



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

✠ 222 west redoubt avenue ✠ soldotna, ak 99669 ✠

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:

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours (for winter):

9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

Closed on Mondays

Franceska Robinson, Secretary

Phone: 262-4749

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Access to We Share

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### PASTORS:

#### Fr. Roger Bergkamp, OMI (Lead pastor)

262-4749, Option 3

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### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

#### Marlys Verba

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### SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

### ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

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### PRAYER CHAIN:

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For verbal prayer requests,  
please call the parish office.

## 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.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 8, 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 25<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> 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 [marlys.verba@amail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@amail.com).

MONDAY, 12/9/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Gn 3:9-15, 20  PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  Lk 1:26-38	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer, 7:30am</li> <li>• Centering Prayer, 8:15am</li> </ul>
TUESDAY, 12/10/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Is 40:1-11  PS 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13  Mt 18:12-14	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer, 7:30am</li> <li>• Mass, 12:05pm</li> <li>• Advent reconciliation 7pm</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, 12/11/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Is 40:25-31  PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10  Mt 11:28-30	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer, 7:30am</li> <li>• Choir Practice at 9:30am</li> <li>• Mass, 12:05 pm</li> <li>• THE WAY CAFÉ: 3:30-7:00 pm</li> <li>• RCIA, 6:00pm O'Neill Hall</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, 12/12/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Zec 2:14-17  Jdt 13:18bcde, 19  Lk 1:26-38	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer, 7:30 am</li> <li>• Mass at 12:05 pm. Adoration follows mass until noon Friday</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, 12/13/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Is 48:17-19  PS 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  Mt 11:16-19	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer, 7:30 am</li> <li>• Adoration until 12 noon</li> <li>• Mass, 12:05pm</li> <li>• Love Baskets at Salvation Army (Kenai) at 2 pm</li> <li>• Advent Reconciliation, OLA 6:30 pm</li> </ul>
SATURDAY, 12/14/2013	
<b>Readings:</b>  Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  PS 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19  Mt 17:9a, 10-13	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconciliation, 3:15-3:45pm</li> <li>• Mass, 4 pm</li> <li>• Craft, Cookie, Book bazaar at OLA 10 am – 5 pm</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, 12/15/2013	
<b>Readings</b>  Is 35:1-6a, 10  Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  Jas 5:7-10  Mt 11:2-11	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9 am</li> <li>• Faith Formation Classes</li> <li>• Craft, Cookie, Book bazaar at OLA 11:30 am – 2 pm</li> </ul>

Dec 9, 2013- Dec. 15, 2013	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Connie Gatling
Collection Counters	Pat & Myrna Cowan
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ruthann Truesdell and Ava Gabler

**Saturday 4:00pm  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Lectors:**  
**1st Reading:**  
Barb Dilley  
**2nd Reading:**  
Carolyn Cannava  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
• Bill Sadler  
• Kathy Cullings  
• John Bonk  
• Barb Bonk (or volunteer)  
• MaryLou Nushart  
**Servers:**  
Danny McIntosh & Jackson Blackwell

**Sunday 9am  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Lectors:**  
**1st Reading:**  
Scott Earsley  
**2nd Reading:**  
Linda Houglum  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
• Rose Henry  
• Alex Zerbinos  
• Meg Zerbinos  
• Joe McElroy  
• Kate Forest  
• Helen Knopp  
• Jeff Rypka  
**Servers:**  
John Mark & Hannah Pothast

**Please note: there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for the liturgical ministries for the Christmas liturgies:**

- Children's liturgy at 4pm on Tuesday;
- Christmas Night Mass at 9pm
- Christmas morning mass at 10am



# Love Baskets

**MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED** for the packing of the Love baskets given out to those needing food assistance for the holidays. Come join us for this fun service project - all ages are welcome! It will begin at 2pm on Friday at the Kenai Salvation Army.



## Who's up at The Way Café?

The servers for December 11<sup>th</sup> are:

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

The servers for December 18<sup>th</sup> are:

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

December 25<sup>th</sup> THE WAY CAFÉ will be CLOSED in  
observation of Christmas!

## YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES:

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

The Youth Ministry board, comprised of students and adults from both OLA and OLPH, invite all teens to a kickoff event for the youth ministry program:

## FIRE PIT Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm to 8pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church: Teens are invited to a relaxed evening of faith, fun, & friendship. Join us for hot dogs, hot cocoa, s'mores, worship music & videos. Dress for outdoor weather!

Contact the Pothast Family for more information at [agr8fulmom@hotmail.com](mailto:agr8fulmom@hotmail.com) or 262-8551.



December 8<sup>th</sup>: Gingerbread festival: 1-4pm

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Filled with Love baskets, 2pm,  
Kenai Salvation Army; **please sign up** on the  
bulletin board in the foyer

December 20<sup>st</sup>/21<sup>nd</sup> - Bell Ringing, 11am-7pm,  
Fred Meyer; **Please sign up** on the bulletin  
board in the foyer

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Pageant and parish  
brunch, after mass, Redemptorist Hall

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There is a reason that John the Baptist appears in our Gospel reading for this Second Sunday in Advent calling out, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." We might conclude, and not entirely in error, that the reference point is the imminent birth of Christ, the ultimate conclusion of Advent.

However, the meaning of this is much deeper and broader, something which needs to strike a chord in our hearts and in our lives of stewardship. Often we make reference to the fact that stewardship requires conversion. There are actually two accepted translations of μετανοέω/metanoēō, the original Greek word construed as "repent" which begins John the Baptist's admonition. One is "repent" which is always good advice to us.

The other is "change." Last week Jesus told us to wake up. This week John the Baptist is telling us to change. Advent is the time for us to come alive, but it is not just an occasion for action. It should also motivate us to alter the way we approach living — to seek ways to live out stewardship in service, in love, and in gratitude.

But, yes, it is a time to be penitent as well. It is a time to repent in the original sense of that word. St. John Chrysostom wrote eloquently on how to repent. He gave us five paths (terms) to lead us to repent: 1. Confession; 2. Forgiveness; 3. Prayer; 4. Almsgiving; 5. Humility. That is good advice for Advent.



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 8<sup>th</sup>; 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.

# Upcoming Liturgical Services

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** - 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 10<sup>th</sup>** - Advent reconciliation service, 7:00pm

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6:30pm, Our Lady of the Angels, Kenai

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - Advent reconciliation service, 6:30pm at OLA

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass, 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, 9:00pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day Mass, 10:00am

The Music Ministry will be having additional practices for those who would like to join us during Advent and Christmas time. There will be practice sessions on **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** and **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**.

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.

Poinsettias will be ordered on December 23rd. Please get your information and money in if you wish to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Christmas.

Thank you in advance!

# SMS Smart Start Breakfast Program

**Many thanks** for the outpouring of support received for the breakfast program efforts at Soldotna Middle School. Many people have offered to volunteer, bring food supplies, and contributed monetary donations after hearing about the program. A total of \$820.00 has been donated to the program so far along with many, many boxes/bags of cereal, milk, and granola bars. Our first week of the program has gone very well with more students coming in every day to enjoy a quick breakfast before starting their school day. I am humbled and incredibly grateful for your generosity. Thank you so much!

**If you would like to learn more about the program**, see a list of supply needs, or volunteer please email me, Sheilah-Margaret Pothast, at [spothast@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:spothast@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

Volunteers must complete the KPBSD screening that is available on the district website. Email me and I will send you the link. The background check must be in place before volunteering in our school.

Cereal and other non-perishable supplies can be dropped off in the bin in the church foyer. Any supplies can be dropped off at the front office at Soldotna Middle School, as well. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact me at the email above or at my home phone: 262-8551

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND PRAYERS! GOD BLESS YOU!**

# Crafts Cookies books

Announcing the 1st Annual *Craft Bazaar*, to occur in conjunction with the annual *Cookies "Buy" the Pound* and a *Catholic Book Sale* at Our Lady of the Angels in Kenai. This event will take place on Saturday, December 14th, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, December 15th, 11:30 am to 2 pm. Please join us!