

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 10, 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: 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 April 11, 2011 - April 17, 2011, with Daily Readings

April 11, Monday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am Teen Music Practice 7:00pm	April 12, Tuesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm Just Faith 1-3pm	April 13, Wednesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon RCIA meeting 6:30pm	April 14, Thursday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon	April 15, Friday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Vigil 5:00pm Soup Supper 5:45-6:45pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm	April 16, Saturday: RCIC Meeting 1:00pm Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm	April 17, Sunday: Mass 10am PALM SUNDAY ACTS closing mass 10:00am Teen Mass 4:00pm and Seder Meal 5:00pm in O'Neill Hall
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11	Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:1-11	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59	Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56	Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

OBLATE MISSIONARY FACTS

Our friends and Oblate confreres around the world continue to worry about the Oblates in Japan and the whole nation as they see the overwhelming images on television of the devastation, mostly caused by the rampaging waters of tsunami that followed the violent earthquake on Friday, March 11, two days after Ash Wednesday, when the liturgy reminded us all that "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shall return...". The havoc and devastation that is brought to us by the media is beyond description. I wonder how it for the survivors who have lost their loved ones and all their earthly possessions. The areas badly hit are all up north on the Pacific side of Japan, particularly the prefectures of Miyagi and Iwate. The Oblate missions are down south, mostly on the island of Shikoku. Thanks be to God, all of us are safe and we indeed appreciate the deluge of emails and phone calls asking if the Oblates in Japan are all accounted for. The very first email asking about our safety came from no less than our new Superior General, Fr. Louis LOUGEN. The body count continues, but it will take months before the exact number can be known. Unlike the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake 16 years ago, which was land based, most of the casualties of this earthquake perished from the rampaging waters of the tsunami and therefore are difficult to number. One evening paper today said that one small community of a population 17,000 has been completely washed away with no survivor that can be accounted for. How many of those small communities were simply washed away? The irony is that even the small government offices that hold the records of how many people there were are also completely gone. Another major concern at the moment is the meltdown of the nuclear reactor plant in Fukushima Prefecture. There are already reports of hundreds being exposed to radiation. God forbid that this will be another Chernobyl! March 14 is the first working day after the earthquake. For us who have been spared from the catastrophe, life has to go on. It is also the graduation season. In a week or two, the cherry trees will be in full bloom but, sad to say, except perhaps in the affected areas. The cherry blossom is one of the beautiful symbols of the country but ironically also a symbol our ephemerality. Like the very short life of the cherry blossoms we are "here today and gone tomorrow." This year's Lenten season takes on a special meaning for us in Japan. Please help us pray that the people in the affected areas will find meaning in their sufferings and be able to make the passover to a new beginning. May the light of Christ's resurrection somehow dispel the darkness that they have gone through. Again, thank you very much for your prayers and assurance of solidarity. -Fr. *Wency Laguidao*-

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: John Bonk, Barb Bonk, Stere Hammerstrom, Cheryl Hammerstrom, & Bill Sadler

Lectors: 1st Reading: Dave Nelson 2nd Reading: Judy Nelson

Altar Server: Jacob & Nathan O'Lena

April 17, 2011, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Kircher, Thelma Antila, Shirley Aleckson, Helen Knopp, Krys Williams, Connie Dunn, Debbie Stanton

Lectors: 1st Reading: Karl Kircher 2nd Reading: Shannon Wyatt

Altar Server: Robert & Joan Johnson

Mop & Bucket 4/11-4/16: All Parish

Collection Counters: 4/17: Connie Gatling Grace Barba

APRIL TEEN EVENT

Teens, why not celebrate the Easter Season with the Seder Meal Tradition? Invite a friend. Did you ever wonder what was served at the Last Supper? Did you know that its origins came from the Jewish Faith's traditional "Seder Meal"? Join us on Sunday, April 17. Let the adults serve you and you can partake in an experience that is part of our religious history. Just in time for EASTER!

Mass: 4:00pm

Seder Meal: 5:00pm

\$5.00 & Permission Slips Extension:

Due Wednesday, April 13 by 6pm.

For more information please call:

Tonilyn Spring 262-8478,

Brenda Ahlberg 262-5432

,or Rose Henry 252-9465



HOLY THURSDAY

We are going to have a wonderful Holy Thursday because we are going to use the old church which is now called the Redemptorist Center for the Altar of Reposition. This is since we do have a chapel separated from the central church as it is described in the Paragraph 82 in "Build of Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship" by the USCCB.

