



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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Access to We Share

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24th, 2016

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 30th/31st, 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 January 25th - 31st 2016

| MONDAY, 1/25/2016 | |
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| Readings:  ACTS 22:3-16  PS 117:1BC,2  MK 16:15-18 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church |
| Tuesday, 1/26/2016 | |
| Readings:  2TM 1:1-8  PS 96:1-2A,2B-3,7-8A,10  MK 3:31-35 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm |
| Wednesday, 1/27/2016 | |
| Readings:  2SM 7:4-17  PS 89:4-5,27-28,29-30  MK 4:1-20 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm RCIA meets in O'Neill Hall at 6:30pm |
| Thursday, 1/28/2016 | |
| Readings:  2SM 7:18-19,24-29  PS 132:1-2,3-5,11,12,13-14  MK 4:21-25 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Adoration after Mass until Friday afternoon |
| Friday, 1/29/2016 | |
| Readings:  2SM 11:1-4A,5-10A,13-17  PS 51:3-4,5-6A,6BCD-7,10-11  MK 4:26-34 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm |
| Saturday, 1/30/2016 | |
| Readings:  2SM 12:1-7A,10-17  PS 51:12-13,14-15,16-17  MK 4:35-41 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm Parish Potluck after Mass with Bunco at 6:30 |
| Sunday, 1/31/2016 | |
| Readings:  JER 1:4-5,17-19  PS 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15-17  1COR 12:31-13:13  LK 4:21-30 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 10 am Faith Formation Classes meet Adult Education Class begins at 11:15 in Fireweed Kairos Parish Breakfast after Mass |

| January 25 th – January 31 st 2016 | |
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| Mops and Bucket Crew | Marguerite McIntosh Family |
| Collection Counters | Karl K. Cindy K. January 31 st |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word | Sandy H. |

Saturday 5:00pm
January 30th 2016

Lectors:
Jackie Swanson
Barb Dilley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Rick Dukowitz
Susan Dukowitz
Holly West
Russell Gross
Michaleen Gross

Servers:
Katherine Gross
Leah McCabe

Sunday 10:00 am
January 31st 2016

Lectors:
Becky Applebee
Karl Kircher

Eucharistic Ministers:
Alyson Stogsdill
Jim Stogsdill
Bruce Emerson
Gloria Sweeney
Helen Knopp

Servers:
Faith Glassmaker
Caleigh Glassmaker
Cameron Blackwell

THE MONTH AHEAD

January 24th - Place at the table 4-6pm at Fireweed Hall

January 30th - Bunco Game/Potluck after Mass

January 30th - 31st - Second Collection for St. Vincent DePaul organization

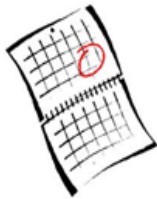
January 31st - Parish Breakfast sponsored by Kairos

January 31st - Adult Education Class #3

February 6th - Hospitality Baking Ministry at 10am in Fireweed

February 7th - Renew Groups begin meeting again

February 11th - Fr. Tad Speaking at St. Benedicts 7-8:30pm



The
Month
Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

February 9th - Mass at 7pm

February 10th - Ash Wednesday Mass noon and 7pm

March 10th - Christ Mass in Anchorage

March 24th - Holy Thursday

March 25th - Good Friday

March 27th - Easter

PARISH POTLUCK

Next Saturday, **January 30th** a parish potluck will follow the 5pm Mass at 6:30pm. The game of BUNCO will begin. Never played it? That's ok. Easy to learn and Fun. We need at least 16 people to have four tables for the game.

