



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 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

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

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Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

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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 LENT

March 26th, 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 **May 6th/7th, 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 March 27th - April 2nd 2017

Monday, 3/27/2017	
Readings:  IS 65:17-21  PS 30:2and4,5-6,11-12Aand13B  JN 4:43-54	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room
Tuesday, 3/28/2017	
Readings:  EZ 47:1-9,12  PS 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  JN 5:1-16	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Renew meeting at 1pm in O'Neill Hall Centering Prayer 7pm at Community room
Wednesday, 3/29/2017	
Readings:  IS 49:8-15  PS 145:8-9,13CD-14,17-18  JN 5:17-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Faith formation dinner at 5:30pm Faith Formation classes at 6:30pm
Thursday, 3/30/2017	
Readings:  EX 32:7-14  PS 106:19-20,21-22,23  JN 5:31-47	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Quilting Ministry in Fireweed 10am-3pm Daily Mass: 12:05pm Followed with Adoration until Friday at noon
Friday, 3/31/2017	
Readings:  WIS 2:1A,12-22  PS 34:17-18,19-20,21 and23  JN 7:1-2,10,25-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Adoration until noon Daily Mass: 12:05pm Soup Supper at 5:30pm Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
Saturday, 4/1/2017	
Readings:  JER 11:18-20  PS 7:2-3,9BC-10,11-12  JN 7:40-53	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Practice at 3pm Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 4/2/2017	
Readings:  EZ 37:12-14  PS 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8  ROM 8:8-11  JN 11:1-45	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 10am Seven Deadly Sins: Seven Lively Virtues: Part 2 of two: Community room at 10:15am Panoramic Easter Eggs production in Fireweed

March 27 ^h – April 2 nd 2017	
Mops and Bucket Crew	David Stropes family
Collection Counters	Linda M. Elaine W. April 2 nd
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Anne B.

Saturday 5:00pm
April 1st 2017

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

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Servers:
Drew Cox
Christian Thompson

Sunday 10:00 am
April 2nd 2017

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

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Servers:
Isabella Valenzuela
Caleigh Glassmaker

THE MONTH AHEAD

March 26th - A Place at the Table: 4-6pm in Fireweed

March 26th - Adult Education Presentation in Community room at 11:15am

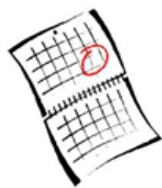
March 26th and **April 2nd** - Seven Deadly Sins: Seven Lively Virtues: Community Room after Mass

April 2nd - Panoramic Egg production after Mass

April 8th - Into Centering Prayer workshop 9:30am-3pm

April 25th - Ministries Appreciation evening: 5:30pm - 7:30pm in Fireweed

May 7th - Parish Breakfast after Mass



The Month Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

March 31st - Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross: Presentation by Fr. Ron Myers, OMI on Reconciliation/Joy

April 6th - Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7pm

April 7th - Lenten Reconciliation and Station of the Cross at 6:30pm

April 9th - Palm Sunday

April 13th - *Holy Thursday*: liturgy At 7pm followed by Adoration until midnight

April 14th - *Good Friday*: Stations Walk around Town beginning at noon from O'Neill Hall

Stations of the Cross at Church at 3pm

Liturgy at 7pm at church

April 15th - Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm

April 16th - Easter Sunday Mass at 10am followed by Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Chatty Catholics

April 23rd - Children's led Mass

April 30th - First Eucharist at 10am

NEED OF GLASS

WE ARE IN NEED OF GLASS containers (baby food jars) for the dispersing of the new Holy Water on Holy Saturday. Can you help us with that?

Please bring to the foyer to the appropriate basket there. Thank you in advance.

LENT TIDBITS

Join us on the Fridays of Lent for a meatless soup supper at 5:30-6:30pm in Fireweed followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm and a presentation that will vary each week.

Black books for daily meditations are available in the foyer. The Lenten bulletin board in the foyer will have many suggestions for this journey through Lent for all ages. One of the opportunities is choosing a slip of paper with Lenten actions on it, which are Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy to challenge you during the week. On Sunday, put that opportunity in writing in a hanging book and add to our Work of Mercy Tree. Choose another one for the current week. Hopefully, by Easter, our tree will be covered with those opportunities we've been given during these 40 days to come closer to the Lord. All ages are invited to participate.

The website for signup for the soup supper is: perfectpotluck.com/ coordinator:verba / password:olph

The upcoming weeks will be facilitated by the following:

5th Week **March 31st**: Stations of the Cross/ Presentation by Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI

6th Week **April 7th**: Stations/Reconciliation service

SEVEN DEADLY SINS; SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

This two part series will follow the Conversion series: Bishop Barron gives a presentation concerning the seven deadly sins, those spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and others. Following Bishop Barron counters with seven antidotes for each sin. Join us on Sunday **March 26th** and **April 2nd** at 11:15am in the community room. Questions; contact Shirley at 262-5954.

UPCOMING EASTER EGG HUNT

Donations are needed of Easter eggs and small candies/toys to stuff them for the Easter Egg Hunt coming soon! Chatty Catholics want to collect these items and get them stuffed for the hunt.

Please bring to the foyer of the church to the marked box for collection by Sunday, **April 9th**.

Thank you in advance!

EASTER LITURGY

Sign Up sheets for the Easter liturgies may be found on the bulletin board.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26TH

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.

Isaiah the prophet had predicted "The eyes of blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the "eyes of the blind will be opened" has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus' saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord's place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, "Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God."



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

ALMS FOR THE POOR

We are halfway through Lent, in the middle of our journey to LENT. One key part of Lent is almsgiving, which means giving money or necessities to people who need them. YOU are challenged to bring ALMS (food for the Food Bank) in the remaining weeks of Lent until Holy Thursday, to the church foyer.

The word "alms" comes from the Greek word for "compassion." Showing compassion for people takes a lot of practice.

Can we start with this small step?

REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS

As we approach Easter, we are again given the opportunity to remember our loved ones during this holy season by a Easter Lily in the sanctuary. Please put your loved ones name, \$12/flower into basket on foyer table. Flowers need to be requested by Sunday, **April 9th**.

Thank you in advance for your help.

FAITH FORMATION

We have only five more classes left of the Wednesday evening faith formation, **March 29th**, **April 5th**, **April 12th**, **April 19th** and **April 26th**.

Please pray for our students who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday this week, that they may continue to come often to the sacrament.

They will continue preparation for First Eucharist which they will receive on Sunday, **April 30th**. They will have a Come to the Table retreat on Saturday, **April 29th** from 9-11am.

CENTERING PRAYER

There will be a Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop on **April 8th**, Saturday, 9:30-3PM, in O'Neil Hall at OLPH.

Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

For more information and to sign up, please call Meg Zerbino 398-4831.

PROFESSIONAL PRINTS

St. Therese of Lisieux: Professional prints of "St. Therese of Lisieux", the patron saint of Alaska, by Byron Birdsall are available for purchase. Standard prints are available for \$100. These are limited to 100 and also signed and numbered by Byron. All proceeds help offset the cost of installation celebrations and transition expenses.

Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

Also, Alaska's Archdiocese: Faith in the Far North, a history of the Archdiocese is available for \$14.95.

Please see the office if interested.