



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent - B

4:30pm Evening Prayer
sung before St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass
at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Mundelein tones for vespers can be heard at:
<https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/psalm-tones>

Acceptance of God's Will

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

The Lord's Promises to David

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29

Romans 16:25-27 Doxology

Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the Lord

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Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

Reconciliation: Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Parish Council: Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox,
Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions -

December 2020: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger if you wish to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion or a visit.

Welcome to our parish! We support Catholic Students attending UAF. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org .

December 20 Songs for Sunday:

60 Come, Lord Jesus

38 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

694 Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

68 The Whole World is Waiting For Love
Songs found in the new 2021 Breaking
Bread Missalette.



The fourth and final Candle lit on the wreath, purple in



color, and referred to as the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes Peace. It is inspired by the story in the Bible about how “an angel of the Lord,” which the Catholic Church presumes as Saint Gabriel the Archangel, appeared with “a multitude of the heavenly host” to the shepherds at

night watch in the fields and proclaimed, “Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.” ~Luke 2:14. Read more of “Fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace” from The Best Catholic-Striving Towards Salvation website:

<https://www.thebestcatholic.com/2017/12/24/fourth-sunday-advent-peace/>

The Advent Wreath: After the



fourth week, the penitential season of Advent is over and the time to rejoice is at hand. The four candles can burn during the evening meals of the fourth week. The Advent wreath is transformed into a Christmas wreath with long red or white tapers (to be lighted at breakfast on Christmas morning) replace the Advent candles.

“O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

On Winter Break ~ Dec. 14 – Jan. 8



December 26th & 27th (Sat/Sun)

MASSSES

WILL BE AT THE REGULAR WEEKEND
TIMES FOR

The Feast of the Holy Family



Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mark University Catholic Parish

St. Mark Mass has no scheduled Christmas Mass.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Dec. 24-4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Dec. 25-Midnight & 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception

Dec. 24-6:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Dec. 25-8:00 am & 10:00 am

St. Raphael

Dec. 24-4:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Dec. 25-10:00 am

St. Nicholas

Dec. 24-7:00 pm

Dec. 25-Midnight & 10:00 am.

HOLY DAY MASSES: Local Parishes

December 31st, 2020 Vigils

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception 7:00 pm

St. Raphael 5:30 pm

St. Nicholas 7:00 pm

January 1, 2021 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception 9:00 am

St. Raphael 10:00 am

St. Nicholas 10:00 am

Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00 pm –Ordination to transitional diaconate for **Piotr Oprych** and **Dominik Wojcik**. Join Bishop Chand Zielinski for the Mass of Ordination, praying that Mary, the Mother of God will watch over and protect two future priests of our diocese!

ST. MARK PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Harlee and Alex Harvey on the birth of their son Ambrose Cruz. Born Friday, Dec 11, 2020, he will be baptized December 27 on the Feast of the Holy Family during our 5:30pm St. Mark University Parish Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Continue to drop your boxes for ICC Soup Kitchen at Sacred Heart Cathedral or Immaculate Conception. They'll still accept donations after the New Year!

THE "O" ANTIPHONS



The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil.

The exact origin of the O Antiphons is not known. Boethius (c. 480-524) made a slight reference to them, thereby suggesting their presence at that time. At the Benedictine abbey of Fleury (now Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire), these antiphons were recited by the abbot and other abbey leaders in descending rank, and then a gift was given to each member of the community. By the eighth century, they are in use in the liturgical celebrations in Rome. The usage of the O Antiphons was so prevalent in monasteries that the phrases, Keep your O and The Great O Antiphons were common parlance. One may thereby conclude that in some fashion the O Antiphons have been part of our liturgical tradition since the very early Church.

The importance of O Antiphons is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom), *O Adonai* (O Lord), *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse), *O Clavis David* (O Key of David), *O Oriens* (O Rising Sun), *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations), and *O Emmanuel*. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one - **E**mmanuel, **R**ex, **O**riens, **C**lavis, **R**adix, **A**donai, **S**apientia - the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning, Tomorrow, I will come. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, Tomorrow, I will come. So the O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/what-are-the.html>



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LIKE 1:26-38

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Neighboring Parish News

Advent Reconciliation Services

Prepare for a good confession - www.stmarksuaf.org . If you did not make it to services this past week, please contact your priest and schedule confession before December 23rd. Keep priests, deacons and seminarians in your prayers during the holidays.

