

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday

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.*

## E-mail

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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 April 25, 2011 - May 1, 2011, with Daily Readings

<b>April 25, Monday:</b> <b>Morning Prayer 7:30am</b>  <b>CenteringPrayer 8:15am</b>	<b>April 26, Tuesday:</b> <b>Morning Prayer 7:30am</b>  <b>Mass 12noon</b>  <b>Legion of Mary 12:45pm</b>	<b>April 27, Wednesday:</b> <b>Morning Prayer 7:30am</b>  <b>Mass 12noon</b>	<b>April 28, Thursday:</b> <b>Morning Prayer 7:30am</b>  <b>Adoration 8:15pm - 12:00noon</b>  <b>Womens ACTS send off 6:45pm in Church</b>  <b>Mass 7:00pm</b>	<b>April 29, Friday:</b> <b>Morning Prayer 7:30am</b>  <b>First Eucharist Retreat 6-830pm</b>	<b>April 30, Saturday:</b> <b>RCIC Meeting 1:00pm</b>  <b>Mass 5:00pm</b>	<b>May 1, Sunday:</b> <b>Mass 10am With First Eucharist</b>
<b>Acts 2: 13, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15</b>	<b>Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18</b>	<b>Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35</b>	<b>Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6- 7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48</b>	<b>Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14</b>	<b>Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14- 15ab, 16-18, 19- 21 Mk 16:9-15</b>	<b>Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13- 15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31</b>

### OBLATE MISSIONARY FACTS by Blaise Macquarrie

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and I was in an area where many homeless families were living in shacks. I went to visit an ailing man and, to my surprise, found the poor man already dead. I went first to the police and reported the man's death. Early the next day, and with the pickup truck, I went looking for some men to help me remove the body. We had to go to the morgue to pick up a box. It was heavy, made of iron, and the stench was overpowering! Blood stains were everywhere and God only knows whether the box was ever washed. We left the box on the truck and transferred the body by using a dirty bed blanket from the poor man's bed. It seems the blanket had never been washed. I got permission to have the poor fellow put into a grave in an area for the poor. No one knew his name. He was just an 'unknown' ... but not to his Creator! The grave was too small so we had to do some more digging because packs of dogs will dig up the bodies. The dirt from the grave was placed to one side and the men placed the body on top of it. Meanwhile, kids and dogs showed up. The children were watching the process when suddenly the left arm of the dead man fell out of the blanket. The kids and dogs took off like a rocket. Even the men digging got scared. We put the poor fellow in the grave, covered with his blanket, said a prayer and buried him. One of the men made a little cross from two pieces of wood found in the trash. Then we returned the iron box to the morgue with some added blood stains. I had to pay \$3 for the grave and that was that. Another day, I gave Holy Communion to a dear lady in her late 80's. I noticed a big, black trunk in the corner of her room and said to her, "I see you are packed for your trip!" She answered, "Yes, I am ready to go." She went to her real Home two days later. Another day I got a call from a young nurse asking me to go see her father, a doctor. I knew the man. He was my doctor. He never charged me a cent and he was very kind and good with many people, especially the poor. He had difficulty breathing but he could hear very well. And what did we talk about? Why death, naturally! Being a doctor, he had seen many patients die and he was being realistic about his own death. I made several visits to his bedside and found him in good cheer. Within three days he went Home! One day the president of a senior citizen's group asked if I would give a talk to them. About 80 elderly women and men were present. I saw faces that express a certain history of their lives as each face is priceless. Then I announced the theme - Death! They all looked at me in a questioning manner. I started by mentioning that most of us present already have a foot in the grave -- including myself -- and they all burst out laughing. I spoke of the golden years, when human life is ending and a time to make amends, to pardon those who may have wronged you and to ask pardon for the wrong one did. God is giving us ample opportunities to make good use of the little time left. I enjoyed being with this group: their sense of humor, their approach to their natural ending and their not being afraid of death. One should not wait for death but rather death should wait for us. Be happy. After all, we are going to our real Home ... hopefully!

**Saturday & Sunday, April 30 & May 1, 2011, 5:00pm & 10:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Cleaning, and Altar Servers:  
PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD  
Collection Counters: 5/1: Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.

## MOTHERS DAY

Mother's Day will soon be here. Please stop by the scrip table and pick up lovely gift cards from our local Trinity Greenhouse. We have both \$25 and \$50 denominations. Thank you.

## ADORATION OPENING

There is an opening *immediately* for the hour of 5am until 6am on Friday mornings. If you are interested in adoring our Eucharistic Christ during this hour even on a trial basis, please call 262-1703. Thanks!

## HAPPY EASTER!

HOLY SATURDAY: Decorating for the Easter vigil will begin at 7:30am. Please bring your vacuums and cleaning supplies to help with adding the extra sparkle to the Church. Father Andy will give a presentation on Easter to the children that are present at 9:30am in the Community Room on Saturday. Many hands are needed, so if you can only come for a short time, please do so. No Reconciliation today. No 5pm mass. Liturgy will be at 9pm. It is followed by a dessert buffet to celebrate Easter and the Baptism and reception of all of our RCIA/RCIC participants. Please bring your favorite dessert to share and celebrate with us. Thank you.

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass at 10am followed by a brunch in the Redemptorist Center.



## JUSTICE CHALLENGE

We celebrate the core event of our faith this week, the Resurrection of Jesus. Through the Resurrection, we are brought to new life and grace. We are assured that God's love is more powerful than anything - even death - and that Jesus fulfilled his mission of redemption. Your challenge this week is to celebrate your own new life in Christ by promoting respect for life in your community. Think of a way you can promote life. You can pray for an end to abortion, pray for women who are considering abortion so that they have a change of heart, and pray for doctors who perform abortions, that they, too, will have a conversion and remember their oath to protect, not destroy, life. If you aren't already, consider becoming active in your local pro-life community. How can you promote the Catholic vision of life that says every human life is sacred, from womb to tomb?