22

Saturday January 2, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman

Lectors: 1st Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2nd Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server:

Sunday, January 3, 2010, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Myrna Cowan, David Stropes, Laurie Stropes, Lynn Senette

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

Altar Server:

Sunday, January 3, 2010, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Gatling, Shirley Aleckson, Karen Evans, Lucy Katzenberger, Marguerite McIntosh

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathy Walker; 2nd reading: Dave Carey

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 1/4 — 1/9: Nathan Verba Family Collection Counters: 1/10: Paul & Shirley Zobec

BIBLE STUDY Bible Timeline (Old Testament Part 1) continues after 11:30 Mass, with session 23 on Sun. Jan 17, and will finish with session 24 on Jan 24. Starting January 9/10 after Masses, there will be sign-up for Part 2 "Gospel of St. Mathew". First session is planned for Jan 31. (Pot luck lunch.)

The festive season of Christmas will conclude next week with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism is a significant moment in his public ministry. As we celebrate this feast we recall our own baptism and renew our baptismal commitment. It is fitting that this feast marks the beginning of *National Vocation Awareness Week*. Consider participating in our special celebration next week.

As we begin the new year, we are most grateful to those, who throughout the year, on a weekly basis, give of their time and talent for the church: Art/Charlotte Sponsel, who each week put together the bulletin and get it ready for us; Mugs Prestwick, cleaning of the church foyer/bathrooms each week; Terri Davis, our bookkeeper par excellenta. Alex Zerbinos, who almost daily is here doing some type of maintenance work and the Tim Agosti family for the two BUNN coffee dispensers for use in the hall/parish—that is much appreciated.

God's blessings on each of them this New Year.

Annual Teen Ski Trip

Saturday 23rd January

Cost Bus \$25

Approx cost for Beginner Ski or Snowboard Lift/
Lesson/Rental \$70

Approx cost for Advanced Ski or snowboard lift/
lesson/Rental \$95

These include Alyeska Access card

Teens need to fill necessary forms and turn in at least the \$25 for the bus by Mon January 18th.

Forms will be available in the teen corner at OLPH:

Mountain Learning Center Liability Release Form
Rental Release Form

**Chaperones needed, please call:
Adam or Elise Bell— 262-4956 or
Elisethompson@yahoo.com**

