



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 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 pm Thursday to 12 noon
on Friday

CONTACT US: PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Closed on Monday; 9:00 am to

3:00 pm Tuesday - Friday

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7th, 2014

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- Thursday: 12:45 pm and Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

- Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.
- Children 8 and older - Contact the office to register for RCIA
- Adults – Contact the 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 24th/2th, 2015** after mass
- *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: 262-4749*
- *Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.*

FUNERALS: Contact 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.

Calendar for December 8th - December

MONDAY, 12/8/2014	
Readings:  GN 3:915,20  PS 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4  EPH 1:3-6,11-12  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am • Mass at noon Feast of the Immaculate Conception • Renew Meeting at noon O'Neill Hall • Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall
Tuesday, 12/9/2014	
Readings:  IS 40:1-11  PS 96:1-2,3and 10AC,11-12,13  MT 18:12-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall • Evening of Remembrance @ 7pm
Wednesday, 12/10/2014	
Readings:  IS 40:25-31  PS 103:1-2,3-4,8and10  MT 11:28-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Choir practice at 6pm • RCIA Class @ O'Neill Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday, 12/11/2014	
Readings:  IS 41:13-20  PS 145:1nad9,10-11, 12-13AB  MT 11:11-15	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Adoration following Mass until Friday noon • Advent Reconciliation at 7pm
Friday, 12/12/2014	
Readings:  ZEC 2:14-17  JDT 13:18BCDE,19  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration until noon • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Christmas Basket filling: at Salvation Army: Kenai at 1pm • Bishop's Attic Christmas Potluck Gathering at O'Neill Hall @ 6pm
Saturday, 12/13/2014	
Readings:  SIR 48:1-4,9-11  PS 80:2ACand3B,15-16,18-19  MT 17:9A,10-13	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm • Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 12/14/2014	
Readings:  IS 61:1-2A,10-11  LK 1:46-48,49-50,53-54  1THES 5:16:14  JN 1:6-8,19-28	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 10 am • The New Evangelization: Adult Ed. at 11:15am at O'Neill Hall

December 8 th – December 14 th 2014	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Marty Oberg Family
Collection Counters	Elaine W. Linda M. December 14 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Sandy H. Katy H.

Saturday 5:00pm
December 13th 2014

Lectors:
Dennis Murray
Martha Rodrigues (SPANISH)

Eucharistic Ministers:
John Bonk
Barb Bonk
Kathy Cullings
Joe DeVeaux
Sean McQuire

Servers:

Sunday 10:00 am
December 14th 2014

Lectors:
Becky Applebee
Spanish Speaker

Eucharistic Ministers:
Meg Zerbinos
ALex Zerbinos
Alyson Stogsdill
Jim Stogsdill
Dee Dee Garske

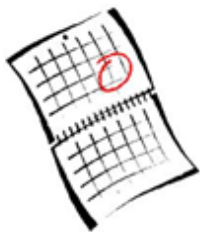
Servers:
Kellie Arthur
Haley Buckbee

THE MONTH AHEAD

December 12th - Fill Christmas Baskets 1pm @ Salvation Army in Kenai
December 14th - Adult Education at O'Neill Hall at 11:15am
December 19th-20th - Silver Bell Ringing 11am-7pm
December 21st - Parish Christmas Breakfast and Children's Pageant after Mass at Fireweed Hall
December 21st - Christmas Caroling to follow at 12:30pm-2:30pm
December 23rd - Christmas church cleaning and decorating for Christmas at 1pm.
December 30th - Open house celebration of Fr. Roger's 50th Ordination at 6:30 - 8:30pm at Fireweed Hall

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 8th - Solemnity of Immaculate Mary Mass at NOON
December 9th - Evening of Remembrance vespers at 7pm
December 11th - Advent Reconciliation at 7pm at OLPH
December 19th - Advent Reconciliation Service at OLA at 6:30pm
December 24th - Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 5pm
December 24th - Evening Mass at 9pm
December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10am



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FATHER ROGER'S CELEBRATION

Father Roger is celebrating his 50th year of ordination in December. We would invite you to celebrate/share your good wishes with him at an open house on Tuesday, **December 30th** from 6:30-8:30pm in Fireweed Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING

Signup sheets are available in the foyer on the bulletin board for two upcoming activities in December: Christmas Fill the Baskets for the needy. Many hands needed to fill 350 plus boxes to be delivered for the holidays. Our parish will be helping Salvation Army to do this on FRIDAY, **DECEMBER 12th** at 1pm. Any age is welcome, with parent (grandparent) supervision. Silver Bell Ringing will happen on Friday and Saturday, **December 19th-20th** at both entrances of Fred Meyers from 11am-7pm. Many helpers are needed for this hour long commitment to ring bells. Small children must be accompanied by adults. If you remember from last year, our two days were the highest collections of the season and we had fun, too! Please direct questions to Scott.

2014 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. Help care for those who have dedicated their lives to serving the people of our Church.

EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

Holidays are always a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. Come join us on Tuesday **December 9th** at 7pm for an **EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE** prayer vigil to remember your loved ones with prayer, reflection, music and candle lighting. A reception will follow in Fireweed Hall.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7th

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." Many of us may recall that proclamation from St. John the Baptist. It certainly reflects the humility expected from all of us as stewards of the Lord. Nevertheless, there is a deeper meaning in that statement which has both implication and applicability to us and our lives. At that time, the time of John the Baptist and Jesus, one of the basic teachings of Jewish rabbis was that a teacher might demand almost anything of his students and followers with one exception: that was to remove the teacher's sandals. John tells us he is not worthy to do even that. This Advent season asks us to evaluate how we relate to God, and how prepared we are to serve Christ as His disciple, His steward. Are we worthy? That is the question we need to be asking ourselves. And the truth is that none of us are worthy of the sacrifice and salvation provided us by the Lord. Jesus brings us an immersion in the Holy Spirit which takes us beyond this life and this understanding. Are we ready? It is time to get ready. Saint Pope John Paul II said, "The whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ."

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

We have a new shipment of coffee that will be available just in time for the holidays. There are different roasts available as well as some gift packages to use for your gift giving. The present coffee will be sold at \$8 / bag. Please see the new display area. Please remember this is FAIR TRADE COFFEE and you are supporting the indigenous farmers of Guatemala with this purchase for a fair wage for their work.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will meet **December 14th**. The children will be presenting the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, **December 21st** during the Parish Breakfast at the Fireweed Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us.

After the breakfast/pageant we will go Christmas Caroling around to the shut-ins. Please join us for this fun activity. The faith formation classes will then resume **January 11th**.

Adult Education will also meet next week for the third segment on the New Evangelization, in O'Neill Hall at 11:15am.

You may join anytime for the video and discussion.

REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You will have an opportunity to purchase (\$12/plant) a poinsettia to be used during the Christmas liturgies in memory of a loved one. Please put the name of the loved one as well as donation in the envelopes provided in the foyer. Please purchase by **December 21st**. Flowers may be picked up after the weekend liturgies on **December 28th**.

