



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent

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

"He [St. Joseph] is head of the Holy Family, father of the trinity on earth which resembles so closely the Holy Trinity on high."

-St. Peter Julian Eymard.

Sunday Sung Vespers 4:45pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Divine Glory

Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18 Abraham obeyed God

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Romans 8:31b-34 God's faithfulness is shown

Mark 9:2-10 Jesus is transfigured

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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

Marilis Bennett

John Fox

Cynthia Klepaski

Ritchie Musick

Jen & Sean Tucker.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - March 2021: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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.



February 28 Songs for 5:30pm

Sunday Mass:

129 'Tis is Good, Lord, to be Here

124 From the Depths We Cry to Thee

130 Transfiguration

495 Faith of Our Fathers

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>



SECOND WEEK OF LENT:

BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids will not grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Check out www.crsricebowl.org/recipe for featured meatless meals from around the world to try out during Lent.

Lent is a season marked by purification and penance in preparation for the summit of the entire liturgical year: the sacred Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of the Lord. Lent consists of 40 days of fasting and prayer. (Sundays are excluded.) It is the time when the faithful, through sacrifice and mortification, prepare to renew their baptismal promises, or, in the case of catechumens, prepare for the sacraments of initiation, through the Rite of Election, scrutinies and catechesis.

The Church Fathers, including St. Leo the Great and St. Cyril of Alexandria, indicated that Lent had been observed since the time of the apostles, although it did not become regularized until after Christianity was legalized in 313 as a specific time of Easter preparation constituted by increased prayer and fasting. *By Claire Dwyer National Catholic Register*

DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS NOTES:

From Bishop Chad Zielinski: Letters have been posted to the Diocese of Fairbanks website (and St. Mark's under our "Letter" tab) that we encourage you to take time out of your busy day and read. From the Diocese comes "Diocese Policies on Catholic Teaching on the Human Person" regarding Gender Identity. This week we received a letter from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding concerns with the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5).

From the Diocese of Fairbanks Safe Environment Office: The Spirit Fire Global Conference on Abuse & Faith is a comprehensive tool to promote healing and unity for victims of abuse, along with all members of the church. The broadcast airs every Sunday night and allows for a safe and informed discussion about the wounds the Church has acquired through the devastating evil of abuse. I recently learned the statistic that in the pews every Sunday, somewhere between 40-60% of people have been sexually abused in some way. Please speak to this resource that is available to promote healing through our faith. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFtnE2P4Yr0>

Immaculate Conception Church: Job Openings - Security Personal Part-time and Assistant Manager. Must adhere to CBNA Policies and pass background checks. Contact 907.435.3533 for more information.

"The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter." – *Ceremonial of Bishops*

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday of Lent

"Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking together with Him" (Gospel).

Last Sunday we beheld Jesus as Man, suffering, and conquering the three temptations. Today a faint glimpse of Jesus as God is a further Lenten incentive against discouragement or failure.

We behold Moses, the lawgiver, pointing to the code of the Ten Commandments; Elias, the prophet, pointing to the creed of Divine Truth. "This is the will of God. . . walking" in the way of His Commandments (Epistle, applying your mind to Divine Truth, so that "you (may) learn how to possess (your) vessel in holiness."

"Your sanctification (Epistle) is an *interior* obligation in your own private *life*; also *exterior* (Prayer), to the extent of helping your neighbor, for "the Lord is the avenger" of deception in everyday business (Epistle). Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



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*.

Six Teachings of our Catholic Faith on the Human Person: <https://lifeteen.com/blog/catholic-church-wants-transgender-community-know/>

Scholarships – Time to start thinking about how you will pay for schooling next year. Check out UAF's site for what is 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.

Rite of Election & Continuing Conversion



The Rite of Election closed the Period of the Catechumenate. Now begins a Period of Purification and Enlightenment – the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. Over the next five Sundays of Lent, three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord's Prayer take place. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it is not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



Connecting the Gospel ...



... *to the First Reading*: Abraham obeyed God's command to sacrifice even his only son Isaac, and for that obedience God promised Abraham abundant blessings and countless descendants (which is to say,

continued life through his offspring). Our own obedience to God ("listen to him") brings us the blessing of life in Christ (see Second Reading), which is to say, eternal life.

... *to experience*: The pressures of life often keep us from taking the time to stop and listen—to each other, to ourselves, and to God. But only by taking the time to listen can we grow in our relationships, in our quality of life, in self-understanding, and in discipleship.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Stewardship Report
February 21, 2021.....\$ 1,199.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 34,929.05
Thank you for your support!

Second Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2021

"It is good that we are here." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

STATIONAL CHURCHES

Second Sunday of Lent, Station with Santa Maria in Domnica alla Navicella (St. Mary in Domnica):

The Station at Rome is in the church of *St. Mary in Domnica*, on Monte Celio. Tradition tells us that in this basilica was the *diaconicum* of which St. Lawrence had charge, and from which he distributed to the poor the alms of the Church. <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/lenten-station-churches-of-rome>

Welcome to our parish! We are here to 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 .

"The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?"

President Ronald Reagan

OF INTEREST:

➤ **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** ICC Soup Kitchen (Contact Nick Shamrel at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) and Sacred Heart Cathedral (907-978-5281/email - ann@cbna.org) are looking for volunteers to help in their Outreach programs serving those in need.

➤ **7:00 pm on March 4th –Love INC's Virtual Agape Event!** Join the live telethon and hear testimonies from individuals who have been impacted from Love INC's programs, interviews with staff & more! <https://www.loveinc.org/>



➤ **7:00 pm Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at SHC, St. Raphael (6pm), St. Nick and ICC (ICC starts with 5:30pm Mass).

➤ **March 16th – Chrism Mass** at SHC 7:00pm

➤ **Reconciliation Lenten Services:**

March 18 – St. Nicholas – 6:00-8:00pm

March 23 – St. Raphael – 6:00-8:00pm

March 24 - SHC and ICC 5:30pm Mass, 6:00-8:00pm Adoration and Confession at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

➤ **March 19, 2021 – June 26, 2022 Embrace the Year of the Family.** Learn It ~ Share It ~ Put It Into Practice. Pope Francis is inviting the whole church to focus this year on *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)* and how we can accompany people as they navigate relationships, parenting, and living as disciples.

➤ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Virtual Experience March 20-21, 2021. Apply online by March 8th.

<http://alaskawwme.org>

"Love one another as I have loved you."

➤ 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> .

Did you Know? This season of penance leading up to Easter is called *Quadragesima* in Latin, which means "Fortieth." The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "spring."

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 as he travels to Iraq (March 5-8), Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; for our loved ones who are ill; for those who have died this past year. Pray that we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.

Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you, Mary placed her trust;
with you, Christ became man.



Blessed Joseph, to us also,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

We seek your fatherly protection during this time of pandemic upon the Diocese of Fairbanks and all our Sisters and Brothers that surround us in Alaska.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

We ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family that you were given to love, protect, and guide during your time on earth. Amen.



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"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Sheepish Question:

What are my blind spots when it comes to making sacrifices for God?