



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 7, 2021 5th 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.

Comfort for the Sorrowful

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job's First Reply

Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul's Recompense

Mark 1:29-39 Cure of Peter's Mother-in-Law
and Other Miracles

St. Mark Parish: Ph. 907-374-9564

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

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

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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Deacon: Warren Lucero

Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger Ph. 907-374-9564

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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 .

February 7 Songs for 5:30pm

Sunday Mass:

456 There Is A Balm In Gilead

492 We Walk By Faith

496 Psalm 42

457 You Are Mine



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.



On Feb 8-11 between 5-
6pm at MBS you can come
by the Student Leadership
and Involvement Office
table to write a Valentine and deliver it yourself or have it
delivered to any on-campus room number.

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 acquire facts and skills.

In College ~ Students are responsible for thinking
through and applying what they have learned.



February 17th - Lent Begins with Ash
Wednesday. Schedules will be posted
soon! **Old Blessed Palms:** Bring in
your blessed dried palms to church to
be burned. Please place them in the
basket located in the church entry.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Sexagesima Sunday

“The sower went out to sow his seed . . . Now . . . the seed is the word of God” (Gospel).



Every springtime God, as it were, rewrites the Book of Genesis and Creation. Appropriate to the coming spring, Jesus is now pictured as the Divine “Sower.” He sows “seed” in the soil of our souls, covered with “rocks” of hardening pride, “thorns” of softening “pleasures!”

The Epistle is a vivid picture, moving in quick action over Europe and Asia, but above all moving our souls to action as it describes the sacrifices of Paul, the “sower,” sowing the “word of God,” despite *passions* from within, *persecutions* from without.

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” – Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... *to the First Reading*: Job describes the misery of the human condition when he laments that his life is filled with “drudgery”—he feels trapped (“is a slave”) and is “without hope.” This also describes the condition of the people who came to Jesus for healing. Jesus overturns the human condition, bringing hope and healing—then and now.



... *to experience*: A sick child instinctively seeks the touch of a loving parent; he or she wants the parent to sit by the bed, to be near. Even as adults, when we are ill or down-and-out, we seek comfort from a trusted and caring other who grasps our hand: As the gospel illustrates, in times of trouble we need the personal touch and presence of another. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

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

PASTOR’S NOTE – Fr. Robert Fath

A LIGHT TO REVEAL YOU TO THE NATIONS- FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Every evening when I pray Compline (Night Prayer) I recite the Cantic of Simeon:

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen. (Lk. 2:29-32)*



This is the song of praise that is offered by an old man who long awaited the coming of the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to be dedicated, Simeon was moved by the Holy Spirit to seek out Jesus and, upon finding him, to introduce others to him to those around him.

This past week, on Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. In the old liturgical calendar it marked the end of the Christmas season. Having passed the solstice we are acutely aware of the increasing sunlight that we are receiving in Alaska. The Feast of the Presentation should make us acutely aware of how the light of Christ is brightening in our lives. Are we seeking Christ in all things? Are allowing that light to penetrate our very being? Are we reflecting that light in our lives so that He can be “revealed to the nations”? As we prepare to enter into the holy season of Lent let us work as individuals and as a parish to find the light of Christ in our troubled world and reflect that light to those we encounter.

“The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?”
Pres. Ronald Reagan



JOB OPENING: 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." Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, the video classes speak to the very heart of every man and woman, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life.

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).

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7, 2021

"All this I do for the sake of the gospel." If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org



For Week for January 2021

Total: \$ 4,015.00

January 3	\$ 1,640.00
January 10	\$ 430.00
January 17	\$ 325.00
January 24	\$ 850.00
January 31	\$ 770.00

Actual Collection YTD (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 32,2015.05

Thank you for your generosity & continued support!!

ITEMS USED AT MASS



PATEN – A shallow, saucer-like dish that holds the bread which becomes the Body of Christ. Must be gold or gold plated, shallow and perfectly smooth on the inside

CHALICE – The large cup used at Mass to hold the wine which, when Consecrated, becomes the Blood of Christ. Must be of gold or silver with a completely smooth interior. May only be handled by the priest or others he has granted permission.



CIBORIUM – A vessel (bowl) used to hold the Hosts which will be used for Communion. They are also used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. (Latin – food container)



Soup Kitchen Volunteers are needed. If you would like to answer the call, contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533. The critical days volunteers are needed are Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

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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

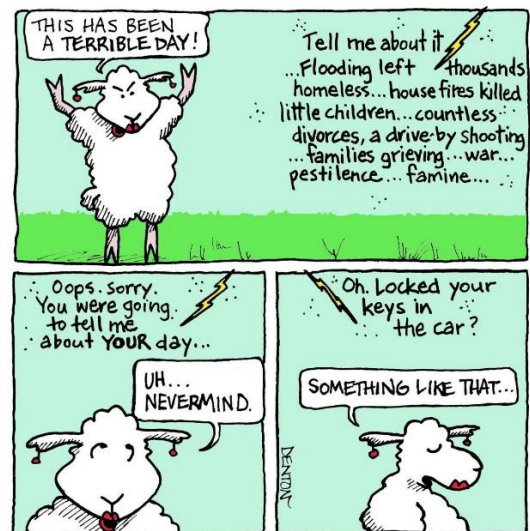
Sunday: 10:30am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday - 11:30am

Please extend your special prayers to: Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in parishes in Diocese of Fairbanks and Alaska; for all discerning their life decisions - schooling, career, work, state of life, relationships, and commitments. For our health care ministry and public service workers. 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. Please remember all our St. Mark Parishioners.

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.



"The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many ... and drove out many demons."

Sheepish Question:

Where is God in my concerns? Where am I in his?