



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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January 31, 2021 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time B

Year of St. Joseph Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021

Join us on Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral for 4:45pm
Sunday sung Evening Prayers (Vespers) prior to Mass.



January 31 Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass:

587 Christ, Be Our Light

463 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

321 In the Breaking of the Bread

561 Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sharing Good News

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 A Prophet Like Moses

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 The State of Virginity

Mark 1:21-28 Cure of Demoniac

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Website: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

Ph. 907-374-9504 Email: rfath@cbna.org

Podcast: <https://frrobertfath.podbean.com/>

Deacon: Warren Lucero

Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - February 2021: Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence,
that they may be protected by society and have
their sufferings considered and heeded

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 .

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

St. Mark Parish will provide help for students without transportation to get to Mass on the weekend, as well as other Catholic events during the week when the city bus is not running. Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564)

Need Community Service Hours?

Sacred Heart Cathedral is looking for volunteers to help with their Food Bank work. Help needed in unloading, sorting, and loading boxes into clients vehicles. Help needed on Fridays from 11:30am to 1:00pm. (*Time varies depending on number of helpers.*) Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen is always looking for extra hands! Contact Nick Shamrel at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org.

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

The Differences between High School and College:

In High School ~ Students are usually told in class what they need to learn from assigned readings.

In College ~ It is up to the students to read and understand the assigned material; lectures and assignments proceed from the assumption that the students have already done so. (*Talk with others in the class; visit your professor if things are not clearly understood.*)



WORD OF LIFE ~ January 31st

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’

(Matthew 28:20).” NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid* (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and in parishes over the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Please join me in the Annual World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, February 2 as we offer thanks for those religious women and men who served with great sacrifice over the years. I have had the honor of meeting some of our retired religious and I am humbled at their sacrificial and loving hearts. Many of these religious taught in our schools, served as medical staff in our hospitals, various parish, and community ministries. Sadly, their wages were profoundly low. Please offer prayers of thanks on this day for their ministry, and please support the Retirement Fund for Religious when the annual collection is taken.

Also, I ask that you pray for and encourage young men and women to consider a vocation to the religious life. Please see some of the survey information at the link at the USCCB website.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Chad Zielinski

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Septuagesima Sunday

"Why do you stand here all day idle? . . . Go you also into the vineyard" (Gospel).



As athletes of Christ we are called to a competitive "race" (Epistle). As workers with Christ we are ordered into the "vineyard" (Gospel).

It is a "race" with death for the "prize" of life eternal. Only "one receives the prize" by His own right, Christ! But remember, He still runs in us if we do not lag in this "race," as did Israel under "Moses" (Epistle).

God comes to us "early" in life. Until the last "hour" He repeats, "Why . . . stand . . . idle?" Each "hour" brings us nearer to the "evening" of reward, not due to the excellence of our work in itself but mercifully given by God as a recompense (Gospel). Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood*

**God does not call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.**

Meet Deacon Warren Lucero

St. March University Catholic Parish welcomes Deacon Warren Lucero, who was ordained Dec 8th, 2020. Deacon Warren has been assigned to our parish to help Fr. Robert Fath with his duties.



Deacon Warren has been married to his wife Michelle for 28 years. They have 4 children: Rochelle, Mary, Michael and Maricella. Deacon Warren retired from the Air Force in Aug 2012 after 24 years. A lifelong Catholic, he started as an alter server and played guitar in the choir in his youth. He has served as lecture, usher, EMHC, Sacristan, altar server trainer, CCD teacher and anything else the church needed. His family moved to Eielson AFB in Oct. 2008 and currently live in the Goldstream valley. "I am very happy to be here and I look forward to serving the church and the needs of St Mark's under the supervision of Fr. Robert. I will be able to administer the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. I will also be able to conduct a funeral service (wake vigil, rite of final commendation and rite of committal) and administer Holy Communion." Take a moment after Mass to introduce yourself to him and welcome him to our community! *We thank you for your commitment to the church and will keep you in our prayers!*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 31, 2021

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

January 31, 2021 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.



Candlemas Day is another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which falls on February 2nd. If you wish to have a candle(s) blessed to burn at home, feel free to bring them to Mass this Sunday.

