



# 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 27<sup>th</sup>**:

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

Website - [www.olph.cc](http://www.olph.cc)

Access to We Share

Email - [olph@alaska.net](mailto:olph@alaska.net)

### PASTORS:

**Fr. Roger Bergkamp, OMI**

**(Lead pastor)**

262-4749, Option 3

[rgrbergkamp@gmail.com](mailto:rgrbergkamp@gmail.com)

**Fr. Tom Rush, OMI**

262-4749, Option 3

### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

**Marlys Verba**

262-5542 / 262-4749 option 4

Cell Phone: 252-5954

[marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com)

### SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

### ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

**Marlys Verba:** contact info above

### PRAYER CHAIN:

[tairtrvl@gmail.com](mailto:tairtrvl@gmail.com)

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.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2016/ January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com).

Calendar for December 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 - January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Monday, 12/26/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  PS 31:3CD-4,6and8AB, 16BCand17  MT 10:17-22	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/27/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 1:1-4  PS 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  JN 20:1Aand2-8	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Centering Prayer at 7pm community room in church</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/28/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 1:5-2:2  PS 124:2-3,4-5,7CD-8  MT 2:13-18	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>No Faith Formation Classes</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/29/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 2:3-11  PS 96:1-2A,2B-3,5B-6  LK 2:22-35	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm followed by reconciliation and Adoration</li> </ul>
Friday, 12/30/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  SIR 3:2-6,12-14  PS 128:1-2,3,4-5  MT 2:13-15,19-23	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Group 6:30am-8am</li> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Adoration until noon</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 12/31/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 2:18-21  PS 96:1-2,11-12,13  JN 1:1-18	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 1/1/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  NM 6:22-27  PS 67:2-3,5,6,8  GAL 4:4-7  LK 2:16-21	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 10am</li> </ul>

December 26 <sup>th</sup> 2016– January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2017	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Parish
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Lynn Friendshuh Gene Friendshuh January 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

**Lectors:**  
Ruthann Turesdell  
Dennis Murray

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Linda Hutchings  
Rick Dukowitz  
SusanDukowitz  
Holly West  
Sean McGuire

**Servers:**  
Erika Arthur  
Andrew Arthur

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

**Lectors:**  
Anne McCabe  
Melissa Thomson

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

**Servers:**  
Faith Glassmaker  
Caleigh Glassmaker

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

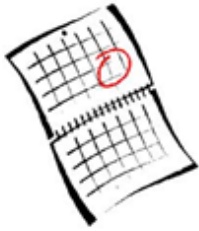
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**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Place at the table 4-6pm

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Faith Formation classes resume on usual time. Circle of Grace to be presented in all classrooms

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Game night and Potluck 5pm in Fireweed

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Visit from Archbishop Paul Etienne Evening Mass with reception to follow



## The Month Ahead

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 31<sup>st</sup>** - Mass at 5pm

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** - New Year's Day mass at 10am

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Evening Mass and reception with Archbishop Etienne

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## THANK YOU

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Thank you everyone for your wonderful participation in all of the various outreach activities we've committed to this holy season. One of the goals for the Pastoral council was to follow the Year of Mercy with a year of JOY and sharing that JOY of the Gospel with others. We, as a parish have a wonderful start on that challenge for the year. May God continue to bless abundantly those in our parish and community as they live out that LOVE and JOY that we celebrate this season.

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## RETROUVAILLE

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RETROUVAILLE, a French word (pronounced retro-vii, meaning re-discovery) is a program that provides help for married couples whose relationship (even occasionally) has become strained or troubled. For this Christmas, GIVE A LASTING GIFT TO YOUR SPOUSE AND YOURSELF, a weekend away together to begin re-connecting and re-kindling the love, companionship and joy of your earlier years together. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 10, 11 and 12, 2017**, call 907-863-8000, or log onto <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.

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## MY PARISH APP

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Our Christmas button has reflections on the 12 Days of Christmas and how they are connected to our Catholic faith.

It's sure to be an inspiration.

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



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## PARISH REGISTRATION

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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.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25TH

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It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

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## MILITARY ADDRESS

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One of our parishioners who is serving in the armed forces, Russell Dukowitz has a new address and would be most happy and appreciative for the prayers of our parishioners and letters, holiday greetings.

His address is:

Russell Dukowitz PSC 94

Box 4737

APO AE 09824

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## FAITH-FILLED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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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](mailto: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](http://archdioceseofanchorage.org/50th-anniversary-book) or by calling (907) 297-7790.

There will be a table after Christmas with the books for sale

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## POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

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We so appreciate the many parishioners who chose to remember their loved ones with a poinsettia during this Christmas season. Please know they will be remembered in prayer during our masses.

The list of the sixty loved ones may be found on the bulletin board. The Poinsettias may be picked up after the Masses on the weekend of **January 8<sup>th</sup>**.

*Merry Christmas*