

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

November 27, 2011

Advent Begins

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 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

**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 Verba: [marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) Thanks!

## Calendar for November 28 - December 4, 2011 with Daily Readings

<u>November 28, Monday:</u>	<u>November 29, Tuesday:</u>	<u>November 30, Wednesday:</u>	<u>December 1, Thursday:</u>	<u>December 2, Friday:</u>	<u>December 3, Saturday:</u>	<u>December 4, 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  RCIA 6:30pm  Remembrance Prayers 7:00pm	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 9:00am	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12:05	Deck the Halls @ Merit Inn 2:00pm  Reconciliation 3:15pm  Mass 4:00pm	Mass 9:00am  Kairos 9-3
Is 2: 1-5 Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8: 5-11	Is 11: 1-10 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10: 21-24	Rom 10: 9-18 Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4: 18-22	Is 26: 1-6 Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-20, 25-27a Mt 7: 21, 24-27	Is 29: 17-24 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9: 27-31	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 2Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 1: 1-8

**ad-vent** (ˈæd vɛnt) *n.*

1. The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important: *the advent of the computer.*

**2. Advent**

a. The liturgical period preceding Christmas, beginning in Western churches on the fourth Sunday before Christmas

**Saturday, December 3, 2011, 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Dukowitz, Sue Dukowitz, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, & Bob Ermold

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Monte Murray 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Judy Nelson

**Altar Server:** please check in

**Sunday, December 4, 2011, 9:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Scott Earsley, Gloria Sweeney, Shirley Twohy, Krys Williams, Ron O'Lena, Jim & Alyson Stogsdill

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Barb O'Lena 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Shannon Dwyer

**Altar Server:** please check in

**Mop & Bucket 12/5-12/10** Joe Steiner Family

**Collection Counters: 12/4:** Kathryn Dunagan and Cathy Haas

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Laure Kapp and Jacob O'Lena

## ADVENT BEGINS TODAY

November 27 – The First Sunday of Advent begins the season of Advent. Through it, we prepare ourselves to await the coming of God himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, who became a human being to bring humanity back into communion with the Triune

## OLPH MEDITATION

The December 8<sup>th</sup> holyday mass is at noon and 7:00pm. From 8:00pm until midnight, we will have a national night of prayer for life during the adoration. Each hour will involve special prayers for life and a rosary and Catholic hymns. There will be a time set aside for silent meditation. We will be praying in unity with fellow Christians in all time zones of the USA. Please consider joining us for these prayers.

## 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.

## SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is expecting our parish to pack Christmas food boxes on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. If you and your family would like to help with this task, please sign up on the bulletin board.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm.

## REMEMBER

The evening of remembrance prayer service has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## GOF

Father Joe will be presenting the next GOF on December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 LITURGIES

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
Christmas Day Mass	9:00am 12/25/11

## 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

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or honor our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

## LOVE INC

Love inc. (in the name of Christ), Christmas Spirit opportunities are available in many different ways this season. Anyone may help! Please check the bulletin board and sign up for these. If you have any questions, please see the chair of the event.

## CHRISTMAS CARE

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be Decking the Halls of the Merit Inn for Christmas. We need wrapping paper, tape, bows, and ribbon to give it that festive touch! We definitely need your help as volunteers while we give of ourselves during Advent. Please check the foyer bulletin board to sign up as you wish. Thanks!

## 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.

# ADVENT TIME!

## GIVING TREE

There are many opportunities in the upcoming Advent season for sharing the Light of Christ. Love INC and our Parish have placed a giving tree in the foyer with 90 names of residents at the Kenai Merit Inn. This is our local homeless shelter in Kenai. Please take a name and bring a gift (\$10-\$20) back by December 18<sup>th</sup> for distribution to these folks! Monetary donations are accepted to buy them gifts too. Thank you very much.

