



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 21, 021

First Sunday of Lent

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

Join us at 4pm at SHC for Rite of Election.

February 21 Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass:

- 122 Forty Days and 40 Nights
- 127 The Glory of These Forty Days
- 120 Led By the Spirit
- 135 Lord, Who Throughout These
Forty Days



During Lent we will use Chant Mass

Settings found in Breaking Bread Missal – 855, 857, 858 & 861.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRQ11bYvfVQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vofXMAJ1xLY>

Stay Strong

Genesis 9:8-15 Covenant with Noah

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22 The Purpose of Christ's suffering

Mark 1:12-15 Jesus' temptation the call to conversion

Rite of Election & Continuing Conversion

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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.

You are invited to pray with the catechumens and candidates of the local parishes this 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!



FIRST WEEK OF LENT: HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger – it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: Catholics, who are 14 years or older and in good health, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Catholics, who are in good health from ages 18 through 59, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Fasting for this disciple means only one full meal a day, with two lighter meals, but with no food between meals. Catholics are encouraged to express their interior penance in other ways also: prayer, exercises of devotion, abstinence from certain foods, or activities, with an offering to charity of the money that would have otherwise been spent for that food, drink, or recreation.



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 .

PASTOR'S NOTE – Fr. Robert Fath

JESUS' TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT



Every year, on the First Sunday of Lent, we proclaim one of the versions of Jesus' temptation in the desert. As Jesus went out into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray before beginning his earthly mission in earnest, we enter a 40-day period of prayer, penance, and almsgiving to prepare for the celebrations of the Easter season. Just as the Devil found Jesus in the desert and tried to tempt him to turn away from the Father, so too he tries to find us to do the same. In the mist of the three temptations of Christ (stones into bread, throwing himself off the parapet of the Temple, and the offering of all the kingdoms of the world), Jesus shows us that reliance on the Father, engagement and familiarity with the Scriptures and the regular practice of our faith will help us overcome the temptations of the Evil One. God's grace and our willingness to work engage it is sufficient to overcome temptation and sin and continue along the path of holiness. During this Lenten season may we continue to follow after Christ on our way towards the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Time takes no holiday." -Saint Augustine

February 21, 2021 **1st Sunday of Lent**

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Need a ride to weekend Mass or weekday Catholic events? Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564)

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.

Scholarships – Time to start thinking about how you'll pay for schooling next year. Check out UAF's site for what's available - <https://alaska.academicworks.com/> St. Mark's will post scholarships available next month.

Need Community Service Hours?

Volunteers needed at SHC to help with their Food Bank work 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.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

First Sunday of Lent

"Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Gospel).



1. In this picture the devil points to the *bread of fleshly* desire. "Now is the acceptable time" to "ration" our self-indulgence, our worship of physical culture (Epistle), and to feed our souls with the Divine Word. This temptation calls for the mortification of self.
2. The "pinnacle of the temple" (in the upper left corner), recalls the *pride* of usurping God's *power*, of trying to live beyond His reach. We must topple ourselves from the pinnacle of *pride* and lift ourselves up by prayer to the pinnacle of God Himself.
3. The "kingdoms of the world," seen in the distance (in middle of picture), represent those who covet mere earthly "glory." To offset this temptation there must be almsgiving or devoting one's talents to the service of one's neighbor.

The Epistle exhorts us not to receive "in vain" this plan of personal reformation, first by warning, then by encouraging us in the eternal struggle between Christ and Antichrist. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Connecting the Gospel ...



... to the **First Reading**: In the covenant with Noah God says yes to us and all of creation (see *First Reading*). Lent is a time to renew our yes to God and deepen our fidelity to our baptismal covenant (see *Second Reading*).

... to **experience**: Our tendency is to put off dealing with difficult, uncomfortable, challenging tasks. We often need a push to get going. Lent is the push: "This is the time." <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



For Week for February 14, 2021

Total: \$ 475.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 33,490.05

Thank you for your continued generosity & continued support!!

Carnevale – literally means “good-bye, meat” in Latin.
“Meat -farewell!” (“Carne – Vale!).

STATIONAL CHURCHES

Stational Churches are the churches that are appointed for special morning and evening services during Lent, Easter, and some other important days during the Liturgical Year. This ancient Roman tradition started to strengthen the sense of community within the Church in Rome, as this system meant that the Holy Father would visit each part of the city and celebrate Mass with the congregation.

“So vividly was the station saint before the minds of the assembled people that he seemed present in their very midst, spoke and worshiped with them. Therefore the missal still reads, “*Statio ad sanctum Paulum*,” i.e., the service is not merely in the church of St. Paul, but rather in his very presence. In the stational liturgy, then, St. Paul was considered as actually present and acting in his capacity as head and pattern for the worshipers. Yes, even more, the assembled congregation entered into a mystical union with the saint by sharing in his glory and by seeing in him beforehand the Lord’s advent in the Mass (Pius Parsch, *The Church’s Year of Grace*, Vol. 2, p. 71).”

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

Follow the **Lenten Station Churches of Rome** on a virtual pilgrimage through Rome’s churches with a new video, a new podcast, and a new article each day of Lent: <https://thecatholictraveler.com/lenen-station-churches-of-rome/>

OF INTEREST:

- Tues, March 16th – **Chrism Mass** at SHC 7:00pm
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience March 20-21, 2021. Apply online by March 8th. <http://alaskawwwme.org>
“Love one another as I have loved you.”
- February 2021 Diocesan **Missionary Disciples** magazine: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>
- Pope Francis’ message for Lent – “Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love” <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=12473>
- USCCB Lent 2021 – Reflect. Repent. Restore. https://www.usccb.org/resources/Lent-2021-calendar_English.pdf
- Get **Free Catholic Content** on FORMED.ORG. Log onto: <https://formed.org/signup>. Click “next”, then fill in your name and email address and start accessing content! Try this out for Lent if you have not already started.

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.”

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

First Sunday of Lent -- February 21, 2021

“The Kingdom of God is at hand.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

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

Pray for.....Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks. Together let us pray for our members and friends of our community, that are in special needs of our prayers. For our University community; all expecting mothers, as well as our beloved dead. Today we ask for special prayers for those catechumens and candidates of our local parishes that celebrated the Rite of Election on Continuing Conversion.

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 recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings.”

Sheepish Question:

How do I respond to God's loving promise of salvation?