



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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262-4749, Option 3

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Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

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PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18th, 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 19th - 25th 2016

Monday, 12/19/2016	
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"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 12/20/2016	
Readings:  IS 7:10-14  PS 24:1-2,3-4AB,5-6  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Centering Prayer at 7pm community room in church
Wednesday, 12/21/2016	
Readings:  SG 2:8-14  PS 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  LK 1:39-45	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 Christmas Caroling: Will meet for dinner at 5:30pm, caroling 6-7pm. Everyone welcome!
Thursday, 12/22/2016	
Readings:  1SM 1:24-28  1SM 2:1,4-5,6-7,8ABCD  LK 1:46-56	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Bell Ringing 11-7pm at F. Meyer: See Bulletin board Daily Mass: 12:05pm followed by reconciliation and Adoration Taize Prayer 7pm at church
Friday, 12/23/2016	
Readings:  ML 3:1-4,23-24  PS 25:4-5AB,8-9,10and 14  LK 1:57-66	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Bell Ringing 11-7pm at F. Meyer: See Bulletin board Adoration until noon Daily Mass: 12:05pm Decorating and cleaning of assembly area at 1pm
Saturday, 12/24/2016	
Readings:  IS 62:11-12  PS 97:1,6,11-12  TI 3:4-7  LK 2:15-20	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Mass at 5pm No Reconciliation Mass of the Night at 9pm
Sunday, 12/25/2016	
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"> Christmas Day Mass at 10am

December 19 th – December 25 th 2016	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Parish on Friday at 1pm
Collection Counters	Lynn Friendshuh Gene Friendshuh December 25 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	WILL RESUME IN TWO WEEKS

Saturday 5:00pm
December 24th 2016
Children's Liturgy

Lectors:
Judy Snell
Mary Lou Nushart

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gloria Sweeney
Robb Quelland
Sharon Shassetz
Michaleen Gross
Deacon Dave

Servers:
Kat Gross
Nicole Alvarez-Angel
Cody Quelland

Sunday 10:00 am
December 25th 2016
Christmas Day

Lectors:
Ruthann Truesdell

Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Dave

Need 6 more: sign up on bulletin board

Servers:
Need 2 servers
Sign up on bulletin board

Saturday 9:00pm
December 24th 2016
Mass of the Night

Lectors:
Sheilah-Margaret Pothast
Barbara Dilley

Eucharistic Ministers:
John Pothast
Sue Dukowitz
Rick Dukowitz
Deacon Dave
Marguerite McIntosh

Servers:
Dan McIntosh

THE MONTH AHEAD

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

December 21st - Christmas Caroling - join us at 6:30pm in Fireweed to go out and carol

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

January 15th - Game night and Potluck 5pm in Fireweed

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 22nd - Advent Taize prayer at 7pm in church

December 31st - Mass at 5pm

January 1st - New Year's Day mass at 10am

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 on **Thursday Night at 7pm**. Come experience a quiet hour's time to really center in on the preparation for Christmas in this hectic time of the holiday preparation.

December 24th - Children's Christmas Liturgy on Christmas Eve at 5pm

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

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass at 10am

December 25th - A Place at the Table for everyone from 4-6pm in Fireweed



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

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that have drifted apart and are living more like roommates than a married couple. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vii) teaches couples how to overcome times like these in their marriage.

This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples suffering difficulty at all levels of marital distress. The next Retrouvaille program begins in Anchorage **February 10, 11 & 12, 2017**. For information log on to: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 907-863-8000.

SALVATION ARMY ACTIVITIES

The bell ringing will commence on Thursday and Friday, **December 22nd - 23rd** from 11-7pm at both entrances at Fred Meyers. This activity is appropriate for families/small children to participate in. An adult must be present with children under 16 years of age. This is a fun activity and a wonderful way to share our JOY as a parish with the community and helping others.

Each year, our church gets kudos for the wonderful participation and the money generated for the needs of the community is the best!



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 11TH

It is the final Sunday of Advent, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, yet because of the calendar in this year of 2016, Christmas is still a full week away. We may ask ourselves if we are prepared for Christmas, but that question may focus on the wrong things — we may be thinking of decorations and Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners.

However, the question we should be asking is "Are our souls ready for Christmas?" That should be the most important part of our Advent preparation. Is God present within us? Are we ready to welcome Christ? Do we acknowledge our need to be prepared for Christ's Second Coming?

In his letter to the Romans, the Second Reading, St. Paul uses the phrase "the Spirit of holiness." Paul, and in a more important way Christ Himself, calls us to holiness. Holiness is more than what we do; it has everything to do with what we are. It has to do with our very identity. Holiness is characterized by our relationship with the Lord. We are waiting for Christ, but the reality is that Christ is waiting for us. God loves us; knowing and responding to that love is holiness.

St. Teresa of Calcutta may have said it best when she stated, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at someone and offer them your hand." Doing that is being holy, too; that, too, is stewardship.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/PARISH BREAKFAST

The faith formation students have been preparing the Nativity story to present to you at the free parish breakfast on Sunday, **December 18th** after Mass in Fireweed. Please join us for this fun undertaking along with some singing. We may have a visitor too, if we can track him down.

FAITH-FILLED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Prints of "St. Therese of Lisieux" by Byron Birdsall are available for purchase from the Archdiocese of Anchorage. The original painting was commissioned as a gift for Archbishop Etienne at his Installation. Standard prints (an edition of 100) are available for \$100. Giclée prints (an edition of 25) that better recreate the look and texture of the original are available for \$1,000.

All prints are hand signed and numbered by the artist, Byron Birdsall. Call (907) 297-7790 to order or email kgerling@caa-ak.org for more information. All proceeds go towards offsetting Installation celebration and transition expenses.

Additionally, copies are still available of *Alaska's Archdiocese: Faith in the Far North*, a history of the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Paperback copies are \$14.95. You can order online at archdioceseofanchorage.org/50th-anniversary-book or by calling (907) 297-7790.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

As the new year approaches, we will be sending out your individual statements after the first of the year. If your address has changed or new to the parish, and not registered, please see Marlys to do so.

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**.