



# 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

### Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

Website - [www.olph.cc](http://www.olph.cc)

Access to We Share

Email - [olph@alaska.net](mailto:olph@alaska.net)

### PASTORS:

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262-4749, Option 3

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### PARISH LIFE 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com).

Calendar for December 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

MONDAY, 12/7/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 35:1-10  PS 85:9ABand10,11-12, 13-14  LK 5:17-26	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church</li> <li>Mass for the vigil of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/8/2015	
<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>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/9/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 40:25-31  IS 103:1-2,3-4,8and10  MT 11:28-30	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>RCIA 6:30-8:30pm; O'Neill Hall</li> <li>Confirmation class at 6-8pm</li> <li>Reconciliation for Confirmation class at 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/10/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 41:13-20  PS 145:1and9,10-11, 12-13AB  MT 11:11-15	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Adoration begins after Mass</li> <li>Salvation Army Stuff In boxes at Kenai Salvation Army at 1pm</li> </ul>
Friday, 12/11/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 48:17-19  PS 1:1-2,3,4and6  MT 11:16-19	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Group 6:30am-8am</li> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Adoration until 11:45am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Mom's group: Gingerbread Houses/gathering 5:30-7pm in O'Neill Hall</li> </ul>
Saturday, 12/12/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  ZEC 2:14-17  JUDITH 13:18BCDE,19  LK 1:26-38	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 12/13/2015	
<b>Readings:</b>  ZEP 3:14-18A  IS 12:2-3,4,5-6  PHIL 4:4-7  LK 3:10-18	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 10 am</li> <li>Faith Formation Class</li> <li>Meeting after Mass for Children's choir in choir area</li> </ul>

December 7 <sup>th</sup> – December 13 <sup>th</sup> 2015	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Judy Link Family
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Kathryn D. Cathy H. December 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Anne B. Haley

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Lectors:**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Please check the bulletin board for the ministers for this week

**Servers:**  
Clyde Crandall  
Josh O'Lena

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
December 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

**Lectors:**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Please check the bulletin board for the ministers for this week

**Servers:**  
Kellie Arthur  
Erika Arthur

**Christmas Liturgical Ministries List**

*There is a signup sheet for the liturgical ministries for the Christmas Masses. Please check to see what areas you may help with. Thank you in advance.*

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

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**December 10<sup>th</sup>** - Salvation Army Christmas Box pack in at 1pm in Kenai

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** - Moms Group: Gingerbread House Making in O'Neill Hall at 5:30pm-7pm

**December 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Silver Bell ringing 11-7pm at Fred Meyer

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Breakfast / Children's Christmas Pageant after Mass

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - No faith Formation classes

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Clean/Decorate Church for Christmas at 1pm/Mass



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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Vigil of Feast of Immaculate Conception at 7pm

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of Immaculate Conception. Noon Mass

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm at OLPH

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Advent Reconciliation Service 5:30pm at OLA

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - No Daily Mass

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Mass at 5pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve Mass of the Night at 9pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day Mass at 10am

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** - Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 6:30pm. No Adoration this week.

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## CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

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CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST is a seven week session DVD program by Fr. Robert Barron using six stories of conversion from the Bible to demonstrate how six ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. "Jesus calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence, explains Fr. Barron. We will look at Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well and the Journey of the Magi. Please consider joining us after Sunday Mass in Fireweed Fellowship hall beginning on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Barb Dilley will be facilitating the sessions.

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## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BOX PACK IN

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Please join us on Thursday **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm at the Kenai Salvation Army store as we help pack the Christmas dinner Boxes for those needing this outreach. This afternoon activity moves quickly and the more hands there are the faster it goes. See Scott for details. This activity is appropriate for grade school students up with parent supervision. Signup sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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## Silver Bells Ringing

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We have committed again to ring bells for the Salvation Army on two occasions; Friday **December 18<sup>th</sup>** and Tuesday **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 11am-7pm. There is a signup sheet on the foyer bulletin board. Families are welcome to participate in this activity, an adult must accompany the children during the activity. Please see Scott for any questions.

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## THANK YOU

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Ruthann Truesdell for organizing/facilitating the Operation Shoe Box this year. We had around 120 boxes filled, the most ever. Thank you to those who participated!

To those who artistically decorated the Christmas wreaths for sale: as always, they were a big hit!

To Ron O'Lena, Alex Zerbino, Robb Quellan for replacing the lights on the outside of O'Neill Hall with LED's, good stewardship for saving electricity and cost of the same.

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## NEW PARISH APP

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New Parish App Coming NEXT WEEK!

We are pursuing new opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As a part of these efforts we are happy to announce that we will now have our own App for Apple and Android phones.

Our new APP will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events.

There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The App will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as, daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, quick access to online tithing, Confession reminders and our weekly bulletin. So, be sure to download the App after Mass next week. There will be a table in Fireweed Fellowship hall to help you with the download.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>

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Prayer should be an important part of our lives as Catholics; prayer needs to be a part of our lives (and our schedule) during this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In our Second Reading today, St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians proclaims a prayer for them (and for us as well), "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

That prayer is a succinct way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love; that we need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a disciple; that we must sort out what is really of value — that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith; and that we should be striving for "righteousness" as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well.

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## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR

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Those students grades third and up, that are interested in participating in a choir for the children's Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm are invited to a meeting immediately after Mass on Sunday **December 13<sup>th</sup>** in the choir area.

Please come to check on the rehearsal times/music and get prepared to sing praises during the Mass.

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## MOMS GROUP

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The Moms group is meeting on Friday **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30-7pm in O'Neill hall. They have decided to do Gingerbread houses and invite you to participate with them.

Please call Stephanie at 260-7459 for specifics about the evening.

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## POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

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It's that time of the year again to remember our loved ones during the holidays with a poinsettia for the sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost is \$12/flower. Envelopes on foyer table ordered by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please include names of loved ones/monies in the envelope.

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## CHRISTMAS LETTER CAMPAIGN

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As we approach the holidays in particular this year, let us remember our servicemen and women who strive to keep the peace in our world and are away from home. If you have any names/pictures of armed services members and would like to have them included in the Christmas letter campaign, please put them in the basket in the foyer.

That campaign with letter writing and cards will be available in Fireweed on the weekends of **November 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>** and **December 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** after the Masses. In addition to the thoughts, in particular, as we move into the YEAR OF MERCY, please consider participating in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration through the month of December for those individuals. The time slots of Thursday, from 3 to 6pm, in particular are designated an Hour of Power. Stop for a few minutes and lift your prayers for our service people.

One of the servicemen from our parish, A1C Russell Dukowitz would appreciate those cards/letters and prayers.

His address: 102 West Alison Avenue  
Clovis, New Mexico 88101  
UNIT 56

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## ADVENT SEASON

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ADVENT SEASON begins on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**. To assist each of you during this season, in the foyer are resources to use during this holy time. The Blue Book with daily reflections for adults, Reflection book for Teens/young adults and an advent calendar for students.

In addition please note, there is are two Advent Reconciliation opportunities: **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at OLPH at 7pm and OLA, Kenai on **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm.

As we begin the Year of Mercy on **December 8<sup>th</sup>** there will be opportunities to practice the Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy. The bulletin board in the foyer will have frequently updated materials/opportunities for each of you. Please stay tuned for those various opportunities.

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## BUNCO FUN

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There is in the planning an evening of BUNCO playing, learning the game for some of us and conversation/fun on Saturday **January 30<sup>th</sup>** after Mass. Potluck fare after Mass and then let the Game begin! If you are a seasoned BUNCO player and want to share your expertise and help with this, please see Thelma.

