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### REV. JAMES BLANEY, OMI, DIES IN SITKA

JUNEAU, AK – Father James Blaney, of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Juneau, died in Sitka, Alaska on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at age 76.

**The funeral Mass is scheduled for:**

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon at Harrigan Centennial Hall, Sitka, AK**

*The funeral will be followed by a reception at St. Gregory Nazianzen parish hall.*

The body of Fr. Blaney will lay in repose in St. Gregory Nazianzen Church in Sitka beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> until the procession to the funeral Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Fr. Blaney served throughout the Diocese of Juneau since 1988. He was born on July 30, 1937 in South Boston, Massachusetts and was ordained to the priesthood for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1965. He served continuously in nearly all the missions and parishes of the Diocese of Juneau in the last 25 years, most recently in Sitka. A complete obituary will follow.

#### *Schedule of funeral events:*

#### **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (St. Gregory Nazianzen Church)**

9:00 a.m. - Rite of Reception of the Body and Morning Prayer

12:00 noon – Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

6:00 p.m. – Vigil service, Solemn Vespers, Eulogies

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Office of the Dead)

11:00 a.m. – Procession with the body to Centennial Hall

12:00 noon – Funeral Mass

Reception to follow at St. Gregory's

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