



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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## January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

### Overcoming Jealousy

Isaiah 60:1-6 Glory of the New Zion

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Commission to Preach God's Plan

Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Magi

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

**Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:**

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

**Vocations:** See Fr. Robert Fath

**Parish Council:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun/month after Mass

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



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions -

#### January 2021: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**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](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) .

### January 3 Songs for Sunday:

105 We Three Kings

104 What Star is This

78 Silent Night

109 The First Nowell



*Songs found in the new 2021 Breaking Bread Missalette.*

## Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**On Winter Break ~ Dec. 14 – Jan. 8**

### The Differences between High School and College:

In High School ~ School is for a set time without breaks – except lunch.

In College ~ Classes are at various times during the day and evening with breaks between classes. (*Students find that the time between classes is good for studying, eating, doing laundry, work, etc.*)

**Virtual Classes** –1. Remember to stay organized and keep track of each class (in-person/live-stream), time, and due dates, exams, and assignments. Take a moment to say a prayer before and after your class, asking for patience, understanding and guidance!

Explore “**real life catholic**” with Chris Stefanick. <https://reallifecatholic.com/who-is-jesus/> Find different topics of Catholic faith in video, audio, and blog format.

Keep up with local Catholic events of interest for college-age and young adults in Fairbanks on Facebook: *Catholic Young Adults of Fairbanks*

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR:** UAF Campus is open for Business on Monday, January 4, 2021. Residence Halls open 8am on Friday, January 8, along with Orientation for new students. Monday, January 11 is the first day of instruction.

**No Classes during the semester on these dates:**

January 18 Alaska Civil Rights Day

March 8-12 Spring Break.

Check out “*What’s Happening – Current News*” at Diocese of Fairbanks website

<https://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org>

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

"Jesus, really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar, since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil, I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother, and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity. Amen."

### *Focusing the Gospel ...*



**Key words and phrases:** magi from the east, newborn king, Herod, search diligently, seeing the star, saw the child  
**To the point:** The magi come from the East sincerely searching for "the newborn king of the Jews." The self-serving, deceitful plotting by Herod does not thwart their finding the

newborn King. Like the magi, despite our own "Herods," we too must diligently search for Christ. Even when we seem to lose sight of the star and the way forward is no longer clear, even when evil forces seek to thwart our search, we can trust that God never leaves us in darkness but always leads us to the Light. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

## St. Mark University Catholic Parish

Our order for Living with Christ **2020-2021 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics** should be in this coming week. These missals are meant for families with children at home aged 7 and up. Only 10 copies are coming. If interested, please contact Mary Pat Boger. This is an excellent resource to help take part in Mass, with explanations for gestures and words during Mass, prayers for home. Read together as a family before Mass to help them get more out of it.

## DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS JOB OPENING

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a Donations Clerk - full time with benefits and supports processing donations from our benefactors for the diocese. **Primary duties** - data entry, donor interaction and correspondence and bank deposits. **Qualifications** - high school diploma or GED, typing at a minimum of 40wpm (98% accuracy), 10 key, MS Office proficiency, strong communication skills, and a willingness to work as a positive team player. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org)

## Neighboring Parish News

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club** meets the first Tues of the month from 12pm to 2pm in the Cathedral social hall. Book Club Title for January 2021 ~ "My Grandfather's Son" by Clarence Thomas c.2007

**Check calendar of events for each parish on their websites listed on last page of our bulletin.**

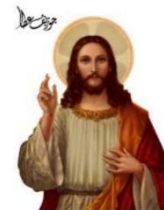
## ITEMS USED AT MASS

**Holy Water Font** ~ Holds the Blessed Water used to make the Sign of the Cross as you enter and leave the Sanctuary. Holy Water reminds us of our Baptism. (During the COVID pandemic, protocol has all church fonts emptied for the safety of the congregation. *At our January 3 Mass (Epiphany) Fr. Robert Fath will sanctify small containers of Holy Water for parishioners to take home.*



**Sanctus Bell** ~ Rung to signal the beginning of Mass. Congregation stands. Not rung during Holy Week. *Our local parishes have the Reader or Choir Director ask all to rise.*

**Processional Crucifix** ~ A portable crucifix on a rigid staff which is carried in front of Liturgical processions; entering the sanctuary for Mass, preceding the gifts brought to the Altar, exiting the Sanctuary following the end of Mass, or on other solemn occasions when the priests, deacons and altar servers are leading the congregation. It remains on the Altar when not in use.



