



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Peter witnesses the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a God is the "expiation" for our sins.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 Instruction of the risen Lord to his disciples.



April 18th Sunday 5:30pm Hymns:

330 O Sacrament Most Holy

404 Earthen Vessels

321 In the Breaking of the Bread

719 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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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 - April 2021: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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.

"Images of beauty, in which the mystery of the invisible God becomes visible, are an essential part of Christian worship."

—Pope Benedict XVI

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Need a ride to Mass? Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) 24 hours in advance of ride.

UAF Music Department

invites you to join them on Sunday, April 18 at 7:30 PM on the UAF Department of Music Facebook page. If you are not on Facebook, you can join us at media.UAF.edu. This concert will be virtual so you can join us from wherever you are! Support Madeline Andriesen who is performing. She had been an active member of our choir before COVID19 protocol restricted her participation.



FEAST & FAITH- Project Rachel Watch Party.

Young adults (18-35'ish) Wednesday, April 28 beginning at 6:00 pm for the Project Rachel Watch Party at the St. Ignatius Residence (2890 N. Kobuk Ave.). Come learn about this ministry and how you can help. We will begin with a social meet and greet from 6:00-7:00 pm and then login to the streaming presentation from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Anchorage. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Questions? Contact Fr. Robert Fath at 374-9504 or rfath@cbna.org.

Blessings for Students!

Commencement (Virtual) - Saturday, May 1st.

Final examinations: Tuesday – Saturday (4/27-5/1).

Please join us on April 25th (Sunday) at SHC for St. Mark University Catholic Parish 5:30pm Mass. Fr. Robert Fath will bless students facing exams and those graduating and facing future employment!

Residence Halls close at noon on Sunday, May 2nd.

Scholarship Opportunities with St. Mark will be updated with topic guidelines and deadlines and made available online by July 15, 2021.

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have
believed." John 20:29



The Patron Saint of Televisions and Computer Screens:

St. Clare of Assisi is a beloved Italian saint who was born in 1193 to an aristocratic family. She later renounced her wealthy status to follow St. Francis of Assisi's call to embrace a lifestyle of humility and poverty. She spent several months at different monastic communities before joining other sisters in a small convent at the Church of San Damiano, given to them by Francis's Order of Friars Minor.

St. Clare was the superior of the convent of San Damiano while still practicing the virtues of humility, charity, piety, and penitence. She cared for the sick sisters and took up basic chores such as cooking and cleaning. Her devotion to the Eucharist was so great that she performed two miracles. On two different occasions, Saracen mercenaries were about to attack the convent and impose a siege on Assisi. St. Clare simply showed the invaders the Blessed Sacrament, and they ceased in their efforts. These miracles led to her canonization in 1255.

Later in her life, St. Clare became too sick to attend Mass, and she was incredibly disappointed. It is believed that one day, she was lying in her bed when a large image appeared across her wall, as if it were a television screen. The image showed her the Mass, so St. Clare was able to watch Mass from her own bed and make an Act of Spiritual Communion. When the television was invented in the 1950s, Pope Pius XII named St. Clare the patron saint of televisions and screens since she watched television before anyone had likely thought of the concept!

We honor St. Clare because she devoted her life to the wholehearted pursuit of Christ. We may not be called to enter a monastery or convent, but we still serve others as St. Clare did. We can imitate her virtues by visiting the lonely, caring for the sick, or doing our menial tasks with love and without complaint. <https://www.catholiccompany.com>

April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday after Easter

"I am the Good Shepherd. . . I lay down My life for My sheep. . . but the hireling flees because he is a hireling and has no concern for the sheep" (Gospel).



Jesus organized the visible Church along the lines of a *sheepfold*. St. Peter, first shepherd of the visible Church, depicts Jesus as the invisible "Shepherd. . . of your souls" (Epistle). He tenderly remembers all that Jesus suffered for us "Sheep going astray."

On Catacomb walls, early Christians delighted to draw pictures and to write explanations of the perfect understanding and love between the Good Shepherd and His sheep, such as that which exists between the "Father" and "Me."

We are not only fed through the *visible guidance of His Church*, but also through the *invisible grace of the Sacraments*, especially "in the breaking of bread" (Alleluia Verse).

