

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community  
Second Sunday of Lent  
March 20, 2011

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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) and, you may send a copy to: [knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com](mailto:knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com). Thanks!

## Calendar for March 21, 2011 - March 27, 2011, with Daily Readings

<b>March 21, Monday:</b> Morning Prayer 7:30am  CenteringPrayer 8:15am	<b>March 22, Tuesday:</b> Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12noon  Legion of Mary 12:45pm	<b>March 23, Wednesday:</b> Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12noon  RCIA meeting 6:30pm	<b>March 24, Thursday:</b> Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12noon	<b>March 25, Friday:</b> Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12noon  Vigil 5:00pm  Soup Supper 5:45-6:45pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	<b>March 26, Saturday:</b> RCIC Meeting 1:00pm  Reconciliation 4:00pm  Mass 5:00pm  ACTS 6:00pm	<b>March 27, Sunday:</b> Mass 10am
Dn 9: 4b-10 Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 & 13 Lk 6: 36-38	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 Mt 23: 1-12	Jer 18: 18-20 Ps 31: 5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20: 17-28	Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 16: 19-31	Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38	Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32	Ex 17: 3-7 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Japan is being shaken from its foundations! March 11th was the strongest earthquake in Japan's recorded history. There are still different opinions as to the intensity but somewhere near 8.9 on the Richter scale. The number of dead and missing has surpassed a thousand and will continue to rise. Another opinion is that there were two different earthquakes that happened almost at the same time. It is the break of dawn now (I am preparing to go for the morning mass) and the news is saying that another big earthquake has happened on the other side of Japan (eastern side); nothing to do with what happened yesterday! What will happen next? We leave all to the Lord. The Oblates are far from the disaster area but the anxiety is intense. It brings memories of the Great Kansai earthquake some 16 years ago. The stench of death came to our doorsteps! I still am trying to find where Jack Deely is. He lives in Tokyo and the telephone lines are down due to heavy load. Please continue to pray for the victims and their families. I will let you know more as the aftermath of this disaster unfolds.

Fraternally,  
Wency Laguidao, OMI  
Superior of the Japan-Korea Delegation

### YOU MATTER

You Matter, A safe environment training via DVD, for teens will be presented on Sunday, April 3 at 11:15am in the O'Neill Hall. Please consider having your teen participate in this informative presentation.

### Saturday, March 26, 2011, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Dilley, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Krys Williams, John Pothast

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Mary Bailey

**Altar Server:** John Mark Pothast

### Sunday, March 27, 2011, 10:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Shirley Aleckson, Tim Agosti, Thelma Antilla, Helen Knopp, Gloria Sweeney, Meg & Alex Zerbinos

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Lauri Kapp 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Scott Earsley

**Altar Server:** Andrew Agosti

**Mop & Bucket 3/21-3/26:** David Foutty Family

**Collection Counters: 3/27:** Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas



## TEEN FUN!

The teens will be going to the Nikiski swimming pool March 20<sup>th</sup>. deadline to turn in your \$5.00 and permission slip is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you bring \$10 to swim, slide and buy snacks at the pool. Family members are welcome to come to this activity and dinner, but please contribute \$5 per person if you plan to eat dinner with us. Drivers are needed for this activity. Thanks for helping. For more information please call either Brenda Ahlberg 262-5432 or Rose Henry 252-9465.

Here's the schedule for our event:

4:00PM	Teen mass at OLPH
5:00PM	Pancake dinner
5:30ish	Drive to the pool
6-7:30	Swim, Slide, Snacks
8:00PM	Arrive OLPH



Swimming is good cardio-exercise!

## STEWARDSHIP

Adopting stewardship as a way of life means having trust in God. To commit a portion of your time, talent, and treasure to his service means that you have faith that he'll provide enough to meet your needs and those of your family.

Abraham provides a model for faithful living. He was willing to accept God's call to leave his homeland and go and make his home in another land. And, he was not even told where he was headed. Yet he was willing to follow God's invitation, trusting that God would show him the way and tell him when he had arrived.

St Paul reminds us that we will have hardships along the way, as Abraham did, but we have strength provided by God to overcome them. When we have doubts whether Jesus can guide us and provide for our needs, we have the command of God the Father during the Transfiguration, "Listen to him." Christ himself encourages us, "Rise, and do not be afraid." So let us indeed begin not to follow the path God leads us along, unafraid to use the resources he has given us, on our own spiritual journey as servants of the Lord.

## JUSTICE CHALLENGE

World Water Day is celebrated on March 22. Water is essential to life. Lack of clean water has led to draught, dehydration, illness, death, even war. While we might not experience lack of water, we are aware of the thousands of our brothers and sisters across the globe who live without clean drinking water. Your challenge this week is to stand in solidarity with those who don't have the water they need by monitoring and limiting your use of water. When you shower, once you get wet turn off the water, soap up, and only turn the water back on when you are ready to rinse off. When you brush your teeth, don't run the tap, put some in a cup to use. Avoid using bottled water if possible. Think of other creative ways that you can conserve water as an individual and a household. And, pray for those who do not have access to the water they need to live in health and dignity.

## MARCH , APRIL, & MAY EVENTS

- March 20 No Faith Formation; Spring Break
- March 25 Oblates Stations of the Cross with Father Andy
- March 27 Breakfast presentation by New Orleans Mission group 11:15am in O'Neill Hall.  
Towel Service for First Eucharist Class 11:15am
- April 1 Soup Supper/Ecumenical prayer service presented by Jerene Mortenson re: Greg and the book "Three Cups of Tea" 5:45pm
- April 3 Safe Environment for Teens 11:15am in the hall
- April 8 Soup Supper & Stations 5:45pm
- April 10 Last GOF Event "Care for God's Creation" with Father Joe and Jen Ransom
- April 15 Soup Supper & Stations 5:45pm with Deacon Dez and Cindy Martinez
- April 17 Palm Sunday
- April 21 Holy Thursday mass 7:00pm  
Adoration of the blessed sacrament 8:00pm - midnight.  
With Labyrinth walk in old church 9:00pm - midnight
- April 22 Good Friday  
Stations walk town from hall 12noon  
Stations at church 3:00pm
- April 24 Easter Sunday
- May 1 First Eucharist at 10:00am mass followed by reception in O'Neill Hall

## LENT

A time of Praying,  
Fasting, &  
Almsgiving



## SOUP, SUPPER, & STATIONS

Please consider taking time during Lent to share a soup supper and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. On the bulletin board is a sign-up sheet for the soup suppers. Please sign-up to bring items to our Lenten soup suppers. Soups are to be meatless. Bring the items to the hall by 5:30pm. Help is needed with each gathering. If you have any questions call Thelma 262-9443. The meal begins at 5:45pm and the stations begin at 7:00pm. Thanks!

## MISSION NEWS

When our 15 students return from their mission trip to New Orleans, they will be sharing at the mass on March 27th what they experienced. Also, they will be giving a Powerpoint slide show presentation during a breakfast at the O'Neill Hall after that mass. Please join us for the breakfast! Mission work, it's a good thing.



## GRAB A BAG

In the church foyer are Lenten bags for giving food, etc. Included in the bags are rice bowls, and a first week of Lenten meditation from the Oblate JPIC website. This was developed by the Marionists and is an excellent meditation. Please access the website for the upcoming weeks of meditations and Sacred Space is another resource for those prayerful thoughts to read.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

It's time to think about joining the Our Ladies of the Peninsula Relay for Life Team. Members are encouraged to join online at: [http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=33995&pg=teamlist](http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=33995&pg=teamlist). The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> at Skyview High School, Soldotna. For additional information please call Alyson at 262-5622.