



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

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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(Lead pastor)

262-4749, Option 3

rgrbergkamp@gmail.com

Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba

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Marlys Verba: contact info above

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9th, 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 5th/6th, 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.

Monday, 12/10/2018	
Readings:  IS 35:1-10  PS 85:9ABand10,11-12,13-14  LK 5:17-26	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room Choir Practice at 4pm
Tuesday, 12/11/2018	
Readings:  IS 40:1-11  PS 96:1-2,3and10AC,11-12,13  MT 18:12-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Choir practice at 4pm Centering Prayer 7pm
Wednesday, 12/12/2018	
Readings:  ZEC 2:14-17  JUDITH 13:18BCDE,19  LK 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Rosary Making 10-12 at Fireweed Daily Mass: 12:05pm (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) Filling food baskets at Salvation Army at 1pm Renew Group 1pm at Community Room Faith Formation Class at 6pm
Thursday, 12/13/2018	
Readings:  IS 41:13-20  PS 145:1and9,10-11,12-13AB  MT 11:11-15	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Advent Reconciliation 9am-6:30pm Mass at 112:05pm Adoration after Mass
Friday, 12/14/2018	
Readings:  IS 48:17-19  PS 1:1-2,3,4AND6  MT 11:16-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Adoration until noon Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm
Saturday, 12/15/2018	
Readings:  SIR 48:1-4,9-11  PS 80:2ACand3B,15-16,18-19  MT 17:9A,10-13	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm Stocking stuffing at LOVE.INC at 6pm
Sunday, 12/16/2018	
Readings:  ZEP 3:14-18A  IS 12:2-3,4,5-6  PHIL 4:4-7  LK 3:10-18	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 10am KAIROS Breakfast and Pie Auction after Mass

December 10 th – December 16 th 2018	
Mops and Bucket Crew	
Collection Counters	Elaine W. Linda M. December 16 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Karl K. Cindy K.

Saturday 5:00pm
December 15th
2018

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:
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Servers:
Danny McIntosh
Jacob Wohlers

Sunday 10:00am
December 16th
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Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:
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Servers:
Quinn Cox
Drew Cox

THE MONTH AHEAD/ LITURGICAL SERVICES

December 11th – Choir Practice at 4pm

December 12th – Stuffing Food baskets at Salvation Army in Kenai at 1pm

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

December 15th – Stuffing Stockings at LOVE.INC for Christmas Party at 6pm

December 16th – KAIROS Parish Breakfast and Pie Auction

December 21st and 22nd – Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyers. Two Entrances 11am-7pm

December 23rd – A Place at the Table Christmas Party dinner at 4-6pm in Fireweed

December 24th – Vigil Mass 5pm Children's Mass of the Night 9pm

December 25th – Mass at 10am



FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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 9th** 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 30th**.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY QUILT RAFFLE

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 15th**. Just in time for Christmas. We will be at the back of church or contact Joshua or Barb O'Lena 394-4645.

OKTOBERFEST/CARNIVAL 2019

The brainstorming session on Sunday after Mass resulted in lots of lively conversation and discussion about the four events: Quilt Bingo, Oktoberfest Dinner, Auction, the Carnival and Halloween Drop-in Event. The minutes from the meeting will be posted for everyone to view. Another meeting is planned in January to firm up the different committees and responsibilities. A very big thank you to Ryan Kapp for facilitating the meeting.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

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.

FRED MEYER REWARDS

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

POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

Poinsettia Remembrance during the Christmas Season; envelopes for Christmas Poinsettias are available for \$12/plant to be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Please include the name of your loved ones on the envelopes for our memorial page. The deadline is **December 17th**.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

This Christmas we will be celebrating with the children the Feast of the Epiphany on **January 6th** with a parish breakfast and a short pageant. Please join us in Fireweed as we celebrate the coming of Baby Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time. Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior.

John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

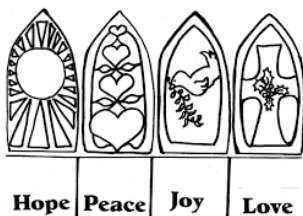
This Advent, let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Soldotna: all day Reconciliation on Thursday, **December 13th** from 9am-6:30pm. Mass is offered at noon followed with Adoration.
Our Lady of the Angels, Kenai: Friday, **December 14th** after 9am Mass and 6pm Advent Reconciliation service.
St. Peter the Apostle, Ninilchik: **December 19th** Wednesday after Mass.
St. John the Baptist, Homer: Thursday, **December 20th** 7pm Reconciliation service.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

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 12th** 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.



SILVER BELL RINGING

Bellringing at two entrances to Fred Meyers is available on Friday and Saturday, **December 21st** and **22nd**, 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.



LOVE.INC CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Stuffing Christmas Stockings at LOVE.INC; 75 stockings need to be stuffed on Saturday, **December 15th** 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.

ADVENT GIVING

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 weigh 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 23rd** 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.

PIE AND CHEESECAKE AUCTION

Pie-Cheesecake Auction/Breakfast at 11am Sunday, **December 16th**. Please come. Thank you to everyone who has visited and signed up for various KAIROS activities. If you haven't signed up to make a pie or cheesecake, the volunteers need you. Hope you can come to the auction/breakfast on Sunday, **December 16th**. The volunteers are raising funds for the February 7-10 KAIROS week-end at Wildwood prison. Your prayers for both the prisoners and volunteers are most need before and during the weekend. The prayer chain will be available for sign up in early January. There are many ways you can get involved. Thank you.