



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

Website - www.olph.cc

Access to We Share

Email - olph@alaska.net

PASTORS:

Fr. Roger Bergkamp, OMI

(Lead pastor)

262-4749, Option 3

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

SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba: contact info above

PRAYER CHAIN:

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.



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st, 2017

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 January 2nd - January 8th 2017

Monday, 1/2/2017	
Readings:  1JN 2:22-28  PS 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4  JN 1:19-28	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 1/3/2017	
Readings:  1JN 2:29-3:6  PS 98:1,3CD-4,5-6  JN 1:29-34	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am No daily Mass. Word/Communion Service at noon. Centering Prayer at 7pm community room in church
Wednesday, 1/4/2017	
Readings:  1JN 3:7-10  PS 98:1,7-8,9  JN 1:35-42	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm No Faith Formation Classes
Thursday, 1/5/2017	
Readings:  1JN 3:11-21  PS 100:1B-2,3,4,5  JN 1:43-51	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm followed by reconciliation and Adoration
Friday, 1/6/2017	
Readings:  1JN 5:5-13  PS 147:12-13,14-15,19-20  MK 1:7-11	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, 1/7/2017	
Readings:  1JN 5:14-21  PS 149:1-2,3-4,5and 6Aand9B  JN 2:1-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 1/8/2017	
Readings:  IS 60:1-6  PS 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13  EPH 3:2-3A,5-6  MT 2:1-12	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 10am

January 2 nd – January 8 th 2017	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Parish
Collection Counters	Judy Marchiando Peter Marchiando January 7 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ruthann T.

Saturday 5:00pm
January 7th 2017

Lectors:
Linda Houglum
Martha Rodrigues

Eucharistic Ministers:
Donna Cotman
Judy Snell
Wayne Burgess
Aida Burgess
Bill Sadler

Servers:
Please check the bulletin board

Sunday 10:00 am
January 8th 2017

Lectors:
Joseph Baninge
Shelia Margaret Pothast

Eucharistic Ministers:
Joe McElroy
John Pothast
Russell Gross
Michaleen Gross
Krys Williams
Dr. McIntosh
Jane Eveland

Servers:
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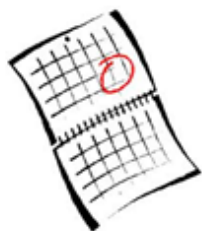
THE MONTH AHEAD

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

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

January 22nd - Place at the table 4-6pm

February 1st - Visit from Archbishop Paul Etienne Evening Mass with reception to follow



The Month Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

January 14th - 15th - Word/Communion Service

February 1st - Evening Mass and reception with Archbishop Etienne

March 1st - Ash Wednesday

April 9th - Palm Sunday

April 16th - Easter Sunday

THANK YOU

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.

RETROUVAILLE

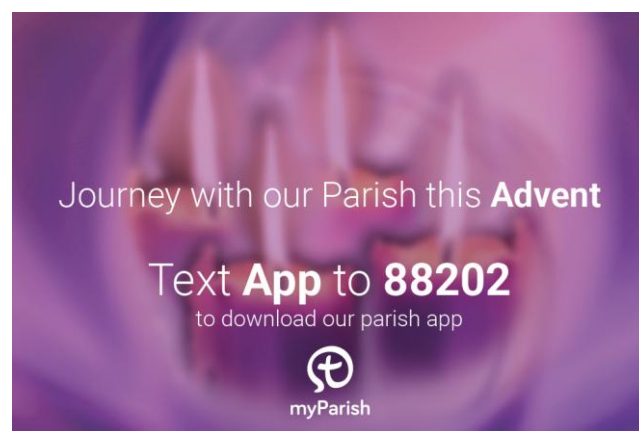
RETROUVAILLE, a French word (pronounced retro-vii, meaning re-discovery) is a program that provides help for married couples whose relationship (even occasionally) has become strained or troubled. For this Christmas, GIVE A LASTING GIFT TO YOUR SPOUSE AND YOURSELF, a weekend away together to begin re-connecting 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>.

MY PARISH APP

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!



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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1ST

The blessing included in the First Reading from the Book of Numbers is one with which most of us are familiar. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you..." In the Jewish culture this has been known for centuries as the Aaronic blessing as it was dictated by God Himself to Aaron. It is important to note that it begins with "The Lord bless you."

All blessings come from God. One error we make is to conclude that blessings always mean happiness or security or prosperity. God knows what blessings we need, even if we do not. The key for us is to be grateful for whatever blessings we may have. That mind set is at the hub of stewardship — knowing all blessings come from the Lord, and our need to be appreciative of them.

To be "kept" by the Lord is to turn our lives over to Him, to know that He is with us and that He loves us, blesses us, and does indeed "keep" us ever in His care. The truth is that to be blessed by God is one of the greatest gifts we can receive. It is available to all of us without exception.

During this continued Christmas season, it is well to remember and repeat the classic statement by the character Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' immortal *A Christmas Carol*: "God bless us, every one," for certainly He does.

MILITARY ADDRESS

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

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.

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

POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

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 Poinsettia's may be picked up after the Masses on the weekend of **January 8th**.

