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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday– Friday 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

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

PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email
Karen Crapps at 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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FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

DECEMBER 2ND, 2018

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 1 Pottery Bingo 6:30p-9p, downstairs in the Stewardship Hall
- ✦ Dec 6 St. Nicholas Day
- ✦ Dec 7 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction @ 9:30am-8:00pm
- ✦ Dec 7 Homeschool Group @ 9:30am-Noon, Log Church
- ✦ Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass @ 5:30pm
- ✦ Dec 8 Cookie “Buy” the Pound @ 1pm-7pm
- ✦ Dec 9 Cookies “Buy” the Pound after Mass downstairs
- ✦ Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ 6:00pm
- ✦ Dec 14 Advent Reconciliation Service @ 6:00pm
- ✦ Dec 16 Parish Pancake Breakfast after Mass with Santa Clause



A joyous welcome to everyone who is visiting our parish today! If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, or if you are baptized Catholic and have been away for a while and have some questions, please contact Father Tom Rush in the parish office at 283-4555.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! OLA offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience, while providing much-needed donation consistency for our parish.

Go to www.kenaicatholicchurch.org at any time to set up and maintain your automatic donation plan. Questions or assistance, please contact the parish office.

25th ANNUAL COOKIES “BUY” THE POUND



Dec. 8 -9. WE WANT YOU! This year’s 25th Annual Cookies “Buy” the Pound will be **Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th.**

We need bakers who can make homemade cookies, candy, and treats.

All proceeds will go towards OLA youth activities.

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST ...WITH SANTA!

Dec. 16. Bring the kids for pictures with St. Nicolas!

On **Sunday, December 16th** immediately after mass, jolly Santa will arrive during Pancake Breakfast with gifts in tow.

Breakfast is free, sponsored by our Men’s group.



ISSUES OF MORALITY

Love, Rules, and Grace

Our culture frequently exalts individual autonomy against community and tradition. This can lead to a suspicion of rules and norms that come from a tradition. This can also be a cause of a healthy criticism of a legalism that can arise from concentrating on rules and norms.

Advocates of Christian morality can sometimes lapse into a legalism that leads to an unproductive moralizing. There is no doubt that love has to be the essential foundation of the moral life. But just as essential in this earthly realm are rules and laws that show how love may be applied in real life. In heaven, love alone will suffice. In this world, we need moral guidance from the Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the Precepts of the Church and other rules to see how love works.

Love alone, set adrift from moral direction, can easily descend into sentimentality that puts us at the mercy of our feelings. Popular entertainment romanticizes love and tends to omit the difficult demands of the moral order.

In our permissive culture, love is sometimes so romanticized that it is separated from sacrifice. Because of this, tough moral choices cannot be faced. The absence of sacrificial love dooms the possibility of an authentic moral life.

Scripturally and theologically, the Christian moral life begins with a loving relationship with God, a covenant love made possible by the sacrifice of Christ. The Commandments and other moral rules are given to us as ways of protecting the values that foster love of God and others. They provide us with ways to express love, sometimes by forbidding whatever contradicts love.

The moral life requires grace. The Catechism speaks of this in terms of life in Christ and the inner presence of the Holy Spirit, actively enlightening our moral compass and supplying the spiritual strength to do the right thing. The grace that comes to us from Christ in the Spirit is as essential as love and rules and, in fact, makes love and keeping the rules possible.

For more information on our Catholic beliefs and teachings, please visit: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/>

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Actual announcements from other church bulletins...

“All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annula Christmas Sing-alone.”

“Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.”

“This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.”

“A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.”



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays' of the month 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturdays' before Mass 4:45-5:15pm

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-6th Grade: Sunday 11:45am - 12:45pm

7th-12th Grade: Wednesday 6:00pm - 8:30pm

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

- * **Dec 7** Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction @ 9:30am-8:00pm
- * **Dec 8** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass @ 5:30pm
- * **Dec 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ 6:00pm
- * **Dec 14** Confession @ 9:30am-noon
- * **Dec 14** Advent Reconciliation Service @ 6:00pm
- * **Dec 24** Children's Christmas Mass @ 5:00pm
- * **Dec 24** Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00pm
- * **Dec 25** Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30am (No daily Mass at 9am.)
- * **Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass @ 1:00pm

OLA PIE AUCTION A SUCCESS



Thank you to the teens who made the pies and to everyone who placed a bid in the Pie Auction after Mass this past Sunday, November 18th.

Our youth pie auction raised \$931.00!!

These funds will benefit students-in-need at Mountain View Elementary.

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:

- ✠ Romona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ John "Bill" Wheeler

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE



Christmas choir rehearsal will be held every Tuesday through December 18th, with additional rehearsals on December 20th and December 22nd at noon.

If you are unable to attend rehearsal, but would like to sing in the Christmas choir, please contact Rosemary Bird @ 252-9106.

Christmas Choir Rehearsal Schedule			
Tues. Nov. 20	6:30pm	Tues. Dec. 18	6:30pm
Tues. Nov. 27	6:30pm	Thurs. Dec. 20	6:30pm
Tues. Dec. 4	6:30pm	Sat. Dec. 22	Noon
Tues. Dec. 11	6:30pm		

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR KENAI ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Start holiday shopping early! KAHS needs items for their Grinch Day Pillowcases.



Suggestions: Cup of soup, Macaroni and Cheese cups, deodorant (desperately need male), gasoline cards, gift cards to theater, fast-food gift cards, gum, peanut butter and crackers, gummies etc.

Please drop off items by **December 6th** at the Kenai Alternative High School.

Kenai Alternative High School
705 Frontage rd. Suite C
Kenai, AK 99611

If you would like to financially support the Kenai Alternative HS, please write the check payable to: KAHS.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Saturday @ 5:30pm December 8th, 2018	Sunday @ 10:30am December 9th, 2018	
<p>Lector: Pete Anderson</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Groleske Karla Smith</p> <p>Altar Servers: Burke Family</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</p>	<p>Lector: Eileen Bryson</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Terri Wisniewski Meg Mueller Lucy Ritter Jim Satathite Nora Satathite Joan Seaman Nancy DuPaul</p> <p>Altar Servers: Dammeyer Family</p> <p>Children's Liturgy: Thi Pijahn</p> <p>Hospitality: Jim and Nora Satathite</p>	<p>Collection Counters:</p> <p>(December 4) Robin F. Helen O. @ 10am</p> <p>(December 11) Rose H. Terrya G. @ 10am</p> <p> Invite friends with Facebook</p> <p></p>

thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came, and all of our volunteers who made our Thanksgiving Luncheon a success.

Great food and fellowship were had by all!