LENT SCHEDULE

Lent will begin on Wednesday, **February 10th**. Mass with distribution of ashes will be on Tuesday, **February 9th** at 7pm and Wednesday at noon Mass. Each Friday of Lent we will have a soup supper from 6pm-6:45pm with Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriage – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vii) helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. It provides tools and techniques to help get your marriage back on track. This program provides you and your spouse the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. It has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information about this program, or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **February 26-27 & 28, 2016**. Call 1-907-863-8000 or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

KAIROS

Kairos will host a pancake breakfast at Fireweed Hall Sunday, **January 31st** after Mass proceeds to the ministry. There will be opportunities to learn more about the ministry and the upcoming Kairos retreat opportunities.

Prayer chain signups and cookie recipes available.

Thank you to those who sponsored a meal for those participating in the Kairos retreat. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

QUILTING MINISTRY

Quilting Ministry has begun meeting.

Every Thursday at 10-3pm in Fireweed Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. We will be working on mittens, hot pads and other projects.

Bring a friend, meet new friends!

We attend Mass at noon, potluck lunch to follow Mass.

If you need a ride, please call Pat at 262-7801.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Thank you to all those who were so generous with the supplies needed for our first meal. We are excited to see what happens.

Please feel free to come join us from 4-6pm, to greet our guests and share a meal.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24th

When most of us think of Baptism, we think about immersion in Holy Water. However, for St. Paul, the water is secondary to something else — namely the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, Paul says, "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." It is this Spirit which makes us one, a unified body in Christ.

That is what makes us one, regardless of who we are. Paul uses the illustration of a human body to prompt us as to what it means to be part of a Catholic community of faith. We may not look the same, and we may not even function the same, but that is the key to our lives of stewardship. We are truly one, united through Baptism and united in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis shares a story of a time he baptized the seven children of single mother. After the baptisms, she said to the Pope (to be) "Father, you make me feel so important," to which the Pope replied, "Where do I come in? It is Jesus who makes you feel important." We are one, and each of us is important, united through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

We have begun meeting but please feel free to join the group, when you can. We will meet in Fireweed Hall after Mass.

LETTERS OF OFFERINGS

2015 Letters of Offerings will soon be available. Please contact the office at 262-5542 to update your mailing address if you have already moved.

A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Did you know that we are in the Extraordinary Year of Mercy? It began on Dec. 8 and will end on Nov. 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. Because it began during Advent and with Christmas following shortly thereafter, we have not spoken much about this extraordinary time.

What is a Jubilee Year? A dictionary definition is:

"a period of remission from the penal consequences of sin, granted by the Roman Catholic Church under certain conditions for a year, usually at intervals of twenty-five years." Why is it Extraordinary? Because the last Jubilee year was only fifteen years ago in the year 2000.

How can we gain that remission of "the penal consequences of sin", or as we usually refer to it, the punishment due to sin? By gaining a Plenary Indulgence.

What is a Plenary Indulgence? An indulgence is granted by the Church to remit all (Plenary) or part (Partial) of the punishment due to sin under certain conditions.

The general conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence can be found in informational brochures on the Year of Mercy table between the middle doors entering into the nave of our church.

Pope Francis stresses acts of mercy as a sure way to gain this indulgence if done in a true spirit of charity. You can read the Pope's thoughts on this matter by going on line under "Pope Francis letter on the Jubilee Year of Mercy." The Pope is concerned that all will have the ability to benefit from this Year of Mercy.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been designated as a church of pilgrimage for the Holy Year. The brochure in the narthex explains the Archbishop's stipulations on how to gain the Plenary Indulgence here in our church.



In the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Archbishop Roger Schweitz has designated the following locations as pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee of Mercy. An indulgence can be obtained for the faithful who make a pilgrimage to and pass through the Holy door at any of the following pilgrimage sites: Holy Family Cathedral (with its Holy Door); Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral (with its Holy Door); St. Patrick Church (with its Cloister); and Blessed Sacrament Monastery. Additional pilgrimage sites are St. Andrew Church at Eagle River, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Soldotna, Our Lady of the Lake church in Big Lake and St. Mary Church in Kodiak. See the Catholic Anchor at CatholicAnchor.org for more information.