



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Catholic Community Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs 12:30 pm to Fri noon.

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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.



✠ **2nd Sunday of Advent**
December 9th, 2012 ✠

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 12:45 pm and Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Call

Marlys for reservations (best done prior to birth).

Adults – Contact the office about RCIA

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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF SICK OR COMMUNION:

December 29th and 30th after mass or as needed.

NOTE: Because of privacy laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish at 262-4749.

FUNERALS: Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Wednesday at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com.

Calendar for Dec 10th – Dec 16th

MONDAY, 12/10/2012	
Readings: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am
TUESDAY, 12/11/2012	
Readings: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Legion of Mary 12:45pm • Mass 12:05 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/12/2012	
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Mass at 12:05 pm • THE WAY Café • RCIA class at 6:30pm
THURSDAY, 12/13/2012	
Readings: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • Mass 12:05 pm • Adoration 12:45 pm until Friday at noon
FRIDAY, 12/14/2012	
Readings: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • Adoration until noon • Mass 12:05pm • Pack Food baskets at Salvation Army in Kenai at 1pm
SATURDAY, 12/15/2012	
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIC Class at 1:30pm • Reconciliation 3:15 pm • Mass 4 pm • Catholicism: Episode 2 after Mass at O'Neill Hall • Pageant Practice for Faith Formation 5pm in the Redemptorist Center
SUNDAY, 12/16/2012	
Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9 am • Parish breakfast followed by Christmas Pageant at the Redemptorist Center after Mass • Brown Bag Ministry at Hall

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

For **week 11**, please add the following to your kit:

- 2 large cans juice*
- Large plastic food bags
- 2 boxes high-energy snacks
- 3 rolls paper towels

*per person

Christmas Liturgy

Signup sheets for the liturgical needs of each of the Christmas Masses are posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up as you are able. ALSO, please note that the decorating and cleaning of the church will happen immediately after Mass on Sunday, December 23rd.

Saturday 4:00 pm
Dec 15th, 2012

Lectors:
1st Reading:
Dave Nelson
2nd Reading:
Ruthann Truesdell

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Shirley Aleckson
- Aida Burgess
- Joe Deveaux
- MaryLou Nushart
- Bill Sadler

Servers: TBA

Sunday 9:00 am
Dec 16th, 2012

Lectors:
1st Reading:
Pat Cowan
2nd Reading:
Lauri Kapp

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Thelma Antila
- Myrna Cowan
- Bruce Emmerson
- Kate Forrest
- Marguerite McIntosh
- Tonilyn Spring
- Gloria Sweeney

Servers: TBA

Mop & Bucket 12/10 - 12/16:
Chad Arthur Family

Collection Counters 12/16:
Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

Children's Liturgy of the Word 12/16:
Ruthann Truesdell

THE WAY CAFE



We are now serving at THE WAY cafe every Wednesday. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, you are invited to come to The Café any Wednesday any time from 3:30 to 7pm and see what it is all about.

The servers for December 12th are:

- Terrya E
- Lynn F
- Fr. Roger
- Pat H (Person in Charge)

The servers for December 19th are:

- Bruce E
- Lynn F
- Heather H
- Marlys V(Person in Charge)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH

Today's scripture readings remind us that as we celebrate the Advent season and await the celebration of Christmas, we are to do so actively – boldly proclaiming the Lord's praises and giving Him glory in the way we live our lives. Advent is a season of waiting, but the wait is not a passive one. Rather, we are called to be actively preparing the meet the Savior, readying our hearts and our minds for His coming.

The gospel for today encourages us, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight and the rough made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

But how do we do so? We live our lives for the Lord. We offer Him ourselves in gratitude for the many things He has given us and the many things He has done, and, in so doing, we proclaim His greatness to the world, helping others come to recognize His wonder and His majesty.

"Bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship."

This Advent season offers us a time to reassess how well we are living for God. Is it obvious to everyone we meet that we are stewards of God's many gifts? Does the way we use what the Lord has given us proclaim His praises to the world? Are we ready to greet Him – both as we celebrate Christmas and when we meet Him face-to-face when He comes again? Or is there more we can do?

SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to this weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection supports the day-to-day care of thousands of senior religious, the cost of which has increased. Help care for those who've dedicated their lives to serving the people of our Church. Thank you!



Advent activities at the Kenai Merit Inn during December: This week the activity is a Make it-Take it craft time to provide the residents/children time to make some Christmas gifts as well as decorate Christmas cookies. Can you help? Hands are needed for the crafts and soups/breads as well are needed. Contact Jane Fellman, activity coordinator, with any questions.

The Bell Ringing signup sheet for Friday, Dec. 21st is on the bulletin board.

We will be **Packing Food baskets** from 1 – 3:30 pm on Friday, Dec 14th at the Salvation Army in Kenai. Contact Scott E. for more information.



The Month Ahead

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, December 16th: Brown Bag Ministry.**
- **Sunday, December 16th: Christmas Pageant** presented by Faith Formation class at 10:15am
- **No faith Formation classes on December 23rd, December 30th, or January 6th**
- **Dec 15th: Dress rehearsal** for pageant: 5pm after Mass at Redemptorist Center
- **Dec 15th: Catholicism: Episode 2** after 4pm Mass at O'Neill Hall
- **Dec 16th: Christmas Pageant and parish breakfast** at the Redemptorist Center after Mass



Poinsettia Remembrance

Remember your loved one during the liturgies of the Christmas Season with a poinsettia. To remember your loved one in this way, please place \$12 per poinsettia and the name of your loved one in an envelope and put it in the church foyer basket by December 18th.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Have you ever been in a situation where there was an opportunity to share about your faith with others, but you didn't because you weren't sure you'd get it right or you just didn't feel confident enough to explain what you believe to someone who was not Catholic? There is a concert approach available to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to everyday life through Renew International. It is called "Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism?" The Archdiocese of Anchorage was blessed with a generous grant from the Extension Society along with funding from Renew International to make this program possible. Why Catholic is essentially a small group, faith sharing process that will begin in Lent 2013. Small groups will gather each week for six weeks in Lent for 90 minute sessions. The next six week period will be in the fall of 2013. These 12 weeks will complete one pillar of the Catechism. There will be upcoming information about this program. Stay tuned!



YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

The fruits of this Year of Faith will be seen in a strengthened commitment to God and one another. When we reach out in compassion to help a neighbor in need, we are bearing witness to the Light of Christ. When we share our faith as bold disciples of Jesus, the fruits of this yearlong renewal will be reflected in our efforts. When we receive the Holy Eucharist daily or weekly, we will be transformed by the real presence of the Risen Lord and will go forth to live more fully as his disciples. We are invited to rediscover our faith and become "credible and joy filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world today."

RETRouvaille

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vii) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving marriage relation-ship. 10's of 1000's of couples headed for divorce have saved their marriages by attending the program. For information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 15, 16 & 17 call 800-470-2230, email 6001@retrouvaille.org or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AND LITURGIES

Our Lady of Guadalupe feast celebration

Sunday, December 9th; Mass at 6:30pm in Spanish followed by a gathering in the hall of traditional foods.

Simbang Gabi Mass in Spanish

Saturday, December 15th at 11am at St. Peter the Apostle church in Ninilchik. After mass, there will be a gathering in the hall featuring traditional foods.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve, Children's Mass: 4 pm
Christmas Vigil: 9 pm
Christmas Day: 10 am

New Year's Mass: January 1st at 10 am



The teens of the OLPH parish would like to create a "teen center" in the Redemptorist center. This would be a place for them to hang out after Mass, have Confirmation Classes and teen nights for the parish. It could also be used to have church sponsored parties and dances. In working toward this goal, we are requesting donations of furniture and furnishing from parish members. If you could drop off that couch you are replacing at Christmas, tables, chairs, rugs, bean bags, pillows, you name it, at the Redemptorist center by December 28, the teens will work their magic and decorate and have their first teen night on that day!! So consider donating!! The teens will thank you!