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Connecting the Gospel ...



... **to the First Reading:** Peter is able to witness to the reality of Jesus' resurrection and call his hearers to repentance because he himself has experienced repentance and forgiveness, and the new life this brings.

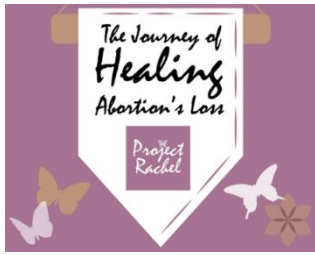
... **to experience:** In our judicial system the most credible witnesses are eyewitnesses close to the event. We are eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus—even though we are far removed from the historical event—when we recognize the risen Lord among and within us, forgive and seek forgiveness of one another, and faithfully feast at his table. He is alive! <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

"IS THERE ANYTHING TO
EAT" DOESN'T SOUND
VERY MESSIAH-LIKE.

HE'S A REAL RESURRECTED
BODY. EATING SOMETHING
DEMONSTRATES THAT FACT.

FISH STICKS
ARE MY
FAVORITE!





April 28 at 7:00pm Livestreamed seminar sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for those impacted by abortion.

Project Rachel brings God's healing love and mercy to women and men who have been impacted by abortion. Come learn about this ministry's life-changing mission of reconciliation, and how you can be an advocate for others who are still searching for Christ's forgiveness and peace. Visit projectrachelalaska.com or call our confidential line: (907) 297-7781. Outside the Anchorage-Juneau region, call (866) 434-3344.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.



Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, our priests, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; seminarians as they continue their education on the road to becoming priests for our diocese. Continue to pray for new members of the Catholic Faith during Easter Vigil; members of the St. Mark and UAF community; individuals afflicted by illness struggling with addictions, depression, or loneliness due to isolation. Those recovering from surgery – Ben Orr and Sean Tucker. University students taking exams at the end of the month and those graduating May 1st.

Pray for Vocations: Third Sunday of Easter

“Peace be with you.” If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.

Information of Interest for Catholics on UAF campus and in Fairbanks & North Pole Area:

- May 1st Knights of Columbus State Convention in Fairbanks. Dr. John Bergsma from Franciscan University of Steubenville will be giving a talk at the convention and all are welcome to attend.
- **May 23rd – 11am: Road System Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Pray for St. Mark's parishioner Luna Forlino (and her family) as she will be with this group being confirmed by Bishop Chad Zielinski!
- Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen. Contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533.
- Knights of Columbus 2021 Kodiak Island Bison Hunt Raffle tickets are available. Contact a Knight or Call (907) 378-9709. Drawing held May 1, 2021 for \$20/ticket. Need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit Knights charitable works in Alaska.
- Check out Shepherd's Cache at SHC. This is a wooden box attached to the wall at the back of the church where offerings (checks/cash) may be dropped to help support our bishop meet the needs of village parishes in our diocese.
- Catholic content on Formed.org. Check SHC webpage for more information.
- Information on becoming a Knights of Columbus can be found at www.kofc.org or contact Bill Chrisman at (907) 590-0338 cell [or email aksdkofc2019@gmail.com](mailto:aksdkofc2019@gmail.com)
- Interested in becoming a Catholic Daughter of the Americas Fairbanks Court? For more information contact Nancy Kelly at stpahaecatholicparish@gmail.com or (907) 457-6603.
- For more information on becoming an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph (men or women), please email Patty Walter at 374-9536 or pattywalter@hotmail.com. Make the commitment to lead lives that strive to work for justice, reach out to those in need, and build relationships in the spirit of hospitality and simplicity.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was born 94 years ago on April 16 in the town of Marktl, Bavaria. He continues to live in the Mater Ecclesiae monastery on Vatican grounds. Benedict XVI resigned from the papacy in 2013, citing advanced age and declining strength making it difficult to carry out his ministry making him the first pope to resign in nearly 600 years.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

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

Visit Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament,
I love You above all things, and
I desire to Receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
Receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
From You. Amen



Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection:

April 11, 2021.....\$ 1,061.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 46,195.86

We have been blessed this past year with your generosity! Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



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"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

Sheepish Question:

Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?