



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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 13th, 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 21st/22nd, 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.

Calendar for December 14th - 20th 2015

MONDAY, 12/14/2015	
Readings: NM 24:2-7,15-17A PS 25:4-5AB,6and7BC, 8-9 MT 21:23-27	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 12/15/2015	
Readings: ZEP 3:1-2,9-13 PS 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19 and23 MT 21:28-32	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm
Wednesday, 12/16/2015	
Readings: IS 45:6C-8,18,21C-25 PS 85:9ABand10,11-12,13-14 LK 7:18B-23	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm RCIA 6:30-8:30pm; O'Neill Hall
Thursday, 12/17/2015	
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: 12:05pm Adoration begins after Mass
Friday, 12/18/2015	
Readings: JER 23:5-8 PS 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 MT 1:18-25	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Adoration until 11:45am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Silver Bell Ringing at Fredy's 11am-7pm
Saturday, 12/19/2015	
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"> Hospitality Baking/Set up for Parish Breakfast at 10am Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 12/20/2015	
Readings: MI 5:1-4A PS 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 HEB 10:5-10 LK 1:39-45	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 10 am Parish Christmas Breakfast, Children's Pageant after mass at Fireweed Hall

December 14 th – December 20 th 2015	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Sean McQuire Family
Collection Counters	Karl K. Cindy K. December 20 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Anne M. Georgia

Saturday 5:00pm
December 19th 2015

Lectors:
Dave Nelson
Judy Nelson

Eucharistic Ministers:
John Bonk
Barb Bonk
Bill Sadler
Kathy Bongiovanni
Linda Hutchings

Servers:
Haley Buckbee
Katherine Gross

Sunday 10:00 am
December 20th 2015

Lectors:
Pat Cowan
Scott Earsley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Myrna Cowan
Sharon Shassetz
Thelma Antila
Alex Zerbino
Meg Zerbino

Servers:
Danny McIntosh
Drew Cox

Christmas Liturgical Ministries List

Thank you to those who've signed up. There is an almost full liturgical ministries list for the Christmas liturgies posted on the bulletin board. Please check and see what areas you can help with.

THE MONTH AHEAD

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

December 20th - Parish Breakfast / Children's Christmas Pageant after Mass

December 20th, 27th or January 3rd - No faith Formation classes

December 23rd - Clean/Decorate Church for Christmas at 1pm/Mass



UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 15th - Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm at OLPH

December 18th - Advent Reconciliation Service 5:30pm at OLA

December 24th - No Daily Mass. No Adoration.

December 24th - Children's Mass at 5pm

December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass of the Night at 9pm

December 25th - No Adoration

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10am

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

January 1st - No Adoration

CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

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 10th**. Barb Dillely will be facilitating the sessions.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BOX PACK IN

Please join us on Thursday **December 10th** 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.

Silver Bells Ringing

We have committed again to ring bells for the Salvation Army on two occasions; Friday **December 18th** and Tuesday **December 22nd** 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.

NEW PARISH APP

APP Launch Announcement;

Download Our New Parish APP!

Our new OLPH Parish App is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at OLPH and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our APP today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's App store for myparish.

CHRISTMAS PARISH BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to a parish breakfast in Fireweed Hall after Mass. The Faith Formation classes will be presenting the nativity story with song; We invite you to come join us and participate. THERE WILL BE A special guest joining us for the breakfast. Photo opportunities will be available. If you would like to help serve the breakfast and clean up, please see Thelma.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13th

Today, the Third Sunday in Advent, is also called Gaudete Sunday. That name is taken from the Latin word *Gaudete* which is the first word of the introit of today's Mass. *Gaudete* means "Rejoice." The first line of the introit in its entirety is *Gaudete in Domino semper*, meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always."

Joy and rejoicing are part of all of our readings on this day. As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of Jesus Christ means for us. Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season for us as Catholics. However, having passed the midpoint of Advent, we see some changes to encourage us in our spiritual preparation.

Yes, this should have been a time when we have been spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ. It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, "Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR

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 13th** in the choir area.

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

POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

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 15th**.

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

Flower remembrances need to be in by this weekend.

ADVENT SEASON

ADVENT SEASON begins on **November 29th**. 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 15th** at OLPH at 7pm and OLA, Kenai on **December 18th** at 5:30pm.

As we begin the Year of Mercy on **December 8th** 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.

BUNCO FUN

There is in the planning an evening of BUNCO playing, learning the game for some of us and conversation/fun on Saturday **January 30th** 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.

MARY AND MARTHA'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mary and Martha's Women's ministry begins this year with a service project: Warm Hearts, Warm Bodies, putting together fleece blankets for Lee Shore. Join in the activity and stay for a potluck lunch. We will meet on Saturday **January 9th** 11:30am-1pm in Fireweed Fellowship hall. If you can please bring 2 yards of fleece to make a blanket.

Please mark your calendar then for **January 23th** for the following gathering of Mary/Martha's Women's Ministry at 11:30am-1pm when Brenda Maiman/Bonnie Bezousek will join us for a presentation on Heart Language.

THANK YOU

Stuff in baskets went very quickly and smoothly with all the wonderful help!!! Finished in record time, 280 boxes, in 1 hour and 15 minutes!! Thank u to all the wonderful help; look for the pictures in the foyer screen!!