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a Facilities and Maintenance Manager. Primary duties include providing expertise and oversight of all 46 parishes, the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, and the diocesan offices with facility maintenance. Conduct safety and maintenance checks on facilities and equipment, assist parishes with maintenance questions/concerns, prepare project budgets and act as manager/coordinator for capital projects. Supervisor for Chancery maintenance team. Qualifications required are an Engineering degree with 7 years' experience as a project manager or 15 years' experience in general contracting or related trades. This position requires travel to remote villages. Applicant must possess strong communication skills, have a willingness to work as a positive team player and work well in a multi-cultural environment. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to humanresources@cbna.org

Beloved Marriage Series & Engaged Encounter

February is Marriage and Family Month, and Sacred Heart Cathedral announces a city-wide marriage preparation program open to all engaged couples. The marriage preparation program explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind "I Do." *Beloved – Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* includes six inspiring and informative sessions. **February 6, 13, 20, and March 6, 13, 20.** Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1300 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709. Couples planning on attending the Beloved Classes should register with Sacred Heart Cathedral (call 347-3005). Also please register to attend the **Engaged Encounter Weekend** at Saint Nicholas Church February 26-28 (Call 488-2462 and see your pastor for an Engaged Encounter Registration Form).

"For a Christian to speak or act publicly in a pro-choice manner is a scandal to the Gospel and Name of Jesus Christ."
Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The theme for this year's **Catholic Schools Week 2021** is **Catholic Schools: FAITH ~ EXCELLENCE ~ SERVICE.** Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week from February 1st-5th with **Fairbanks Catholic Schools.** Learn more about what is offered and how you can support Immaculate Conception Grade School and Monroe Junior/Senior High School by checking out their website <https://www.catholic-schools.org>



Pray for blessing on all the staff, students, families and all who support the school.

Lent Begins – February 17th.



Schedules for Stations of the Cross, Mass times for Ash Wednesday, and any Holy Hour or Mass schedule changes will be posted on Parish Websites (listed on last page of bulletin) and bulletins by February 14th.

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY is dedicated to the **Holy Family.** This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time** which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of **Lent.** The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification, and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

The focus of the Liturgy during February are Gospel readings on Sunday taken from St. Mark (Year B, Cycle 1 of the readings).

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

SHC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Time: 12noon – 2:00pm in the Community Room. Book: The Four Last Things: A Catechetical Guide to Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell by Wade Menezes CPM c. 2017. Safe protocols will be followed. (*March 2nd book – Man's Search For Meaning by Victor E. Franke. C. 1959*)

First Friday Devotions Feb. 5-6 at ICC. Mass at 5:30M, all night Adoration from 6:00PM – 6:00AM; Patriotic Rosary and Confessions 6:00AM.

Check Diocese and Parish websites for events of interest.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Visit 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)

Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm- Feb 6,13; Mar 13, 27

Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am; Thurs 7:00pm

Monday: 7pm Spanish Mass

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

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu 8:00am-12noon

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

Immaculate Conception 452-3533

*All masses are live streamed.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

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

5:30pm: Wednesday

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 6-7:00pm

Confessions with Adoration

First Friday (5:30pm) ~Saturday (7am) Mass

followed by Adoration: 6:00pm-6:00am

Confessions: 11:30am-12pm (*Confessions are in the pastor's office*) - M, Tu, Th, F; W - 6-7pm; Sat 3-4pm

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

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

Saint Raphael 457-6603 (*Live streamed Masses)

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: *9:30am (*go to website Facebook link)

Daily Mass: Thurs 9:30am; *Wed 5:30pm w/ Rosary.

Adoration: Thu 7:00 – 8:00pm & 2nd Sunday of the Month

<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

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Daily Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu; Fri 8:45am; Wed. 6:00pm

Adoration: Wed 6pm Mass, Adoration w/Rosary.

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

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00am

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

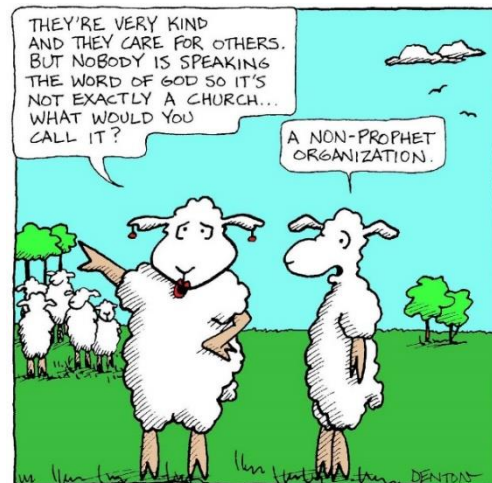
Sunday: 10:30am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

Please extend your special prayers to: Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests, religious men and women, & deacons serving in parishes on the road system and rural Alaska; for those in formation to become priests in our diocese; for all discerning their life decisions - schooling, career, work, state of life, relationships, and commitments. Pray for all unable to attend Mass in person due to health and age. May we all pray for guidance on how to reach out for those who are isolated.

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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"I will raise up for them a prophet ...
and will put my words into his mouth.

Sheepish Question:

Why is simply living ethically and serving others not enough?