



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 9:00 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21st, 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 **April 2nd/3rd, 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 February 22nd - 28th 2016

MONDAY, 2/22/2016	
Readings:  1PT 5:1-4  PS 23:1-3A,4,5,6  MT 16:13-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church Evening of Reflection: Mercy as a Bridge at 7pm. Reconciliation available
Tuesday, 2/23/2016	
Readings:  IS 1:10,16-20  PS 50:8-9,16BC-17,21 and 23  MT 23:1-12	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Evening of Reflection: Mercy as a Bridge at 7pm. Reconciliation available
Wednesday, 2/24/2016	
Readings:  JER 18:18-20  PS 31:5-6,14,15-16  MT 20:17-28	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Mercy as a Bridge Recap presentation after noon Mass in Fireweed RCIA meets in O'Neill Hall at 6:30pm
Thursday, 2/25/2016	
Readings:  JER 17:5-10  PS 1:1-2,3,4 and 6  LK 16:19-31	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Quilting Ministry in Fireweed 10-3pm Daily Mass: 12:05pm Adoration after Mass until Friday afternoon
Friday, 2/26/2016	
Readings:  GN 37:3-4,12-13A,17B-28A  PS 105:16-17,18-19,20-21  MT 21:33-43,45-46	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Soup supper at 6-6:45 at O'Neill Hall Stations of the Cross at 7pm at church
Saturday, 2/27/2016	
Readings:  MI 7:14-15,18-20  PS 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12  LK 15:1-3,11-32	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 2/28/2016	
Readings:  EX 3:1-8A,13-15  PS 103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,11  1COR 10:1-6,10-12  LK 13:1-9	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 9 am Faith Formation Time Change To 10:15-11:15am Adult Education Class begins at 11:15 in Fireweed

February 22 nd – February 28 th 2016	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Ron O'Lena Family
Collection Counters	Connie G. Kathy F. February 28 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Carol A. Danielle H.

Saturday 5:00pm
February 27th 2016

Lectors:
Dave Nelson
Judy Nelson

Eucharistic Ministers:
MaryLou Nushart
Donna Cotman
Judy Snell
Aida Burgess
Bill Sadler

Servers:
Leah McCabe
Katherine Gross

Sunday 9:00 am
February 28th 2016

Lectors:
Lauri Kapp
Scott Earsley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Meg Zerbinos
Sharon Shassetz
Thelma Antila
Alyson Stogsdill
Jim Stogsdill

Servers:
Kellie Arthur
Erika Arthur

THE MONTH AHEAD

February 21st - Afternoon REFLECTION: "Icons and Visio Divina: Listening to What We See" at 1:30pm

February 22nd - 23rd - Evening Lenten Reflection: 7pm-8:30pm

February 28th - Presentation after Noon Mass Mercy is a Bridge A Place at the Table 4-6pm

March 3rd at midnight to **March 4th** at midnight - 24 Hours for the Lord. Opportunities to pray with the community at various places during this 24 hours with the Lord.

March 5th - Hospitality Baking 10am-2pm in Fireweed Hall

March 11th - Bingo for Quilts and Baskets at Fireweed. Doors open at 5:30pm, games begin at 6:30pm

March 13th - Time change. One hour forward

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

February 22nd - 23rd - Reconciliation available at the Lenten Evening Parish Reflections 7pm

February 26th - Station of the Cross at 7pm

March 3rd - 4th - 24 Hours with the Lord

March 10th - Chrism Mass in Anchorage

March 24th - Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm

March 25th - Station of the Cross around the town at noon. Station of the Cross at church at 3pm. Good Friday Liturgy at 7pm.

March 26th - Holy Saturday vigil at 9pm

March 27th - Easter Mass at 9am. Parish Breakfast follows.

24 HOURS OF MERCY

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: Pope Francis is asking for "24 Hours for the Lord on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth week of Lent March 4th and 5th. During this time we can encounter the merciful Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at OLPH.

Believing that this serves as a moment of grace an opportunity to unite in shared prayer here in our community. We are also facilitating along with other churches, several community venues for shared prayer during this time. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for the specific venues and times. Here are OLPH we of course, have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

from Thursday midnight to Friday noon Mass.

Soup supper at 6pm will be followed by the Stations of the Cross facilitated by the ACTS groups at 7pm. Reconciliation will be available as well as the church open until 9pm that evening. Please consider finding some time whether here at OLPH or another venue, or at your home to join in this effort to be mindful of the Lord's presence with us asking for reconciliation, mercy and guidance.

RETRouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Just two weeks left to until the RETROUVAILE program begins for married couples that are living in a troubled marriage relationship. Often couples experience conflict and arguments, or no longer communicate with each other and don't know how to change the situation. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples renew their marriage relationships. It can help you too. Give your spouse and yourself a gift for Valentine's day of a Weekend together, and rediscover the person you married. For information, or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **February 26 - 27 and 28, 2016**, call 907 863-8000 or log onto <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

EVENING LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Father Mark Dean, OMI will be with us next weekend, both for the Mass and Lenten Evening Reflections. He will bring his expertise on Icons to a presentation: "Icons and Visio Divina: Listening to What we See" on Sunday, **February 21st** at 1:30pm. On each evening Monday and Tuesday **February 22nd - 23rd** at 7pm Father will give a Lenten Evening Reflection on Mercy. The talks for our Monday-Tuesday evenings will be based on an observation made by Pope Francis: "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." (Pope Francis, *Misericordia Vultus*). We shall look at Mercy as the bridge between our self, our God, our neighbor and our world. On Wednesday after Mass, Father will give a recap of the Bridge to Mercy. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to focus on this topic especially during this Year of Mercy and Lent.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Our next offering of a meal is scheduled for Sunday, **February 28th** from 4-6pm. Please let those who you think would be interested to know about this. Signup sheet for donations of food will be posted soon. Transportation for our parishioners to come will be provided. There is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST

Each liturgical year on the Second Sunday of Lent our Gospel Reading recounts what we call the Transfiguration of Christ. On the First Sunday (last week) we heard one of the accounts of Jesus' temptations in the desert. There is a reason we hear this Gospel Word in this order. Last week we were informed of the temptations that await us, especially during this Holy Lenten period.

This week the way to overcome these temptations is revealed. The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin *trans*, which means "across" and *figura*, meaning "form" or "shape." It signifies a change of form or appearance, and this is exactly what happened to Jesus; His appearance changed and became glorious.

The description of the Transfiguration occurs in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). This is a proclamation of the Lord's divinity. It is intended for all of us. In fact, each of us is invited, just as Peter, James, and John are, to become a part of this experience. We are called to conversion and witness of the truth.

That is what Lent should be all about for us. The stewardship message is that we need to strive for conversion, for grasping the hope offered by Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His." Are we His? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what His Body contains and radiates the sacraments, 'the hope of glory'."

LENT SCHEDULE

As we begin Lent, we will have an opportunity each Friday to share at soup supper at 6pm following by the Stations at 7pm. Stations on **March 4th** will be facilitated by the ACTS group. Reconciliation will be available after from 8-9pm as part of the 24 Hours for the Lord. Please try to attend at least one of the Friday gatherings as part of your Lenten journey. Signup sheet for the soup supper is on the bulletin board.

BINGO FOR QUILTS AND BASKET

Here's another opportunity to play the game everybody loves: BINGO for those beautiful quilts and this time baskets with different themes and gift certificates! Also twenty games to be played on Friday, **March 11th** in Fireweed. Doors open at 5:30pm games begin at 6:30pm. Food available also: Lasagna dinner with dessert included. Please mark this on your calendar and invite your friends.

MARTHA AND MARY MINISTRY

In response to Pope Francis' Year of Mercy' declaration, all women of the Archdiocese of Anchorage are invited to attend a weekend retreat titled, "Women With a Heart of Mercy." Through reflection of both biblical and contemporary women who model hearts of mercy, Dominican sister Terry Richard and Mary Ann Collins will guide us as we nurture our own desires to be merciful. Please bring a photo of a woman who in your own life has been or currently is a role model of mercy.

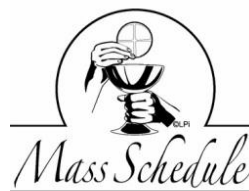
The retreat will be held at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows, Girdwood Alaska beginning Friday, **April 1st** at 6pm through Sunday, **April 3rd** 2pm. Cost of the retreat is \$75.00. Rooms are reserved at Alyeska Prince Hotel for \$151.00 per night. Please consider sharing a room to split the cost. All room reservations must be made by **March 11, 2016**.

Questions: Please contact Bonnie Bezousek, Director of Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Anchorage at 907-297-7732 or [bbeousek@caa.ak.org](mailto:bbezousek@caa.ak.org). Partial or full scholarships are available. Please don't hesitate to ask!! Registration forms will be upcoming.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Starting **February 1st** and continuing until we are able to be sure of having a third priest with us in a more permanent way we will change our Mass schedule in the following ways:

1. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will have *Saturday Mass* at the same time **5pm** and on *Sunday* at **9am**. Faith Formation classes will be from **10:15-11:15am**. Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated at 12:05pm
2. **Our Lady of the Angels** in Kenai, Mass times are *Saturday* at **6:30pm** and *Sunday* at **10:30am**. Weekday Masses at the same 9am time.
3. Reconciliation times at Soldotna *will not* change.
4. Reconciliation times in Kenai are first Fridays of the month from **7-8pm**. Other Fridays after **9am** daily Mass. We regret any inconvenience cause by these changes. Thank you for your understanding and patience with the changes.



FRED MEYERS COMMUNITY REWARD

Once again, thank you to those 55 households who've registered for the community rewards program from Fred Meyer. OLPH will be receiving \$349.55 for this quarter of rewards. Please visit: www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards. OLPH # 8774 to register so that you may begin contributing to the parish from your shopping trips.