



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

✠ 222 west redoubt avenue ✠ soldotna, ak 99669 ✠

Catholic Community Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

TIME CHANGE

for SUNDAY MASS:

begins on **NOVEMBER 27th**:

SUNDAY Mass 10am

Saturday Mass stays the same

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
Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30am to 7:30pm

Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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(Lead pastor)

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba: contact info above

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 4th, 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 **December 31st 2016/ January 1st, 2017** during 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 5th - 11th 2016

Monday, 12/5/2016	
Readings:  IS 35:1-10  PS 85:9ABand10,11-12 13-14  LK 5:17-26	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 12/6/2016	
Readings:  IS 40:1-11  PS 96:1-2,3and10AC, 11-12,13  MT 18:12-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Centering Prayer at 7pm community room in church
Wednesday, 12/7/2016	
Readings:  IS 40:25-31  PS 103:1-2,3-4,8and10  MT 11:28-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Faith Formation Classes: 5:30pm to eat. Classes at 6:30pm RCIA Class 6:30pm in Community Room Advent Reconciliation available from 5:30pm-6:30pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7pm
Thursday, 12/8/2016	
Readings:  GN 3:9-15,20  PS 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4  EPH 1:3-6,11-12  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm followed by reconciliation and Adoration
Friday, 12/9/2016	
Readings:  IS 48:17-19  PS 1:1-2,3,4and6  MT 11:16-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Adoration until noon Daily Mass: 12:05pm
Saturday, 12/10/2016	
Readings:  SIR 48:1-4,9-11  PS 80:2ACand3B,15-16,18-19  MT 17:9A,10-13	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 12/11/2016	
Readings:  IS 35:1-6A,10  PS 146:6-7,8-9,9-10  JAS 5:7-10  MT 11:2-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 10am Covenant Players presentation in Fireweed after Mass

December 5 th – December 11 th 2016	
Mops and Bucket Crew	
Collection Counters	Pat Cowan Myrna Cowan December 11 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ruthann T.

Saturday 5:00pm
December 10th 2016

Lectors:
Jackie Swanson
Shelia Margaret
Pothead

Eucharistic Ministers:
Sean McGuire
MaryLou Nushart
Donna Cotman
Judy Snell
Bill Sadler

Servers:
Jackson Blackwell
Cameron Blackwell

Sunday 10:00 am
December 11th 2016

Lectors:
Lauri Kapp
Carlos Valenzuela

Eucharistic Ministers:
Joe McElroy
Krys Williams
Dr. McIntosh
Jane Eveland
Cindy Glassmaker
Kristine Shine
Tom Osland

Servers:
Drew Cox
Quinn Cox

THE MONTH AHEAD

December 6th - Centering Prayer in Community Room at 7pm

December 10th - 11th - Fire drill after Mass

December 16th - Christmas basket stuffin' at Salvation Army in Kenai at 1pm

December 18th - Parish Breakfast with Christmas Pageant presented after Mass

December 21st - Christmas Caroling

December 22nd - 23rd - Silver Bell ringing at Fred Meyers 11am-7pm

December 23rd - Cleaning and decorating for Christmas at 1pm

December 25th - Place at the table 4-6pm

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 3rd - 4th - Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

December 7th - Vigil of Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Day of Obligation mass at 7pm.

December 7th - Advent Reconciliation opportunity prior to Mass 5:30 - 6:30pm.

December 22nd - Advent Taize prayer at 7pm

February - Archbishop Etienne is planning on being with us for a meet/greet and Mass. Stay tuned for the specifics of the date and time

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 22nd - Taize prayer experience at 7pm in Church

December 24th - Children's Mass at 5pm

December 24th - Christmas Mass of the night at 9pm

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10am



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next week's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please consider giving generously.

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL NEEDS

Signup sheets for the various liturgical needs may be found on the bulletin board for the three Christmas Masses. Please consider which Mass you and your family will attend and sign up where you can.

RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage? –Retrouvaille (pronounced retrovii) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, angry or lonely in their marriage relationship. Most don't know how change the situation, or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **February 10, 11 & 12, 2016**, call 907-863-8000, or log on to <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

SALVATION ARMY ACTIVITIES

Silver Bell Ringing and Christmas Basket Stuffin, both Salvation Army activities we participate in, have signup sheets available on the bulletin board.

