



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
3:30 pm

Wednesday 8:30 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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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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION

March 25th, 2018

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 12th/13th, 2018** 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 26th - April 1st 2018

Monday, 3/26/2018	
Readings: IS 42:1-7 PS 27:1,2,3,13-14 JN 12:1-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room
Tuesday, 3/27/2018	
Readings: IS 49:1-6 PS 71:1-2,3-4A,5AB-6AB,15and17 JN 13:21-33,36-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Centering Prayer 7pm at Community room
Wednesday, 3/28/2018	
Readings: IS 50:4-9A PS 69:8-10,21-22,31 and33-34 MT 26:14-25	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Morning Prayer: O'Neill at 7am-7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Faith Formation dinner/class 5:30-7:30pm
Thursday, 3/29/2018	
Readings: EX 12:1-8,11-14 PS 116:12-13,15-16BC, 17-18 COR 11:23-26 JN 13:1-15	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Holy Thursday of the Lord's supper at the evening mass begins at 7pm Followed by adoration of the blessed Sacrament until midnight in Fireweed Hall
Friday, 3/30/2018	
Readings: IS 52:13 - 53:12 PS 31:2,6,12-13,15-16, 17,25 HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 JN 18:1 - 19:42	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Stations of the Cross around town meet at O'Neill hall at noon Traditional Stations of the Cross at 3pm in church Friday of the Passion of the Lord at 7pm
Saturday, 3/31/2018	
Readings: PLEASE SEE SIDEBAR FOR THE READINGS	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Vigil of the Holy Night: 8:30pm No Reconciliation today
Sunday, 4/1/2018	
Readings: ACTS 10:34A,37-43 PS 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 COL 3:1-4 JN 20:1-9	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Sunday Mass at 10am followed by parish breakfast and Easter hunt activities for the children

March 26 th – April 1 st 2018	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Church family
Collection Counters	Judy M. Peter M. April 1 st
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Resumes on April 8 th

Saturday 5:00 pm March 31st 2018

Schedule for liturgical ministries/servers can be found on the bulletin board

Sunday 10:00 am April 1st 2018

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Saturday, 3/31/2018
GN 1:1-2:2 PS 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35 GN 22: 1-18 PS 16:5,8,9-10,11 EX 14:15-15:1 EX 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18, IS 54:5-14 PS 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 IS 55:1-11 IS 12:2-3,4,5-6 BAR 3:9-15,32-4:4 PS 19:8,9,10,11 EZ 36:16-17A,18-28 PS 42:3,5;43:3,4 ROM 6:3-11 PS 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 MT 28:1-10

THE MONTH AHEAD

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

April 1st - Easter Parish Breakfast after Mass with Easter activities for the children in Fireweed

April 3rd - Pastoral Council Meeting at 5:30pm
Fireweed

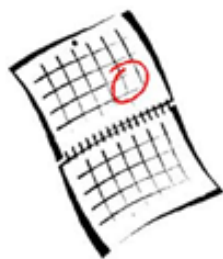
April 10th - Ministry Appreciation evening 5:30pm-8pm

April 15th - Parish breakfast with focus of Stewardship, Mission and Discipleship

May 4th - Listening Session with Archbishop at 7pm in Fireweed Hall

May 5th - Young adults (18-39) adoration and conversation with Archbishop.
Tentative time: 9:30am in church

May 6th - Parish Breakfast after First Eucharist Mass with Archbishop. Everyone welcome



The
Month
Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

March 29th - Holy Thursday: Liturgy at 7pm followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until midnight in Fireweed

March 30th - Good Friday: Stations of the Cross walk around Town meet at noon at O'Neill Hall
Stations of the Cross at church at 3pm
Liturgy at 7pm

March 31st - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: Mass begins at 8:30pm

April 1st - Easter Sunday: Mass at 10am followed by Parish Breakfast and Easter activities for Children

April 28th - First Eucharist Retreat 9-11am

May 6th - First Eucharist at 10am

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg planning group would request, small treats to be used to fill the Easter eggs. Please bring to the basket in the foyer by Palm Sunday, **March 25th** to be used for that activity.

Anyone young or old who would also like to help with the activities, please check with Stephanie Cox.

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass at **7pm** followed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in Fireweed Hall

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations around Town **at noon**, meet at O'Neill Hall.

Traditional Stations of the Cross at **3pm** in church Good Friday liturgy at **7pm**.

HOLY SATURDAY: Vigil Mass at **8:30pm**.

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass at **10am** followed with parish breakfast and Easter activities.



The summit of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

"If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to these little ones, he will most certainly not lose his reward." Mt. 10:42

The 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation students are sponsoring a Lenten food drive. There will be collection boxes at the back of church until Sunday, **March 25th**.

Please consider donations: cereal, beans, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter or other non-perishable food items. We thank you for your help with this.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25TH

In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.

For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.

Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple.

EASTER FLOWERS

We have an opportunity to remember our loved ones during the Easter season with Easter flowers placed in the sanctuary during the Easter Season; The drop box for the envelopes with the loved ones name and \$12/plant can be found on the foyer table. This is available until **March 25th**.

SEASONAL RESOURCES

Resources available in the foyer. Please check out the many different resources for the season: the Apr-June Our Living Bread, the white Easter books, the Pastoral Letter on Human Dignity and Sanctity of Life from the Alaskan Bishops.

LISTENING SESSION WITH AB ETIENNE

Archbishop Etienne invites all to a Listening Session here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish on Friday, **May 4th** at 7pm in Fireweed Hall.

Archbishop Etienne is interested in hearing from as many people as possible about our mission as Church here in the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information on how to prepare for the gathering.

CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER

We need lots of help to prepare our worship space for the celebration of Easter. We will begin the decoration of the church on Holy Saturday, **March 31st** at 8am.

As always lots of helpers will make the work go smoothly.

Families are welcome, confirmands with sponsors, come to help for an hour or two or stay until we are finished.

MARTHA/MARY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Time to register for the Annual Martha and Mary Women's retreat. This year's theme is "Women of Peace" directed by Liz Loeffler campus minister at Lumen Christi.

Cost for the retreat is \$75 plus Alyeska Hotel for the weekend of **April 6-8**, 2018. Archbishop Emeritus Schwietz will join us Saturday afternoon and preside over 5pm Mass.

There are rooms reserved for this retreat at Alyeska Prince Hotel for \$151/tax and add \$10 resort fee until Friday, **March 9th**. Rooms may be shared. Registration is accepted until **April 3rd** but no guarantee of room availability.

The rooms are reserved under archdiocese women's retreat.

Don't miss out. Gather your friends, family members and leave behind your daily routine and enter sacred space at Our Lady of the Snows Chapel for a weekend of praying, reflecting and laughing.

Register on line at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org or contact Bonnie Bezousek at 907-297-7732.

Applications for the retreat may be found in the foyer by the bulletin board.