



# 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

[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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23<sup>rd</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, 12/24/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  2SM 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16  PS 89:2-3,4-5,27and29  LK 1:67-79	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room</li> <li>Christmas Vigil (Children's Mass) 5pm</li> <li>Christmas Mass of the Night 9pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/25/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 52:7-10  PS 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6  HEB 1:1-6  JN 1:1-18	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Mass of Christmas Day 10am</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/26/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  PS 31:3CD-4,6and8AB, 16BCand17  MT 10:17-22	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Rosary Making 10-12 at Fireweed</li> <li>No Daily Mass</li> <li>No Faith Formation</li> <li>Centering Prayer at 7pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/27/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 1:1-4  PS 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  JN 20:1Aand2-8	<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, 12/28/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 1:5 – 2:2  PS 124:2-3,4-5,7CD-8  MT 2:13-18	<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> </ul>
Saturday, 12/29/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 2:3-11  PS 96:1-2A,2B-3,5B-6  LK 2:22-35	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 12/30/2018	
<b>Readings:</b>  SIR 3:2-6,12-14  PS 128:1-2,3,4-5  COL 3:12-21  LK 2:41-52	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 10am</li> </ul>

December 24 <sup>th</sup> – December 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Lawrence Sauer Family
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Lynn F. Gene F. December 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Resume on Epiphany January 16 <sup>th</sup>

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
December 29<sup>th</sup>  
2018

**Lectors:**

Linda Hougum  
Chris Vaughn

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Rick Dukowitz  
Holly West  
Sean Maguire  
Donna Cotman  
Jan Johnson

**Servers:**

Caleigh Glassmaker  
Cora O'Connor

**Sunday 10:00am**  
December 30<sup>th</sup>  
2018

**Lectors:**

Karl Kircher  
Melissa Thomson

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Cindy Kricher  
Russell Gross  
Connor Gross  
Sharon Shassetz  
Thelma Antila

**Servers:**

Erika Arthur  
Emerson Kapp

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## THE MONTH AHEAD/ LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>** – No Faith Formation Classes

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

December 26<sup>th</sup> – No Daily Mass

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Mass at 10am **SOLEMNITY of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: is 10am**

(no noon Mass)

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – No 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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## 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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## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

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Beginning with the New Year we are very happy that another church has joined us in this ministry. The Soldotna Church of the Nazarene will be hosting the third Sunday of the month at A Place at the Table. We now have three of the Sundays covered to provide a hot meal, socialization, blood pressure checks and a place to gather from 4-6pm. Anyone is welcome to join us, either helping with the preparation, serving of the food or joining us at the meal. For questions, please see Sharon Shassetz.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

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On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah. Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy. It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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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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## 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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The OLPH Kairos Volunteers would like to thank all the parishioners involved in the many ministry activities. Several of you have signed up to make cookies. A few have signed up for the Closing Ceremony scheduled for **February 10** at Wildwood. As always, your prayers for the residents at Wildwood, the correctional officers and the volunteers are so vital to the work of the ministry.

Your generous financial support is most appreciated. The pie/cheesecake auction proceeds last Sunday were \$1,056 (thank you bakers, you made it all possible) meal tickets \$675 and breakfast \$401. Thanks to all who helped with breakfast especially the Cox boys and Art Barbaza, Scott E's son-in-law.

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY QUILT RAFFLE

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Thank you all for the support you have shown the pilgrims to world youth day. We were able to raise \$976.00 to help them on their way.

Ramon, from OLA, was the winner of the quilt. Thank you again and see you in 2 years!