### **Meditation for January 4, 2021**

O my Soul, there is heaven, there is a Savior, there is a pure and perfect felicity under the shadow of his wings. There is rest from our labors, peace from our enemies, freedom from our sins.

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
From the meditation of January 4*



## Blessing of the Home on Epiphany



*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ~Matthew 2:2*

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, the Holy Family was visited by three Magi from the east. They came to worship Christ and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Feast of Epiphany is celebrated on the 12th Day of Christmas, January 6th, but in the United States is moved to the Sunday between January 2nd-8th. On Epiphany, it is traditional for families to bless their homes, remembering the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Wise Men and asking for protection and blessing on the home and all who enter.

The home blessing is done by writing on the door or door frame with chalk the symbols 20+C+M+B+21. The 20 and 21 represent the current year. The + reminds us of the cross on which our Savior died. The C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, as well as an abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house." Writing on the door also recalls the Passover of the Jews during the final plague in Exodus, when the blood of the lamb protected the inhabitants within. Please see St. Mark's "Christmas Season 2020" [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org).

## ICC REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteer at the ICC Regional Soup Kitchen! Help is needed from 9:30/10am to 1:30/2pm on Sundays, Tuesday, and Thursdays. Check out the online page where you can sign up to help. There is a requirement to take the online Diocesan Safe and Sacred training. Contact the soup kitchen if you need assistance with this: Nick Shamrell, Coordinator – [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) or by phone at 907.452.3533, Ext 22, or in person at ICC between 10am and 2pm.

*"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born."* Ronald Reagan

## Parish Financial Support

For Week of Dec 27, 2020

Total: \$ 1,890.00

Checks/Cash \$ 785.00/WeShare \$1,105.00

**Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 28,194.05**

St. Mark donation to Retired Religious \$185

Donations dated December 31<sup>st</sup> will be included in your donation statement mailed out in January 2021.

Donations can be made by dropping in collection basket at church in envelope marked "St. Mark Parish" or by mail or Online: St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or \*St. Mark's UAF Parish website [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) - click on "WeShare".

## Epiphany of the Lord

*"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11*

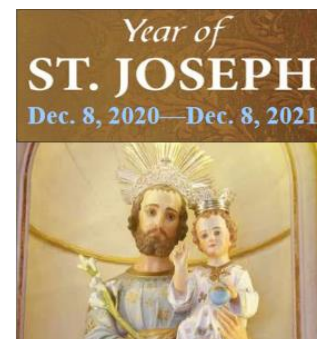
Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



## SACRAMENTAL ~ Holy Water

Holy water has a double meaning of reminding us of our baptism as well as a symbol of spiritual cleansing. Holy water is said to have great power over the devil as the devil cannot stand this "clean" water, since he is entirely unclean for all eternity. It is a reminder of the water that flowed out of Christ's side, which is a symbol of Baptism, and recalls the day of the devil's defeat (that is, Christ's crucifixion).

It is an ancient custom to have what are called "holy water stoups" or "holy water fonts" on the walls of a home. They are elaborate or simple cups that hold holy water, which can then be used to bless oneself throughout the day. It is especially helpful to have them at the doors that lead outside the house as well as in the bedrooms of family members. That way we keep ourselves always fixed on Christ and remind ourselves to remain pure. It also keeps the holy water handy when needed to ward off any influence of the Evil One.



## 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/>

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00am

### Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

Sunday – 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

**Special Prayer Intentions for:** Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, priests, seminarians and all who serve in our Diocese. Remember those in the “at risk group” that have been in quarantine during Covid-19. Pray for all our first responders (police, EMTs, firefighters, doctors, and nurses). For returning students and educators for the school year.

## ***The Epiphany -- January 3, 2021***

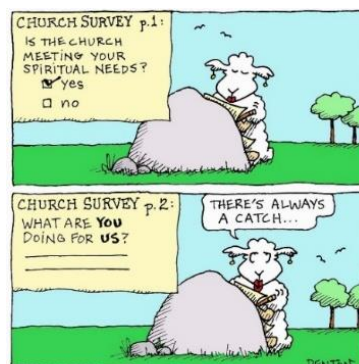
“Rise up in splendor! Your light has come.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org).



Congratulations to our Transitional Deacons ~ Dominik Wojcik and Piotr Oprych! Our prayers are with you both as you head back to your final year of seminary studies.

## 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.**



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“Upon you the Lord shines ...  
Nations shall walk by your light.”

### Sheepish Epiphany:

Wait—AM I shining the light of Christ for anyone?