



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:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30pm Thursday to 12noon Friday

CONTACT US:

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9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

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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.



1st Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2013

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. Contact the parish office to register
- Adults Please contact the parish office to register for RCIA
- Children 8 and older; Please contact the parish office to register for RCIA

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

- Please contact the parish office for preparation of marriage, allowing at least 6 months.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:























- Anointing of the sick will be January 25th and January 26th after mass
- *NOTE: Due to healthcare privacy laws, we ask that parishioners notify us prior to going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick prior to Surgery by contacting the office*
- Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.

FUNERALS:

- Please contact the parish office immediately after the death.



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

MONDAY, 12/02/2013	
Readings:  Is 4:2-6  PS 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9  Mt 8:5-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning Prayer, 7:30am ● Centering Prayer, 8:15am
TUESDAY, 12/03/2013	
Readings:  Is 11:1-10  Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  Lk 10:21-24	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning Prayer, 7:30am ● Mass, 12:05pm ● St. Vincent Depaul, 5:00p, O'Neill Hall
WEDNESDAY, 12/04/2013	
Readings:  Is 25:6-10a  PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  Mt 15:29-37	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning Prayer, 7:30am ● Choir Practice at 9:30am ● Mass, 12:05 pm ● THE WAY CAFÉ: 3:30 – 7:00 pm ● RCIA, 6:00 pm, at O'Neill Hall ● Evening of Remembrance, 7:00pm
THURSDAY, 12/05/2013	
Readings:  Is 26:1-6  PS 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  Mt 7:21, 24-27	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning Prayer, 7:30 am ● Mass at 12:05 pm. Adoration follows mass until noon Friday ● JoyBook Club, 6:00pm, O'Neill Hall
FRIDAY, 12/06/2013	
Readings:  Is 29:17-24  PS 27:1, 4, 13-14  Mt 9:27-31	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning Prayer, 7:30 am ● Adoration until 12noon ● Mass, 12:05pm ● Appreciation Gathering for Lectors/Ems/Music, 7:00pm, O'Neill Hall
SATURDAY, 12/07/2013	
Readings:  Is 30:19-21, 23-2  PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Reconciliation, 10:00am, church ● Mom's group, 10:30am, O'Neill Hall ● Reconciliation, 3:15-3:45pm ● Mass, 4 pm
SUNDAY, 12/08/2013	
Readings  Is 11:1-10  Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  Rom 15:4-9  Mt 3:1-1	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mass 9 am ● Advent Afternoon of Reflection: 1:30pm-4:00pm

Dec 1, 2013- Dec. 8, 2013	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Maria and Adam Tresley
Collection Counters	Bob & Myrna Schuh
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Krya McCabe & Rachael Henry

**Saturday 4:00pm
December 7th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Dave Nelson
2nd Reading: Judy Nelson
Eucharistic Ministers:
 ● Rick Dukowitz
 ● Sue Dukowitz
 ● Shirley Aleckson
 ● Aida Burgess
 ● Holly West
Servers:
 Faith & Caleigh
 Glassmaker

**Sunday 9am
December 8th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Barb O'Lena
2nd Reading: S.M. Pothast
Eucharistic Ministers:
 ● Ron O'Lena
 ● John Pothast
 ● Sean McQuire
 ● Jane Fellman
 ● Jim Fellman
 ● Bob Evenson
 ● Bruce Emmerson
Servers:
 Josh O'Lena &
 Danny McIntosh

A Stewardship Moment

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

In Memoriam . . .

Evening of Remembrance

As we approach the holidays, if we've lost loved ones recently, it's a difficult time. We invite you to an **Evening of Remembrance** of our Loved Ones, **Wednesday, December 4th, 7:00pm** in the church. Come join us for prayer, singing and a candlelight memoriam.



Who's UP at THE WAY CAFÉ?

The servers for December 4th are:

Jane F (Person in Charge)	Jim F
Thelma A	Mary F

The servers for December 11th are:

Carolyn B (Person in Charge)	Teri B
Jim S	Alyson S

The servers for December 18th are:

Lynn F (Person in Charge)	Marlys V
Bruce E	Alan/Julia W

December 25th THE WAY CAFÉ will be CLOSED in observation of Christmas!