The Christmas Basket activity will happen on Friday, **December 16th** at 1pm at the Salvation Army Thrift store in Kenai. This activity takes about 1 1/2 hours, but depends on the number of helping hands.

The Bell Ringing will have two days time, from 11am-7pm, at both doors of Fred Meyers on **December 22nd** and **23rd**. This activity is appropriate for families/small children to participate in. An adult must be present with children under 16years. This is a fun hour activity and helpful to the community. Please stop and sign up for an hour during the Advent time to prepare our hearts to love and care for others.

ST VINCENT ROSARY EVENT

Have you ever thought of a Rosary as a Bible on a chain ? That it tells the story of our Savior ? Or that a friend or acquaintance may just be nurtured by a first rosary? They may have heard of the rosary as a catholic thing. But given to them with Love, is an evangelization tool ? St. Vincent's Rosary Event **December 3rd** and **4th**. Will have gift boxed rosaries handmade by rosary-makers of peninsula parishes. An opportunity to support St. Vincent DePaul and our neighbors.

CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES

Please note that the Calendars and envelopes for the upcoming 2017 are available for pick up in the foyer.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4TH

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another." That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek. That in part is what we are striving for during this Advent season. Often, especially at this time of year, we are in a hurry. God may seem to work too slowly for us. God's plan is based upon patience and endurance. Paul continues that we need to "...welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you." Christ does indeed welcome us with all our faults and our sins as well. Throughout His ministry the Lord called us to treat one another, to love one another, as He treats and loves us.

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.



POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

We are given the opportunity to remember our loved ones during this holy season by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Please do this by **December 18th**. Please put loved ones name, \$12/plant into container found in the foyer. They may be picked up after the liturgy on **January 8th**.

CENTERING PRAYER

There will be a Centering Prayer evening group starting on **December 6th** 7pm at the church community room.
For info call Meg Zerbinos 398-4831

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency drills are NOT just important for schools! Knowing what to do before an emergency occurs is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. We will have a overview of fire exits during an emergency/fire extinguishers location, and other pertinent information after Mass on Saturday and Sunday and with fire drill to happen on **December 10th** and **11th** after Masses.

ADVENT APP

Unlike much of the world, Catholics don't plunge headlong into Christmas after the Halloween candy has been passed out. Nope, we take it slow. We like to really prepare for Christmas. That means a four week period of getting ourselves ready, spiritually, for the celebration of the Incarnation: God-made-man.

Re-load the app for Advent features by tapping the three horizontal lines top left, tap "change parish" and select our parish again.

COVENANT PLAYERS RETURN TO ALASKA

The Covenant Players are returning to Alaska and I'm passing along their information to you for your consideration in putting them to work in your ministry setting. The team returning to Alaska includes 2 of the same individuals that were in Alaska last fall.

For those that may not be familiar, Covenant Players is a non-denominational ministry that sends ministry teams throughout the globe to share the message of the Gospel of Christ through drama. I've seen them at work in small and large parish settings, at retreats, at conferences, and in multi-generational settings. Their drama can be serious or funny, depending upon the needs and desires for your particular focus of ministry. Here is the information sent to me, to pass along to you:

Available on the Kenai Wednesday, **December 7th** - Thurs, **December 15th**. Filled in that time is Thursday afternoon, **December 8th**, Sunday AM, **December 11th**, Tuesday afternoon **December 13th**, Wednesday PM, **December 14th**, and Thursday PM, **December 15th**.

Available in both Mat-Su and Anchorage areas from **December 16th** - **January 2nd**. Specific opportunities for church groups: **December 18th**, Sunday AM, Christmas Eve, **December 24th**, New Years Eve, **December 31st**, and Sunday PM, **January 1st**. Midweek times are largely open.

There are a few opportunities for community outreach to retirement centers and prisons, groups that do not have funding themselves. If someone was interested in giving a donation toward sponsorship, that would be most welcome.

People are free to visit our website at covenantplayers.org, as well as give us a call at [805\)205-0251](tel:8052050251).