



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

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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262-4749, Option 3

rgrbergkamp@gmail.com

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PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20th, 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 21st - 27th 2015

MONDAY, 12/21/2015	
Readings:  SG 2:8-14  PS 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  LK 1:39-45	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 12/22/2015	
Readings:  1SM 1:24-28  1SAMUEL 2:1,4-5,6-7, 8ABCD  LK 1:46-56	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Silver Bell ringing 11-7pm at Fred Meyers
Wednesday, 12/23/2015	
Readings:  MAL 3:1-4,23-24  PS 25:4-5AB,8-9,10and 14  LK 1:57-66	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Clean/Decorate Church for Christmas after Noon Mass
Thursday, 12/24/2015	
Readings:  2SM 7:1-5,8B-12,14A, 16  PS 89:2-3,4-5,27and29  LK 1:67-79	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am No Daily Mass No Adoration Children's Christmas Vigil Mass at 5pm Christmas Mass of the Night at 9pm
Friday, 12/25/2015	
Readings:  IS 52:7-10  PS 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6  HEB 1:1-6  JN 1:1-18	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Christmas Day Mass at 10am
Saturday, 12/26/2015	
Readings:  ACTS 6:8-10;7:54-59  PS 31:3CD-4,6and8AB, 16BCand17  MT 10:17-22	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 12/27/2015	
Readings:  SIR 3:2-6,12-14  PS 128:1-2,3,4-5  COL 3:12-21  LK 2:41-52	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 10 am No Faith Formation

December 21 st – December 27 th 2015	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Parish Families
Collection Counters	Elaine W. Linda M. December 27 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Will resume on January 10 th

Saturday 5:00pm
December 26th 2015

Lectors:
Dennis Murray
Barb Dilley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Rick Dukowitz
Susan Dukowitz
Holly West
Sean McGuire
MaryLou Nushart

Servers:
Caleigh Glassmaker
Isabella Valenzuela

Sunday 10:00 am
December 27th 2015

Lectors:
Becky Applebee
Anne McCabe

Eucharistic Ministers:
Michaleen Gross
Russell Gross
Bruce Emerson
Gloria Sweeney
Helen Knopp

Servers:
Leah McCabe
Katherine Gross

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 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

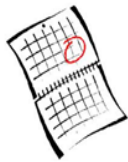
December 23rd - Clean/Decorate Church for Christmas at 1pm/Mass

January 9th - Martha/Mary Women's Ministry: Warm Hearts/Warm Bodies: Fireweed: 11:30-1pm

January 10th - Safe/Sacred Training in Classrooms

January 10th - Adult Education class to begin in Fireweed at 11:15am

January 23rd - Martha/Mary Women's Ministry: "Heart Language" Fireweed at 11:30-1pm



The
Month
Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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 mass at Noon.** No Adoration this week.

January 1st - No Mass at noon. 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 Dilley will be facilitating the sessions.

Silver Bells Ringing

We have committed again to ring bells for the Salvation Army on 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR

A choir practice after the breakfast activities in the hall around noon on Sunday **December 20th**. Further times will be announced on Sunday after practice. Thank you to all who have responded and are willing to help us.

Merry Christmas

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27th

We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph today. This feast was instituted a little more than 100 years ago because at that time, just as today, the concept of family was under attack. Pope Leo XIII, who served from 1878 to 1903, felt that in Europe in particular the family was in crisis.

The Gospels do not tell us much about the Holy Family in the years from Jesus' birth to the beginning of His public ministry. We are aware that they fled to Egypt, returned to Nazareth, and today's Gospel reading tells us of the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanying His parents to Jerusalem. Today we honor that Holy Family, and we understand that they are a model for us as a Christian family. However, there is also an understanding that we need to be aware that we are part of a bigger family, our faith community as a Church and as a parish.

Just as a family unit cannot function properly without each member playing a part, that is true of our local parish family as well. Each of us needs to play a role and to contribute as a member of that family. That is what stewardship is all about. We must be stewards for our personal families to function, and we must also be good stewards for our parish family to be effective.

POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

We are appreciative of all who have remembered their loved ones during this holy season with a flower in the sanctuary. Please continue to pray for the following families/individuals: Joe Dilley, Mary Ellen Nimershiem, Warren Larson, Regina Popp, Eugene Popp, Randall Jensen, M.M Jim Marble, M/M Russell Hafer, Dale Trombley, Keith "Brad" Bradrick, Rick Johnson, Bernard Johnson, Joseph Vachowski, Marie Dukowitz, Margie Marina, Bill Gabler, Matt Johnson, Mary Ellen Bailey, Gloria Wisecarver, Antonia/Idefonsi Bnenaolena, Flor Buenarobra and Jane Mabini.

For those who passed away Cliff Haas, Jack/Dolly Farnsworth, Frances Mynarcik, Carol Brenclke, Art/Brett Snell, Langevin Family, Theriault Family, Norma Bentley, Misak Davison, Grace Truesdell, Shieley Sandercock/Wes Kennedy, Bob Antila, Ross/Antila Family.

The flowers may be picked up after the liturgies on **January 2nd** and **3rd**.

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.

UPGRADING

With the Christmas Season and the possibility of a new gift of a TV screen in your house, please consider. If you have a flat screen TV that still works and are upgrading we are looking for a larger sized one to use with the DVD player for presentations. Please let Marlys know.

DEPLOYMENT

One of our parishioners Russell Dukowitz was recently deployed overseas. We have just received his address: Cards, Letters, and cookies would be most welcome.

Please continue to pray for not only Russell, but all military serving our country during this holiday time.

Address is: Russell Dukowitz,
AFSOD-1/OPS
Unit 61435
APO, AE 09855-1435

CALENDARS, ENVELOPES

2016 Calendars, Envelopes for the new year and the directories are available in the foyer.

If you did not have your picture taken for the directory, the cost is \$5/copy of the directory.

