



# 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

Cell Phone: 252-5954

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**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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16<sup>th</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, 12/17/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  GN 49:2,8-10  PS 72:1-2,3-4AB,7-8,17  MT 1:1-17	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room</li> <li>Choir Practice at 4:30pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/18/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  JER 23:5-8  PS 72:1-2,12-13,18-19  MT 1:18-25	<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, 12/19/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  JGS 13:2-7,24-25A  PS 71:3-4A,5-6AB,16-17  LK 1:5-25	<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>Faith Formation Class at 6pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/20/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 7:10-14  PS 24:1-2,3-4AB,5-6  LK 1:26-38	<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, 12/21/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  SG 2:8-14  PS 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  LK 1:39-45	<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>Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyer 11am-7pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 12/22/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  1SM 1:24-28  1SAMUEL 2:1,4-5,6-7,8ABCD  LK 1:46-56	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> <li>Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyer 11am-7pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 12/23/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  MI 5:1-4A  PS 80:2-3,15-16,18-19  HEB 10:5-10  LK 1:39-45	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 10am</li> <li>Christmas Decorating after Mass 11:30am in Assembly Area</li> <li>A Place at the Table Christmas/Dinner 4-6pm</li> </ul>

December 17 <sup>th</sup> – December 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2018	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Parish
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Judy M. Pete M. December 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Anne B.

### Saturday 5:00pm December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

#### Lectors:

Ruthann Truesdell  
Dennis Murray

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Murray  
John Bonk  
Barb Bonk  
Kathy Cullings  
Linda Hutchings

#### Servers:

Isabella Valenzuela  
Erika Arthur

### Sunday 10:00am December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

#### Lectors:

Pat Cowan  
Becky Applebee

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Myrna Cowan  
Krys Williams  
Dr. McIntosh  
Cindy Glassmaker  
Joe Bazan

#### Servers:

Danny McIntosh  
Connor Marks

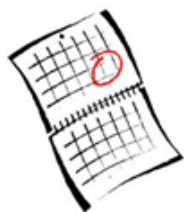
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## THE MONTH AHEAD/ LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – KAIROS Parish Breakfast and Pie Auction  
**December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>** – No Faith Formation Classes  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyers. Two Entrances 11am-7pm  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** - A Place at the Table Christmas Party dinner at 4-6pm in Fireweed  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Mass at 10am (no noon Mass)  
**January 6<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Breakfast/Feast of the Epiphany Celebration

**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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## FEAST OF EPIPHANY

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



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## OKTOBERFEST/CARNIVAL 2019

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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 notes from the meeting may be found posted on the bulletin board.*

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.

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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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## POINSETTIA REMEMBRANCE

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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 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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## ONE BREAD ONE BODY UPDATE

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We are so grateful to the 71 parishioners who have pledged and committed to the One Bread, One Body drive. We have a total of \$51,895.01 pledged as of this week with \$49,630.02 paid. There is still an opportunity to participate, by going to the Archdiocese of Anchorage.org and pledging.  
Anything over the \$30,233.00, will be returned to our parish. Please know that your generosity is very much appreciated as it funds the Archdiocese outreach in many different ministries.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

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We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this thanks, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them! As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

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## CHRISTMAS BOXES

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The production line, with 25 helpers, went very quickly. In 1 1/2 hours, we filled 243 baskets to be distributed to the needy both in the Kenai area and Tyonek.

Thank you for your generosity in helping and giving your time and effort!

Thank you to Scott Earsley, who has for the last several years done the organizing of this ministry.

Still have an opportunity to help with the Silver Bell Ringing on the Friday/Saturday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>**. Sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board.

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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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## 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 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 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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## PIE AND CHEESECAKE AUCTION

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Pie-Cheesecake Auction/Breakfast at 11am Sunday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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.