



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

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

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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.



3rd Sunday in Advent
December 15, 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 marlys.verba@gmail.com.

MONDAY, 12/16/2013	
Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a PS 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer, 7:30am • Centering Prayer, 8:15am
TUESDAY, 12/17/2013	
Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 PS 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer, 7:30am • Mass, 12:05pm • St Vincent de Paul meeting 5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/18/2013	
Readings: Jer 23:5-8 PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25	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, 6:00pm O'Neill Hall
THURSDAY, 12/19/2013	
Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a PS 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer, 7:30 am • Mass at 12:05 pm. Adoration follows mass until noon Friday
FRIDAY, 12/20/2013	
Readings: Is 7:10-14 PS 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer, 7:30 am • Adoration until 12 noon • Mass, 12:05pm • Bell Ringing at Fred Meyer 11:00am-7:00pm
SATURDAY, 12/21/2013	
Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Zep 3:14-18a PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation, 3:15-3:45pm • Mass, 4 pm • Bell Ringing at Fred Meyer 11:00am-7:00pm
SUNDAY, 12/22/2013	
Readings Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9 am • Faith Formation Classes

December 16 th – December 22 nd , 2013	
Mops and Bucket Crew	All Parish
Collection Counters	Connie Gatling & Francheska Robinson
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Stephanie Cox & Kathryn Dunagan

**Saturday 4:00pm
December 21st, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Ruthann Truesdell
2nd Reading: Rob Quelland
Eucharistic Ministers:
 • Joe Deveaux
 • Holly West
 • Sue Dukowitz
 • Rick Dukowitz
 • Linda Hutchings
Servers:
 Cody Quelland,
 Caleigh & Faith
 Glassmaker

**Sunday 9:00am
December 22nd, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Pat Cowan
2nd Reading: Barb O'Lena
Eucharistic Ministers:
 • Ron O'Lena
 • Sean McQuire
 • Mryna Cowan
 • Sharon Shassetz
 • Marguerite McIntosh
 • Dartanian Aldridge
 • Thelma Antila
Servers:
 Leah & Anne
 McCabe

Highlights:

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

Please bring hand bells to the Children's Liturgy



Christmas Pageant & Parish Breakfast

The Children's Christmas Pageant and Parish Breakfast will be on **Sunday, December 22** after mass in the Redemptorist Hall. Everyone is invited to join us in this family celebration.





Who's up at The Way Café?

The servers for December 18th are:

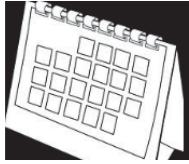
Lynn F (Person in Charge)

Marlys V

Bruce E

Alan/Julia W

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



The Month Ahead

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

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

December 22nd - Christmas cleaning/ decorating after Christmas pageant

December 23rd - Firepit Youth Fellowship

December 29th - No Faith Formation

January 5th - No Faith Formation

2014 PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Tuesday, January 28th, 2014, 10:00am-

3:00pm, at the Old Sears Store in Kenai, help is needed for the 2014 Project Homeless Connect! The 2014 Project Homeless Connect! Is a one-day, one-stop event for the homeless, and those facing homelessness, to receive service and/or information from agencies such as Public Assistance, the Veteran's Administration, the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Love, Inc., Public Health, Social Security, & much, much more.

- Donations all cold weather gear may be dropped off at the Kenai MediCenter.
- Donations of personal items or food (soup or meat, pop top cans only, pilot bread, crackers, etc. . .) can be dropped off @ Love, Inc.

To volunteer, call Kate Veh @ 252-4530 or Marti Slater @ 690-3071.

To have a Table, call Lori Engler at Independent Living Center, 262-633

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

On **Monday, December 23rd**, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, 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 or 262-8551.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, and the shut-ins. There are those seemingly without hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?



Upcoming Liturgical Services

December 18th/December 21st 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 18th at 9:30am and December 21st at 2:30pm.

December 24th - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass, 4:00pm
Christmas Vigil Mass, 9:00pm

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

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



Please note this will be the LAST WEEKEND to purchase a poinsettia for remembrance of loved ones!

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!



New Year Necessities



Please pick one up a 2014 calendars & church collection envelopes. They both can be found in the foyer.

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

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!