We continue to pray along with The Legion of Mary and Seminarians who are sponsoring 33 Days of Prayer Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary for the intentions of **Peter O. and Dominik W.** as they prepare for their diaconate ordination, Jan 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. There is still time to join us in prayer. Books of 33 Days to Morning Glory written by Fr. Gaitley will be available after Mass for \$10/each.

SHC Book Club Title for January 2021: "My Grandfather's Son" by Clarence Thomas, 2007. Meeting is held first Tuesday of the month 12noon-2pm in the Cathedral social hall.

Connecting the Gospel



to the First Reading: In the First Reading, David takes the initiative in providing God a suitable dwelling place among the chosen people. God's response to David is that God will do more for David (build an everlasting dynasty) than David could ever do for God (build a temple). What humans would confine to stones and mortar, God plants in human flesh and blood.

... to experience: We sense that David's instinct was good: he lived in a fine house, and he wanted to build the same for God. But our ways are not God's ways. Nothing we do for God can ever surpass what God does for us. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



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"The Lord is with you. ...the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Sheepish Question:

Okay, again: So WHY did Jesus come into the world?

CHRISTMAS NOTE ~ FR. ROBERT FATH

To all our parishioners-

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and gather with friends and family, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your pastor over the last year and a half. Your support, prayers, and participation in the life of our parish in the midst of all the challenges we have experienced strengthens not just our parish but me as well. As we prepare to enter into 2021 may God continue to watch over and protect your families; may he shower you all with his rich blessings.

Merry Christmas!

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father,
Your divine Son taught us
To pray to the lord of the harvest
To send laborers into his vineyard.
We earnestly beg you,
To bless our diocese and our world
With many priests and religious
Who will love you fervently and gladly
And courageously spend their lives
In service to your son's church,
Especially the poor and the needy.
Bless our families and our children,
And choose from our homes,
Those whom you desire for this holy work.
Teach them to respond generously
And keep them ever faithful
In following your son Jesus Christ,
That under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
And with the inspiration of
St. Therese, patroness of the missions,
St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests,
and St. Kateri Tekakwitha
The good news of redemption
May be brought to all.
Amen.

"Make known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

Retirement Fund
for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



Parish Support

Since our parish is operating out of Sacred Heart Cathedral at the present time, the Christmas Masses for both SHC and St. Mark are co-mingled. In order for your Christmas tithe to be received by our parish please write checks payable to St. Marks or place cash in an envelope that clearly indicates your desire for it to go to St. Mark. The finance office at Sacred Heart will forward your donations on to us. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our parish and have a blessed Christmas!

For the Week ending Dec 13, 2020

Total: \$ 767.00

Checks/Cash \$557.00/WeShare \$210.00

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 25,173.05

~ 3% of our December Parish donation will go to
"Retirement Fund for Religious"

For more information on this collection or donate directly, go to the following site: <https://retiredreligious.org>

Check out our website for donating online:

www.stmarksuaf.org - click on "WeShare".

Stewardship Moment:

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28



After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ.

Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Following are addresses for sending your Christmas greetings and blessings to our area priests:

Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks
1316 Peger Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Retired Priests:

Fr. Gerald Ornowski, MIC
National Shrine of the Divine Mercy
Eden Hill
Stockbridge, MA 01261

Fr. Jim Kolb
8645 SW Umatilla St
Tualatin, OR 97062

**Please keep the following individuals in your prayers during this busy season and throughout the year!
Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Tom Kuffle, and Fr. Welcome Chipiro. Seminarians: Joshua Miller, Piotr Oprych, Dominik Wojcik, and Michael Koehler. And don't forget our Parish Deacons!

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to *Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website* to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites:
<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: *4:30pm (*=Live Streamed)

Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

Thursday *7:00pm

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

*All masses are live streamed.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration &
Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

Saturday Vigil: *5:00pm – *Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable*

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass;

*Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

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