



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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February 14, 2021

6th 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

February 14 Songs for 5:30pm

Sunday Mass:

- 352 Seed, Scattered and Sown
- 320 Gift of Finest Wheat
- 336 One Bread, One Body
- 551 All the Ends of the Earth



Models of Christ

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 On Leprosy

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Imitation of Christ

Mark 1:10-45 Healing of a Leper

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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 to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion.

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 14, 2021 – St. Valentine Day

Today we encourage all to celebrate St. Valentine with “Love a Mission”. This allows us to bless those less fortunate than us, especially during these cold days. We have chosen the ICC Food Kitchen and ask for donations from “items needed” list or make a monetary donation. For more information and a list of needs, go to: <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

- Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:30am, 12:10 & 7:00pm
- Immaculate Conception 12:10pm
- St. Raphael 9:30am & 7:00pm
- St. Nicholas 6:00pm

**Fr. Tom will be traveling to Healy & Nenana for evening services. Please keep Fr. Tom and all priests traveling to meet the needs of rural parishes in your prayers.*

****Due to COVID protocols, ashes will be distributed by sprinkling on head this year. Please start the Lenten season by attending services.**



Rite of Election & Continuing Conversion

You are invited to pray with the catechumens and candidates of the local parishes on Sunday, February 21st at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral as we celebrate the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion. The Rite will be celebrated in the context of sung evening prayer where Bishop Zielinski will pray with and encourage those who are preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Come show your support for those who are anxiously awaiting the Easter Sacraments!

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

PASTOR'S NOTE – Fr. Robert Fath

REPENT AND TURN TOWARDS THE GOSPEL

This Wednesday we begin the holy season of Lent with the distribution of ashes. Ash Wednesday recalls our need to repent from our sins and to turn towards Christ and His ways. In the United States it is common for the ashes to be placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross. This allows the ashes to be visible so that it serves as a reminder to others of the penitential nature of the day and the liturgical season we are entering into.

This year, however, you will notice something different. The Congregation for Divine Worship, due to COVID-19, has recommended that ashes be sprinkled on the crown of the head instead of being placed on the forehead. Some have wrongly assumed that this an innovation due to the pandemic when in reality it is the tradition in most other parts of the world. In many respects it is more biblical, harkening back to the Old Testament: “On the twenty-fourth day of this month, the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their heads covered with dust” (Neh. 9:1). As a sign of penance the Jewish people would clothe themselves in sackcloth and cover their heads with ash. The more traditional method of placing ash on the crown of the head also seems more appropriate in light of the Gospel reading we hear each year on Ash Wednesday. Jesus exhorts his followers: “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them...when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face so that your [penance] may be seen not by others but by Father” (cf. Mt. 6:16, 16-21).

So, while Ash Wednesday may be different and our penitential practice of ash may be more hidden, let us embrace the season and repent and turn towards the Gospel. As Jesus reminds us, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mt. 6:20-21).

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***“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:31***

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He is not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money, and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Need a ride to Mass? St. Mark Parish will help provide transportation if needed, 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 ~ Mastery be the ability to reproduce what students are taught.

In College ~ Mastery is often seen as the ability to apply what the student has learned to new situations or to solve new kinds of problems.

Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"When Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a din, He said, 'Begone, the girl is asleep, not dead.' And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd had been put out, He went in and took her by the hand; and the girl arose" (Gospel).



Notice the small flute-playing figures at the left. They represent *the crowd* of people who laugh their Creator *to scorn*.

Yet how often we move among them, enjoying what we call "life," even though we may be spiritually dead.

The trumpet-blowing angel at the right, summoning the dead to life, represents how Jesus, after *the crowd has been put out* by us, raises His *Hand* over us in absolution, extends His *Hand* to us in Holy Communion.

St. Paul, too, warns us against these; enemies of *the cross of Christ* whose *end is ruin*, whose *god is the belly*.
Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

"The enemy is glad to make you lose time when he cannot make you lose eternity."

-Saint Francis de Sales

Connecting the Gospel ...



...to the **First Reading**: The law described in the first reading functioned to protect the community from an uncontrollable, infectious disease: the leprous individual was to “dwell apart.” In the gospel Jesus, having “touched” the leper to heal him, made himself unclean according to Jewish law, and so he had to “[remain] outside in deserted places.”

...to **experience**: “Outcasts” are not just those of long ago who have broken a legal taboo. Today there are those we have cast out: they may be members of the other political party, another religion, a foreign culture, even members of our own families, etc. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. The following regulations are observed in this sacred season:



Abstinence: Catholics 14 years of age or older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on the other Fridays of the year that abstinence may be substituted by another form of penance.

Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There is a limit of one full meal and no food between meals on those days. Two smaller meals are permitted as needed to maintain one’s strength.

Holy Communion: Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion are obliged to make a worthy reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Lenten or Easter seasons. In the United States, this reception of Holy Communion may take place from the first Sunday in Lent (Feb. 21) through Trinity Sunday (May 30).

Other Lenten Observances: Some recommendations include participation in daily Mass, increased prayer and sacred scripture reading, spiritual studies, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, acts of charity, and traditional Lenten devotions (parish missions, Stations of the Cross, Holy Rosary).

As we celebrate our Lenten penitential practices, may we experience this conversion of heart and be strengthened in our faith in God’s mercy. May our discipline, through God’s grace, lead us to full participation in the eternal Easter.



For Week for February 7, 2021

Total: \$ 800.00

Actual Collection YTD (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 33,015.05

Thank you for your generosity & continued support!!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 14, 2021

“Do everything for the glory of God” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

Items Used At Mass

Tabernacle

The shrine or receptacle, either round or rectangular, that serves as a place for the exclusive reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. It should be made of solid material, opaque, be secure and inviolable, fitting the architecture of the church and positioned in a preeminent place.



Open – When the Host is present, the doors to the Tabernacle are closed and locked. They are opened only to reserve or remove the Consecrated Hosts for future distribution. Pyx – The smaller, covered container used to carry the Sacred Host to the sick and home-bound. Made the same as the ciborium.

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**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

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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

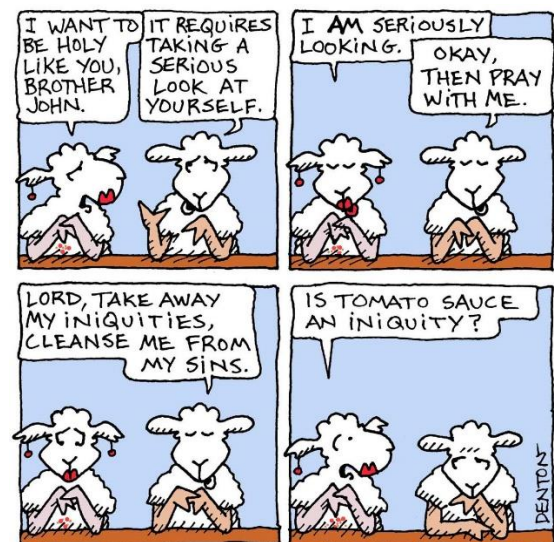
Sunday: 10:30am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

Please extend your special prayers to: Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks. For all discerning their life decisions - schooling, career, work, state of life, relationships, and commitments. Pray for our health care and public service workers; for those unable to attend Mass in person; for young adults and children whose education has been disrupted, as well as their teachers and professors. Pray for guidance on how to reach out for those who are isolated. Remember all who have died this past year.

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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“If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Sheepish Question:

If I asked, what would Jesus cleanse from me that I'm not seeing?