The Month Ahead

December 5th - JoyBook Club, 6:0pm, O'Neill Hall

December 6th - Ministry appreciation for Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers and Music ministry, 7:00 pm, O'Neill Hall

December 7th - MOMS group, 10:30am, O'Neill Hall

December 8th - Festival of gingerbread houses

December 13th - Filled with Love baskets, 2pm, Kenai Salvation Army

December 20st/21nd - Bell Ringing, 11am-7pm, Fred Meyer

December 22nd - Christmas Pageant and parish brunch, after mass, Redemptorist Hall



Meeting #2

HEY TABLES, TODDLERS, AND KIDDOS OF ALL AGES!!!

Do you have a fabulous "MoM" who needs a little socializing? :-) Well, this group is the right group for you and that fabulous Mom of yours. So grab your mom and come join other moms, babies, toddlers and kids for a GUARENTEED fun times at the 2nd "MOMS" group get together!! The first meeting was a hit! A TOTAL SUCCESS! Meeting number **2** is on **Saturday, December 7th, 10:30am**, O'Neill Hall!



YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES:

Write it down; mark your calendars; enter it in to your phone. . .

The Youth Ministry board, comprised of students and adults from both OLA and OLPH, will host a kickoff event for the youth ministry program on **JANUARY 4TH, 10-3PM**. We are excited about this new endeavor into youth ministry. WE INVITE ALL TEENS. It will be during Christmas break!!! To join us please stay tuned for more information!



The Festival of Gingerbread House

Join us for a fun family activity to create memories and traditions, so dear to each of us. Pick up your copy of the gingerbread house pattern or opt to buy a house kit. Houses must be baked prior to the event, **Sunday, December 8th: 1:00pm - 4:00pm**, O'Neill Hall.

The frosting to decorate your creations will be provided. Families are asked to bring two bags of candy to share in decorating. Any candy but chocolate will work and other items like pretzels, shredded wheat, and licorice. Please direct questions to Kate or Barb O.

Rite of Welcome and Acceptance

On **Saturday, November 30th** at the 4:00pm Mass those preparing for Baptism will participate in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. They include: Clyde Crandall, Keylee Nelson and Hernando Poage.

Two RCIA candidates are, also, preparing for Confirmation. The candidates are Tess Meyers and Nicholas Truesdell.

We ask that you keep them in your prayers. Please, also, include in your prayers Tony Bosela and Olivia Hutchings. Both went through this Rite last year and are preparing for reception into the Church this Easter, as well.

Upcoming Liturgical Services

December 1st - Advent afternoon Reflection, **1:30pm - 4:30pm** (*PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE*), in the church

December 4th - Evening of Remembrance, 7:00pm

December 6th - Ministry Appreciation for Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers, 7:00pm

December 7th - First Reconciliation, 10:00am, in the church

December 9th - Mary Immaculate is the patroness of the United States. The feast is typically a holy day of obligation. This year the obligation (in the USA) is waived. It is transferred to Monday. At OLPH Mass will be at 12 noon. At OLA Kenai Mass will be at 9am.

December 10th - Advent reconciliation service, 7:00pm

December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6:30pm, Our Lady of the Angels, Kenai

December 24th - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass, 4:00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass, 9:00pm

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass, 10:00am

November 30th/ December 1st: The new **Liturgical Year A** starts

The New LECTOR BOOKS are in the foyer. Eucharistic Ministers will find copies of **AT HOME WITH THE WORD**, as well.

An appreciation evening for these ministries is scheduled for **Friday, December 6th, 7:00pm**, O'Neill Hall.

The Music Ministry will be having additional practices for those who would like to join us during Advent and Christmas time. Practice will begin at 2:30pm on **December 7th and** again on **December 14th**.

We will soon be offering a reading in Spanish, during Mass.



We have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia for \$12.00. The plants will be used in the sanctuary in memory of loved ones during the Christmas season. Please put money and your name on the envelope in the container on the foyer table. Thank you in advance!

Thank You,
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THANK YOU!!

What generous people you are as a faith community. The benefit for the Typhoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines, plus the special collection gathered \$12,067.79 for the CRS donation from the Archdiocese.

Sheilah-Margaret's plea for assistance with a new ministry, The Breakfast Club, gathered over \$900 for cereals and milk. A blue tote has been placed in the church foyer for donation of needed cereal, cereal bowls, and plastic spoons.

Please consider signing up to help with this ministry on the stewardship form this week.

"Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us."

---Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily at First Vespers of Advent, November 28, 2009*