We are missing three microphone stands. If anyone knows where they are, please let Marlys know.
Thank you.

WOMEN'S ACTS

There is a bin in the foyer for donation of snack items for the ACTS Women's Retreat. It will take place at the end of this month. We would appreciate items such as trail mix, nuts, pretzels and chocolate. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Liturgical Ministries schedule is on the bulletin board for the upcoming Holy Week
2. Please note that the Liturgy next week on Palm Sunday will begin at the entrance to the Redemptorist Center. Please join us for the procession over to the church.
3. The presentation given by Jerene Mortenson last Friday was excellent. Thank you, in particular, to all of those who provided the soups, breads, and beverages needed to serve the over-100 people who joined us from the community. The hospitality shown to our guests was remarkable. The donations which were given to the Central Asian Institute to continue work in Pakistan and Afghanistan for education/building of schools amounted to \$3,009.53. Jerene was astounded by the reception from our parish and the generous donation to the Institute. She will be returning to our area later in the Fall.
4. Please pray for the RCIC and RCIA elect and candidates. As Easter draws near, the following children and adults are in their last few weeks of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

RCIC (Children) Bailey Lundell, Logan Lundell, and Kimberly Segura will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive the Eucharist. Christopher Lundell will be Baptized only. Angel Puentes, Gabriel Avurto, Ashley Segura, Jessica Segura, Maxim Custodio, Roman Custodio, will be Confirmed and receive the Eucharist. These children have made their First Reconciliation Saturday. On Easter Sunday, Ashley Cardenas and Robert Urenda will receive the Eucharist.

RCIA (Adults) Laura Bosela and Bruce Emerson will make a Profession of Faith, be confirmed, and receive the Eucharist. They have already made their First Reconciliation. They need your prayers especially during these last weeks of Lent. They have been preparing for a year or more and they are very excited about becoming part of the family of God, members of the Catholic Church, being sealed with the Gifts of the Spirit and receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

GOF

Generations of Faith will have the last event of this session on Sunday, April 10th. The topic is "Care of God's Creation". It is facilitated by Father Joe and Jen Ransom. Please join us for lunch at 11:15am with the program beginning at noon. At the last session you were asked to come prepared to share one outreach activity from any of the seven events this session. That we, as a faith community, might embrace and more fully incorporated the justice/morality topics into our daily lives.

MANNA

On Holy Thursday we will again have fresh Eucharistic bread for the liturgy. We have four different recipes and have asked four different people to bring a sample of the recipes on Palm Sunday, April 17th for a taste test. Please weigh in with your opinion of the bread samples.

SOUP, SUPPER, & STATIONS

Please consider taking time during Lent to share a soup supper and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. 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. ACTS will provide for the Soup Supper this week...Thanks!



JUSTICE CHALLENGE

April 11 marks the anniversary of Pope John XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth). This letter was the foundation for much of the Church's contemporary teaching on just war. Pope John urged the Church to promote peace by defending human rights. Your challenge this week is to read Paragraphs 166 to 172 from the encyclical, which can be found on the Vatican's website, www.vatican.va. Click on English and then type "Peace on Earth" in the search box. After reading these paragraphs, reflect on how you can apply what you read in your own personal relationships and in the way you vote as a Catholic.

A GIFT OF TREASURE

This weekend please consider sharing your gift of treasure through the Annual Outreach Collection. This special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (33%), scholarships at the Catholic University of America (33%), and the print and electronic communications efforts of your Archdiocese (33%).

FLOWER POWER

As we approach Easter, the opportunity to have your loved ones remembered by an Easter Lilly in the sanctuary during the Easter Triduum is available. In the foyer is the container to drop the \$12 flower money and the names of your loved ones to be remembered. We appreciate all those who allow us to pray for their loved ones during this special season. **PLEASE HAVE THE NAMES/MONEY IN BY PALM SUNDAY!**

Take the H2O Challenge for the last two weeks of Lent

Did you know that 1 billion people in the world do not have access to clean water? Preventable water related diseases kill one child every 15 seconds. This Lent YOU can do something about it. You can take the H2O Challenge! Make water your only beverage for the next two weeks. Save the money you would usually spend on beverages and collect it in a special cup. At Easter, we will collect the money you saved to give someone clean water for a lifetime: all funds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services to help pay for well(s) drilled in critical areas of the world with no current clean water source. The H2O Challenge is brought to you by Generations of Faith.