

NOVEMBER 21ST 2021
THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING
OF THE UNIVERSE



MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY
Saturday **4:30** p.m.
Sunday **9:30** a.m.

Reconciliation

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
on Saturdays

WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon - Fri 12:05 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 p.m. Thursday to **12**
noon on Friday

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PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
262-5542

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Option 2 – St. Vincent dePaul
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Option 4 – Kathryn Dunagan

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church



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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.

Sisters and brothers,

This Sunday—the 34th or last Sunday of Ordinary Time—we celebrate **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. It's hard to believe that it's been a year since I last wrote to you on this same solemn occasion—a feast which was first established nearly 100 years ago, in 1925, by Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. In this encyclical, written in a time of great unease between the two World Wars, Pius XI pleads with his spiritual sons and daughters to be lovers of peace by being loyal subjects of the one and only King of Peace, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In a homily on the occasion of this Solemnity, Saint Josemaria pointed out that, tragically, there is still opposition to the reign of Christ:

Many people will not accept that Christ should reign. They oppose him in thousands of ways: in their attitude toward their circumstances, in their approach to human society, in morality, in science and the arts. Even in the Church itself! "I am not referring," says St Augustine, "to those scoundrels who blaspheme against Christ with their tongues. There are very many who blaspheme against him through their own conduct."

Some people are even annoyed by the expression "Christ the king." They take naive objection to the word, as if Christ's kingship could be thought of in political terms. Or they refuse to admit that Christ is king, because that would involve accepting his law. And law they will not accept, not even the wonderful precept of charity, for they do not want to reach out to God's love. Their ambition is to serve their own selfishness. (*Christ is Passing By*, no. 179)

The sad result of this opposition, so prevalent in our world today, is a lack of peace, in many souls, in families, in societies, in nations. Today, we renew our fealty to the King of the Universe and we ask Him to come reign in our hearts. At every Mass and Holy Communion—the true **Thanksgiving Banquet**—we have the opportunity to renew this pledge, receive this Peace, and then bring Him with us, back into a world at war. Let's together give thanks for all His benefits!

Fr. Whitney

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION:

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.

Adults – Contact the office to register for RCIA

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 (TBD)

- *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 Kathryn at akolphsecretary@gmail.com

Parish Calendar of Events

11/22/21 Monday	11/23/21 Tuesday	11/24/21 Wednesday	11/25/21 Thursday	11/26/21 Friday	11/27/21 Saturday	11/28/21 Sunday
8:15 a.m. Centering Prayer 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass 1:00 p.m. Advent Renew Meeting	7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass	7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass <i>No Faith Formation Classes</i>	7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass <i>No Adoration</i>	7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass	3:45 – 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Mass	9:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Youth New Years Party

SOCIAL DISTANCING is expected, as well as masks preferred during gatherings in church.

CHRISTMAS WREATH

It's time to preorder your Christmas wreaths. They are \$45 and a sign-up sheet is located in the foyer. You can either let us design one for you, or you are welcome to stop in and make your own. (There is always help available for anyone who has never decorated a wreath before and is a bit reluctant to try) It really is quite addicting once you start!

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

On **December 5th**, following Sunday 9:30 mass parishioner and investment adviser Josselyn O'Connor will offer a brief talk to the parish on creative ways to contribute financially to our church. There are many ways to give that are advantageous for financial and tax purposes. Come and learn about ways to give beyond putting bills in the collection plate.

COMING SOON

Sign-up sheets for the Salvation Army Silver Bell Ringing at Fred Meyers. You will be able to choose from two separate days, two separate entrances for an hour of your time. What a wonderful family activity and example to share that stewardship pillar of Social Action.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is looking to hire a Communications Assistant. This would be a support position for the Director of Stewardship and Communications. For the full job description please go to the Archdiocese's website at aoaj.org or send a resume to Seth Bakic at sbakic@caa-ak.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23rd – ABC Life Pie Auction fundraiser
November 25th – OLA Thanksgiving Meal after 10 o'clock mass
November 28th – First Sunday of Advent
December 4th – Hospitality Baking Ministry in Fireweed Hall at 10 a.m.
December 6th – Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m.
December 8th – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at 6 p.m.
December 10th - Packing the food boxes for Salvation Army at 1 p.m.
December 11th and 20th - Bell Ringing at Fred Meyer
December 12th – Gingerbread House Festival

OLPH COVID GRATITUDE

This week 400 OLPH COVID Gratitude blessing bags, along with colorful posters, notes from the Faith Formation students, were delivered to the hospital and Heritage health care workers, thanking them for their commitment, compassion and perseverance during these difficult times. They have certainly been pillars of strength in our community! In addition, we are grateful to *Kaladi Brothers* for partnering with us for this project. Likewise, thank you those parishioners who generously donated over \$700, along with prayers for them and their families and packed the blessing bags are pillars of Stewardship! THANK YOU!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL

A fun family tradition is happening Sunday, **December 12th**, 1 - 3 p.m. in Fireweed Hall - *The Gingerbread House Festival*. Bring your family, along with your undecorated gingerbread house and create a memory by decorating it. Patterns, recipes and instructions can be found on the Stewardship bulletin board. Please sign up so we know how much frosting to provide for the decorating. Questions - Marlys 252-5954.



NEW YEAR'S PARTY

New Year's Party for grades 7-12. Come celebrate the new liturgical year with youth from Kenai and Soldotna. Meet in Fireweed Hall. Bonfire, games and pizza.