



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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14th, 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 15th - December

MONDAY, 12/15/2014	
Readings:  NM 24:2-7,15-17A  PS 25:4A-5AB,6and7 BC,8-9  MT 21:23-27	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am • Daily Mass: 12:05pm • Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall
Tuesday, 12/16/2014	
Readings:  ZEP 3:1-2,9-13  PS 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19and23  MT 21:28-32	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Daily Mass: 12:05pm • Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall
Wednesday, 12/17/2014	
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 • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Choir practice at 6pm • Confirmation Class 6pm-8pm • Reconciliation in HOMER at 6:30pm • RCIA Class @ O'Neill Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thursday, 12/18/2014	
Readings:  JER 23:5-8  PS 72:1-2,12-13,18-19  MT 1:18-25	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Adoration following Mass until Friday noon
Friday, 12/19/2014	
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"> • Adoration until noon • Daily Mass: 12:05 pm • Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyers 11am-7pm • Reconciliation Service at OLA @ 5:30pm
Saturday, 12/20/2014	
Readings:  IS 7:10-14  PS 24:1-2,3-4AB,5-6  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm • Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 12/21/2014	
Readings:  2SM 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16  PS 89:2-3,4-5,27-29  ROM 16:25-27  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 10 am • Parish Christmas Breakfast / Children's Pageant/Christmas Caroling 12-2pm

December 15 th – December 21 st 2014	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Jamie Query Family
Collection Counters	Bob Schuh Myrna Schuh December 21 st
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ruth Ann T. Ava G.

Saturday 5:00pm
December 20th 2014

Lectors:
Shannon Dwyer
Barb Dilley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Linda Hutchings
Holly West
Aida Burgess
Bill Sadler
Sue Dukowitz

Servers:
Faith Glassmaker
Caleigh Glassmaker

Sunday 10:00 am
December 21st 2014

Lectors:
Linda Houglum
Pat Cowan

Eucharistic Ministers:
Myrna Cowan
Gloria Sweeney
Helen Knopp
Jane Fellman
Jim Fellman

Servers:
Cody Quelland
Jackson Blackwell

THE MONTH AHEAD

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 12:00pm-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

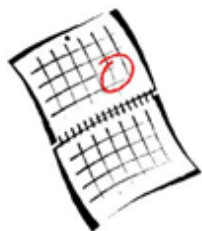
UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 19th - Advent Reconciliation Service at OLA at 5:30pm

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

Silver Bell Ringing will happen on Friday and Saturday **December 19th** and **20th** at both entrances of Fred Meyers from 11am-7pm. Many helpers are needed for this hour long commitment to ring bells. Sign Up sheet is available on the bulletin board.

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 question to Scott.

THANK YOU

Many Thanks go to the Operation Shoe Box facilitator Ruth Ann Truesdell and each of you for the 89 boxes that were returned for the project! Great Job!

Also, the bake sale sponsored by the hospitality ministry garnered \$495 for the Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

The One Bread, One Body campaign is over but our parish continues to shine with their stewardship commitment to support the broader church in our Archdiocese. At present, 44% of our parish has participated with a pledge. Please know that you can still pledge to this campaign until the end of the year. The monies over our assessed goal will come back to the parish for the building fund. Great Job!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14th

In his letter to the Thessalonians, our second reading for this, the Third Sunday of Advent, St. Paul gives us a summary of what it means to be a good steward: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks." That may seem simplistic, admittedly difficult, but those are indeed at the heart of a stewardship way of life. It is worth noting as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child that stewardship is both a happy and positive way of living. It is happy because good stewards, through focusing on gratitude, view life in an upbeat and encouraging way. As a result they are not blessed because they are stewards, but they are exceedingly happy because they view all as gift and all with gratefulness. Paul goes on to say that it is God's will that we live like this. That does not mean that it is a mandate or an order from the Lord — He granted each of us free will. Nevertheless, because it is God's will, rather than we must do it, we are able to do it with God's help. During this Advent season, as Christmas approaches, is the perfect time for us to commit to lives of stewardship. By turning to God and trusting in the Lord, we can achieve this.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

The new coffees that have arrived are \$12/bag. Try some of them at the Parish Breakfast next weekend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please note there is a sign-up sheet for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies for the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Gift Bearers needed.

Please take time to sign up.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes WILL NOT MEET the weekends of December **21st**, **28th**, **January 4th**. The children will be presenting the Christmas pageant on Sunday, **December 21st** during the Parish breakfast after Mass at 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 resume on **January 11th** with the Safe/Sacred Environment presentations in the classrooms that day.

Confirmation class will meet this coming Wednesday, **December 17th** from 6pm-8pm. The Arthur/Blackwell families are responsible for dinner that evening. Adult education will meet this Sunday for class as well as on **January 11th**. You may join the presentations at any time.

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 note there is a date change: orders will be placed by Wednesday **December 17th**. Please have names in the church by then. Flowers may be picked up after the weekend liturgies on **December 28th**.