



# 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 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 to 7:00pm

### 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

**Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI**

262-4749, Option 3

## PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

**Marlys Verba**

262-5542 / 262-4749 option 4

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[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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 **January 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 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).

Monday, 12/3/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 2:1-5  PS 122:1-2, 3-4B,4cd-5,6-7,8-9  MT 8:5-11	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/4/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 11:1-10  PS 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17  LK 10:21-24	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Centering Prayer 7pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/5/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 25:6-10A  PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6  MT 15:29-37	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Rosary Making 10-12 at Fireweed</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Renew Group 1pm at Community Room</li> <li>Faith Formation Class at 6pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/6/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 26:1-6  PS 118:1and8-9,19-21,15-27A  MT 7:21,24-27	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Mass at 11:05pm</li> <li>Adoration after Mass</li> </ul>
Friday, 12/7/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 29:17-24  PS 27:1,4,13-14  MT 9:27-31	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Group 6:30am-8am</li> <li>Adoration until noon</li> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Chatty Catholics in O'Neill Hall at 5:30pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 12/8/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  GN 3:9-15,20  PS 98:1,2-3AB,3CD-4  EPH 1:3-6,11-12  LK 1:26-38	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 12/9/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  BAR 5:1-9  PS 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6  PHIL 1:4-6,8-11  LK 3:1-6	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 10am</li> </ul>

December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – December 9 <sup>th</sup> 2018	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Tina Salazar/Chris Rose
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Bob S. Myrna S. December 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Gloria S.

### Saturday 5:00pm December 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

#### Lectors:

Barb Dilley  
Jackie Swanson

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Linda Hutchings  
Rick Dukowitz  
Susan Dukowitz  
Holly West  
Sean Maguire

#### Servers:

Katherine Gross  
Isabella Valenzuela

### Sunday 10:00am December 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

#### Lectors:

Joe McElroy  
Barb O'Lena

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Russell Gross  
Michaleen Gross  
Myrna Cowan  
Joe Bazan  
Sharon Shassetz

#### Servers:

Zac Buckbee  
Owen Buckbee

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## THE MONTH AHEAD/ LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Oktoberfest/Carnival planning session and brainstorming at 11:30am in Fireweed Hall. Begins with light lunch

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 5pm

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Reconciliation 10am-6:30pm. Mass will be at noon followed by Adoration

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Stuffing Stockings at LOVE.INC for Christmas Party at 6pm

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** - A Place at the Table Christmas Party dinner at 4-6pm in Fireweed

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Vigil Mass 5pm Children's Mass of the Night 9pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Mass at 10am



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## FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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Please note that the time for the Faith Formation classes; Wednesday **6-7pm** in O'Neill Hall

First Eucharist Class Preparation Class **4:30pm-5:30pm**

Confirmation Class: Year One as per schedule handed out **6pm-8pm**

The Circle of Grace, the Archdiocese Safe and Sacred program will be presented to the students in grades Kindergarten-eighth grade on Wednesday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>** at Faith Formation class. The materials for the presentations will be available for viewing in December.

The high school will have a presentation on Wednesday, **January 30<sup>th</sup>**.

No faith formation classes from **December 20<sup>th</sup>** to **January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Classes resume on **January 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2019.

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY QUILT RAFFLE

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Come get your chance to win a beautiful quilt and support the pilgrims to World Youth Day in Panama. Tickets are \$5.00 and the drawing will be **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Just in time for Christmas.

We will be at the back of church or contact Joshua or Barb O'Lena 394-4645.

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## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY FAIR

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Thank you to each of you that took the time to peruse the many opportunities that are available within our parish for ministry. If you did not have an opportunity to check this out, please find information about the various ministries on the foyer table along with sign-up sheets. Those that did commit to trying a ministry for a year, you will be notified within the next two weeks by the ministry along with the necessary information of training if needed, meeting times, etc.

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## OKTOBERFEST/CARNIVAL 2019

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We have scheduled an Oktoberfest/Carnival planning session and brainstorming for the upcoming Fall, 2019. Please join us for a light potluck soup and salad brunch after hospitality in Fireweed after Mass. If you are interested in helping, organizing or suggestions, please join us for that discussion on Sunday **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection. This collection is for retired religious, not retired archdiocesan priests. If you are interested in learning more about how to support retired archdiocesan priests by contributing to the Priest Pension Fund please contact Nathan McCabe, Director of Stewardship and Development, at nmccabe@caa-ak.org or 907-297-7789.

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## FRED MEYER REWARDS

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Do you shop at Fred Meyer? Please visit the website below and register to enroll in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program by linking your membership card so that a portion of the proceeds comes to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Our organization number is **XN476**. Enrolling in this program will NOT take away from the personal rewards you earn. Also, there is an update required from the original time this was done, in order to continue with the program. Thank you for taking the time to help!

[www.fredmeyer.communityrewards@fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.communityrewards@fredmeyer.com)

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF December 2<sup>ND</sup>

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We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time.

It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this, we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

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## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

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*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*, Soldotna: all day Reconciliation on Thursday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-6:30pm. Mass is offered at noon followed with Adoration.

*Our Lady of the Angels*, Kenai: Friday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** after 9am Mass and 6pm Advent Reconciliation service.

*St. Peter the Apostle*, Ninilchik: **December 19<sup>th</sup>** Wednesday after Mass.

*St. John the Baptist*, Homer: Thursday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Reconciliation service.

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## CHRISTMAS BOXES

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The dates are set for the two Salvation Army outreach activities that our parish participates in:

Packing Christmas boxes for the needy; we will be packing food baskets at the Kenai Salvation Army Center on Wednesday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. This activity usually last 1-1 1/2 hours, depending upon the help. It's a fun outreach activity.

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## SILVER BELL RINGING

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Bellringing at two entrances to Fred Meyers is available on Friday and Saturday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>**, hours from 11am-7pm, one-hour increments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a wonderful hour-long commitment to do with your children, ringing the bells for funds to help those in need for the holidays. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



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## LOVE.INC CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

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Stuffing Christmas Stockings at LOVE.INC; 75 stockings need to be stuffed on Saturday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. Ms. Katherine Quelland will be facilitating. Sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Decorating for the season at LOVE.INC; we still need helpers to help with the decorating of the space at LOVE.INC. All supplies are there, just need the creativity and hands to help. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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## ADVENT GIVING

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As we serve our guests at A Place at the Table each month and approach Christmas, we would like to offer to them a caring bag filled with wool socks (men's and women's sizes), winter weight hats, heavy duty winter gloves, lip balms, hand warmers, small packages of tissues, for a Christmas gift to be replenished as the year progresses, if needed. You are invited to share the caring by bringing these items to the church foyer box during this season of Advent, for distribution at our Christmas party on **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Fireweed during the A Place at the Table dinner. We invite the parish to join us. The posted list for the menu and time slots, if you would like to help, are posted on the bulletin board.

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## GIVINGTUESDAY

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The Archdiocese of Anchorage would like to thank you for supporting #GivingTuesday. Every gift has an important impact right here in the Archdiocese of Anchorage!

Haven't made a commitment yet? It is never too late to give! Make your gift today at <https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate/>