

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

November 20, 2011

Solemnity of our Lord, Jesus Christ the King

Served by the Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate

222 West Redoubt Avenue Soldotna, AK

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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 4:00pm & Sunday 9:00am

YOUTH MASS: The third Sunday of each month at 4:00pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45pm

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

*"O give thanks to the Lord for
he is good; for his love endures
forever" (Psalm 107:1)*



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.

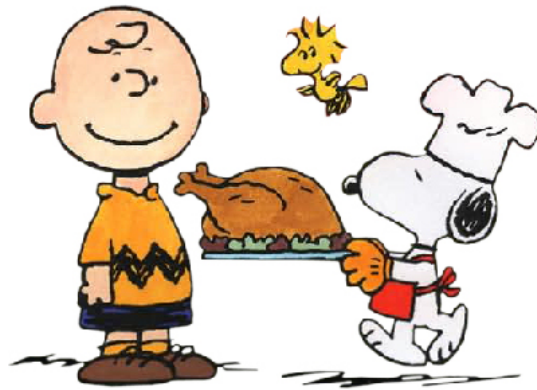
Prayer Chain: pjham@alaska.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

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 Verba: marlys.verba@gmail.com Thanks!

Calendar for November 21 - November 27, 2011 with Daily Readings

<u>November 21, Monday:</u>	<u>November 22, Tuesday:</u>	<u>November 23, Wednesday:</u>	<u>November 24, Thursday:</u>	<u>November 25, Friday:</u>	<u>November 26, Saturday:</u>	<u>November 27, Sunday:</u>
Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:00am	Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12:05 Legion of Mary 12:45pm	Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12:05 Christmas Practice 4:30pm	Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 9:00am THANKSGIVING DAY	Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12:05	Reconciliation 3:15pm Mass 4:00pm	Mass 9:00am GOF Follow Up 10:15am ADVENT BEGINS
Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20 Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21: 1-4	Dn 2: 31-45 Dn 3: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21: 5-11	Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3: 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21: 12-19	Sir 50: 22-24 Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Lk 17: 11-19	Dn 7: 2-14 Daniel 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21: 29-33	Dn 7: 15-27 Dn 3: 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21: 34-36	Is 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7 Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 33-37



Saturday, November 26, 2011, 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Dukowitz, Sue Dukowitz, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, & Bob Ermold	
Lectors: 1 st Reading: Monte Murray 2 nd Reading: Judy Nelson	Altar Server: please check in
Sunday, November 27, 2011, 9:00am	
Eucharistic Ministers: Scott Earsley, Gloria Sweeney, Shirley Twohy, Krys Williams, Ron O'Lena, Jim & Alyson Stogsdill	
Lectors: 1 st Reading: Barb O'Lena 2 nd Reading: Shannon Dwyer	Altar Server: please check in
Mop & Bucket 11/28-12/3 Ben Stanton Family	Collection Counters: 11/27: Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Stephanie Cox and Kathryn Dunagan	

TEEN EVENT

Today's November 20th Teen Event will be ice skating! This party is scheduled differently, due to our use of the Soldotna Sports Center and their availability. We will first meet at the church at 12:30pm and go to skate at the Sports Center until 3:30pm. Then, we will return to Our Lady of Perpetual Help to attend 4:00pm mass and have dinner in O'Neill Hall. The kids should be ready to go home by 6:00pm. We need all kids to please stay until the end of the dinner; because we will make plans for the December event at that time. Remember to have all permission slips turned in by November 13th!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!See you there.

GOF

Father Joe will be presenting the next GOF on December 11th. The topic "We Believe in Jesus" is again reflecting the Creed. This session will focus on what it means to believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and what Jesus' words and actions teach us about the qualities of God.

HOLIDAY WREATHS

Please sign up in the foyer to reserve your wreath for the upcoming holiday season. The price will remain at \$40 for this year. Sales are limited to 100 wreaths so make sure to reserve yours early.



Happy Thanksgiving

REMEMBER

The evening of remembrance prayer service has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00pm. This is a special time for those who have recently lost loved ones but also those of us who are still remembering our loved ones during the holiday season. Please join us for this time of prayer and encouragement.

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Please return the Stewardship Ministries Forms to the foyer basket. You will be contacted by the various ministry facilitators with further information.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Father Roger and Marlys Verba visited the Kenai Merit Inn last week. This is the Love INC. homeless shelter here on our peninsula. Other St. Vincent DePaul Committee Members have also visited the Inn. Many opportunities to help have surfaced while we were there. You can share in the planning and facilitating of those activities. We will meet on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:00am; and you are welcome to join us in O'Neill Hall. If you are interested and can not attend, please contact Marlys at 262-5542.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

If you are interested in singing for Christmas mass, join us on Wednesday at 4:30pm in the church to practice songs.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all the nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are the instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

AMERICAN FREEDOM

In September 1620 a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers to Massachusetts. Throughout their first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on the ship and only half of the original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an Abenaki Indian who returned several days later with another, Squanto, a Pawtuxet who spoke English. He had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery, escaped, and returned to this homeland. Squanto taught the pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans. In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest they organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of Native allies. The festival lasted for three days. Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that four men went fowling in preparation for the event, and the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. There were berries, greens, and roots but no ovens nor sugar and flour for European desserts.

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O LORD, TODAY
AND EVERY DAY FOR THE FREEDOM WE
ENJOY, OUR NEW FRIENDS, AND THE BOUNTY
YOU SET BEFORE US, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.



ALTAR SERVERS

As we begin a new liturgical year with Advent, we are in need of altar servers. This ministry is open to anyone from the 6th grade to 100 years old! We would like to have servers at each weekend mass and for Holidays, Baptisms, Funerals, and Special Liturgies. Please prayerfully consider whether or not this might be a ministry about which God is calling to you. If interested in obtaining more information, please contact Marlys 262-5542 or Dave 260-6413. Our next training session is on Saturday, December 3rd at 2:30pm.

THANKSGIVING

Our parish will be having a Thanksgiving food drive starting the weekend of November 12th - 13th and ending November 19th - 20th. There will be boxes in the back of the church for you to place the donated food items in.

On Saturday, November 13th, we need our youth to meet at the back of the church at 1pm to deliver flyers to houses in Soldotna. The flyers advertise the food drive and we will finish at 2:15pm.

On Saturday, November 19th, we need our youth to meet at the back of the church at 1pm to go and pick up food from the houses that flyers were delivered to previously. We will complete the day at 3pm at the Food Bank, unloading collected food.

If you are unable to attend, due to scheduling conflicts, would you consider asking your neighbors to donate food to the Food Bank? You could deliver those items to the church at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Ruthann Truesdell at 252-7337.

HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00am and there will not be an Eucharistic Adoration during this week

Advent Reconciliation 6:30pm 12/1/11 in Kenai
7:00pm 12/20/11 in Soldotna

Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00pm 12/24/11

Christmas Eve Mass 9:00pm 12/24/11