



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.

CONTACT US:

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:

9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

9am to noon Friday

Closed on Mondays

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262-4749, Option 3

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PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba: contact info above

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.



4th Sunday of Advent
December 23rd, 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 24th – Dec 30th

| MONDAY, 12/24/2012 | |
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| Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am • Children's Mass at 4 pm • Christmas Eve Mass 9 pm |
| TUESDAY, 12/25/2012 | |
| Readings: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Legion of Mary 12:45pm • Christmas Mass 10 am |
| WEDNESDAY, 12/26/2012 | |
| Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22 | 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, 12/27/2012 | |
| Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8 | 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, 12/28/2012 | |
| Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • Adoration until noon • Mass 12:05pm |
| SATURDAY, 12/29/2012 | |
| Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIC Class at 1:30pm • Reconciliation 3:15 pm • Mass 4 pm |
| SUNDAY, 12/30/2012 | |
| Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9 am • No Faith Formation Classes |

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

For week 13, please add the following to your kit:

- Extra change of clothes and shoes for each person
- Packets of your favorite and most used spices – salt, pepper, sugar, etc
- Utensils, cups, plates, and bowls for each person
- Date all perishables
- 1 gallon of water 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 29th, 2012

Lectors:

1st Reading:

Dave Nelson

2nd Reading:

Ruthann Truesdell

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Servers:

Lars Russell

Sunday 9:00 am
Dec 30th, 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:

Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket 12/24 - 12/30:
Adam Bell Family

Collection Counters 12/30:
Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane

Children's Liturgy of the Word 12/30:
No Children's Liturgy This Week

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 26th are:

- Thelma A
- Fr Roger
- Mary F
- Judi N (Person in Charge)

The servers for January 2nd are:

- Bruce E
- Judi N (Person in charge)
- Lynn F
- Aida B

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23rd

We have arrived at the Fourth Sunday in Advent — the last Sunday before Christmas. The nativity of the Christ child is impending and the readings remind us of the promises of God and of the way that Jesus was to enter the world.

All of the readings are filled with commitments. It is important that we understand this commitment. Living as a steward requires a commitment, a willingness to perhaps make sacrifices, maybe not to the extent of Jesus, but certainly as a sign of our trust in God and our understanding that we are indeed called.

It is what Elizabeth says that points to Mary as the perfect steward. "Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." From the moment the angel was before Mary, and she said "Yes" to God, Mary became not only our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God, but she also became an example to us of the ultimate steward.

Throughout this Advent season we have been preparing for the arrival of the Christ child, but we have also been spiritually preparing for our own answers and our own responses to the questions and calling of God. Are we prepared to say, "Yes?" Are we prepared to give of ourselves in ways that serve others, that show our love for our neighbor, that capture that "spirit of Christmas?"



Jumping Junction Fun Night

Thursday, Jan. 3rd from 6-8pm: Adults and Children are invited the last week before school starts to come join the residents of the Merit Inn for some fun playing and jumpin'. It is **all free**. Everyone is invited.

Soups are needed for the meal sharing time; please sign up on the bulletin board or see Marlys.

2013

There are envelopes and calendars for the new year in the foyer of the church; please pick them up.



The Month Ahead

Upcoming Events:

- **No faith Formation classes on December 23rd, December 30th, or January 6th**
- **January 6th: Travelogue presentation;** potluck begins at 5pm; Pat and Jim Hamilton will present on The Pacific Rim starting at 5:30pm in O'Neill hall.
- **January 6th Brown Bag Ministry** in the hall after mass
- **January 12th; Brown Bag Ministry** in the hall after Mass
- **Jan. 13th: Catholicism: Episode #4**, in the hall



Poinsettia Remembrance

Please remember to pray for the following loved ones who are specifically remembered by a poinsettia in the sanctuary during this Christmas Season: Jim/Carolyn Marble, Russell Hafer, Brett Snell, Bernard Johnson, R.R. Johnson, Carol Brenckle, Katherine Parker, Marilyn Dimmick, Emily Ermold, Winnie Hays, Victims of Sandy Hook Elementary, Families of Leadens/Mann, Douglas Oglesbee, Jessie/Richard Ross, Laurette and Al Antila, Bob Antila, Margie Marine, Wm. Joyce, Donn/Jerry, Joe Dilley, Mary Ellen Nimershiem, Dick Fruhwirth, Catherine Matusiewski. Poinsettias may be picked up after the liturgies on the weekend of January 5 and 6th. Thank you for participating in this Remembrance time.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

For those of you wishing to send Christmas greetings to Fr. Joe or Fr. Andy, here are their addresses:

Father Joe Dowling

1245 4th Avenue
Chula Vista, California 9199-3012

Father Andrew Sensenig, OMI

Lebh Shomea Hour of Prayer
P.O. Box 9
Sarita, Texas 78385-0009



YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

Delete Year of Faith: Revise: Some key teachings of the Second Vatican Council we reflect on this Year of Faith: The full, conscious and active participation of all in liturgical and communal celebrations, as well as in the decision-making processes of the people of God, a process known as collegiality.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille, a healing ministry! The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Re-awakening. Many marriages that end in divorce never make past the 3rd Stage. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vii). For information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend Feb. 15-17, 2013 call 800-470-2230, email: 6001@retrouvaille.org, or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AND LITURGIES

Christmas Services:

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

Anointing of the Sick

December 29th and 30th after mass

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



We will be having a **teen day** at the Redemptorist Center on Dec 28 starting at 4pm. We will be arranging and decorating the space and we will be serving pizza for dinner!! Come help and bring any donations of furniture, rugs, chairs, etc . . . also consider pictures and posters (must be appropriate of course).