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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Tuesday– Friday 9:00am

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:**

9:45 – 10:00am, every Sunday prior to Mass

**PRAYER CHAIN:**

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email  
Karen Crapps @ crappspk@gci.net

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**

First Friday of each month, 9:30am – 8:00pm.

**PRAYER MEETING:**

Please contact Janice Wilsack for more information.

**BULLETIN & INSERT DEADLINE:**

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be in by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

# Our Lady of the Angels

~Archdiocese of Anchorage~

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**OUR MISSION:**

As Community,

We celebrate Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments of the Church.

We educate and enrich through worship, faith formation, and living out our faith rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome and reach out to members of our local community through sharing our many and varied gifts, and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We commit to building parish community by welcoming, embracing, and serving all.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:**

- ✠ Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ 6:00 pm. **There will be daily Mass at 9:00 am**
- ✠ Dec 14 Tamale Making Party! starting at 9:30 am
- ✠ Dec 14 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service @ 6:00 pm
- ✠ Dec 17 Parish Pancake Breakfast with a visit from St. Nicholas!
- ✠ Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ✠ Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00 pm.
- ✠ Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am
- ✠ Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God @ 1:00 pm
- ✠ Jan 15 Sole Hope shoe cutting service project
- ✠ Jan 15 Family Communications by Roy Petitfils, LPC presentation @4pm and dinner at 5pm

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep Our Lady of the Angels in mind. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of parishioners, we offer electronic giving. Please visit [www.kenaicatholicchurch.org](http://www.kenaicatholicchurch.org) to register for electronic giving. Contact the parish office for more information or if you have any questions.



Honoring Our Past, Continuing Our Legacy Capital Campaign. **Kick off Pledge Dinner will be Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Committee Members:

Robin Feltman  
Pako Whannell  
John Williams  
Tim Navarre  
Tim Agosti  
Fr. Tom Rush, OMI  
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

A Call to Contribution:

- ✚ Would you like to meet with someone from the Capital Campaign Committee to learn more about the campaign?
- ✚ Could you host a small Capital Campaign informational/commitment dinner party?
- ✚ Do you have professional experience that could assist in the building improvements?
- ✚ Would you like to assist with other fundraising opportunities?

During hospitality of coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Joe Pault will be available to discuss our current heating system and the proposed new heating system. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the upcoming Capital Campaign please contact one of the committee members.

## LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

The second Sunday of the month is our monthly food drive. Nonperishable food items can be brought in that weekend. All items go to the Kenai Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church in Kenai. Most needed items: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tuna, & Mac & Cheese. Please consider helping our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry!

## STEWARDSHIP & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

### Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

### TAMALE MAKING PARTY!

Once again, Rose Henry is leading the tamale making party! We are making tamales again for the reception after the Children's Christmas mass! We will be assembling the tamales on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. We are in need of helpers for that day and helpers to serve them after the 5:00 pm mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the parish office if you can volunteer.

### A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing. Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed. "Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?" "No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

### ARCHBISHOP SCHWIETZ CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Please join Archbishop Etienne in a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Schwietz as he celebrates his 50 years of priesthood! All are invited to join the 5:30PM Mass, Wednesday, December 20th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral. Reception following.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays of the month 7:00-8:00 pm  
Saturdays before Mass 4:45-5:15pm  
And by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Six month preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

### Faith Formation Classes:

K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Sundays 11:45 am to 12:45 pm  
*Wednesday Night Live:* 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm.

### Confirmation Class:

Please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA Class:** For individuals who are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Parish Office

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- \* Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
- \*Parish Reconciliation Service Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.
- \*Children's Christmas Mass Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
- \*Christmas Eve Mass Sun, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 pm.
- \*Christmas Day Mass Mon, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am
- \*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mon, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 pm.

## RETRouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the spring program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 16 to 18, 2018 call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.com](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Liturgies for Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers, and Altar Server are available on the bulletin board by the Sacristy or for the Altar Servers on the door of the altar server room. Thank you!

## REMEMBRANCE

Please keep the family and friends, as well as those who went before us in eternal life in your thoughts & prayers in this month we remember the passing of:

- ✠ Ramona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ Bill Wheeler

\*If you wish to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

## WHY CATHOLIC

The small faith sharing group "Why Catholic" will be resuming in December. This year's focus will be on Prayer. Please contact Kristen Cope @ 503-754-0249 for more information.

## PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 mass for OLA's Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Group. This is a free breakfast. St. Nicholas will be there and he will be bringing his bag! And you can also get a picture with him!

## ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

~ *From USCCB.org*

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

<p><b>Saturday @ 5:30 pm December 16, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday @ 10:30 am December 17, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Collection Counters: (December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am) Robin Feltman Sonja Foutty  (December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am) Rose Henry Terrya Gabriel</b></p>
<p><b>Lector:</b> Margaret Simon</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Nancy DuPaul Linda Groleske</p> <p><b>Altar Servers:</b> Katie Stockton Evan Stockton Elliot Stockton</p> <p><b>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</b></p>	<p><b>Lector:</b> John Williams</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> Kathy Mattero Jim Satathite Nora Satathite Pako Whannell Eileen Bryson Terri Wisniewski Lucy Ritter</p> <p><b>Altar Servers:</b> Joseph Dammeyer</p> <p><b>Hospitality:</b> Parish Pancake Breakfast</p> <p><b>Children's Liturgy:</b> Linda Zimmerman</p>	<div data-bbox="1133 489 1451 583" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="1159 646 1425 743" style="text-align: center;">  </div>

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- ★ December 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
- ★ December 14<sup>th</sup>, Parish reconciliation service @ 6:00 pm
- ★ December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent @ 5:30 pm
- ★ December 24<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent @ 10:30 am
- ★ December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Children's Mass @ 5:00 pm. Reception after Mass
- ★ December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00 pm
- ★ December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am
- ★ January 1<sup>st</sup>, Holy Mary Mother of God @ 1:00 pm





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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Dear OLA Parish Members,

When we celebrated the beginning of construction of our church building in October and Archbishop Etienne joined us, we remembered some of the people who were instrumental in undertaking and bringing to complete the structure that continues to serve us now.

I'm pretty sure that those persons who began the effort would not have imagined all those who have benefited from what they were initiating and all the ways the building would serve not only the Catholic community of Kenai, but others as well. Their faith related not so much to what they could predict, but to how God would be able to work in our community through their generosity and hard work. That's one of the key elements of what we now call stewardship: something that's not just actions performed, but a kind of spirituality of acting for the good of the larger community.

I'm sure the construction of the church building asked sacrifices on their part, but they made the sacrifices necessary for completing the project. And we are the beneficiaries.

Now the challenge that is made to us has to do with our willingness to discover in their faith-filled effort an example for undertaking the renovations necessary for our church building to continue to be of service, not just to ourselves, but also to others who come after us.

In many senses the structure itself is not our most important concern. It's the spiritual and pastoral values that matter more than anything else. At the same time, for us to be able to offer the values of our faith to others we have to have a place that serves for gathering, sharing, worshipping, and teaching and learning.

In a matter of weeks we will formally begin our Capital Campaign. It will be carried on over a three-year period. The \$250,000 that we are trying to raise for a new heating system, the reroofing of the building and the replacement of the windows in the downstairs part of the building should serve for another 50 years, we hope.

I'm asking your generous support for this effort with the confidence that what we do now can offer a strong future for our parish.

Many thanks for your support in the past. And may God in his generosity keep you and all your loved ones in his special care.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Tom Rush, O.M.I.