



April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 4:8-12 Peter cure through the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom the Jews had crucified.
Psalm 118:8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2 Men are made children of God.
Gospel: John 10:11-18 Do not shut your ears to the call of Christ today.

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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
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John Fox
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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.

Annointing 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.

*Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*



April 25th Sunday 5:30pm
Hymns:
542 Come, Now is the Time to Worship
457 You Are Mine
547 Sacred Silence
560 10,000 Reasons

Maria will be leaving us for the summer. We are looking for another strong voice to join the choir. Please see George Stefan after Mass.

April 25 –**Feast of St. Mark**, the patron saint for our parish. We ask him for his protection and intercession. Please take a moment to read about the life of St. Mark, the evangelist.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

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. Visit the following website if unable to be with us in person: <http://facebook.com/SaintElizabethAnnSetonParishAnchorage> Questions? Contact Fr. Robert Fath at 374-9504 or rfath@cbna.org.

BLESSING FOR STUDENTS

Final examinations: Tuesday – Saturday (4/27-5/1).
Commencement (Virtual) - Saturday, May 1st.
Please join us April 25th (Sunday) at SHC for St. Mark University 5:30pm Mass. Fr. Robert Fath will offer a blessing for college students heading taking exams this week and for those graduating May 1st!
Residence Halls close at noon on Sunday, May 2nd.

Needing a ride to Catholic gatherings off campus? Contact Mary Pat Boger in advance of event at: 907-374-9564

April 25, 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

**Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:
Third Sunday After Easter**

"A little while and you shall see Me no longer. . . because I go to the Father. . . And you therefore have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one shall take from you" (Gospel).



Christianity is a religion of joy! (Introit). May "those. . .in error" receive this "light" (Prayer). Jesus predicts, however, that our joy can never be perfect here. The "cross before the crown" (Alleluia Verse) would indeed be a mystery had no Jesus lived it out for us.

An unbelieving "world shall rejoice" because it regards Him as dead and gone. But Christ departs only for a "little while" (Gospel) to test our love and loyalty. He shall return (as indicated by little figure of Christ in the clouds).

Prepare for His coming "in the day of visitation" by good example. "Behave yourselves honorably among pagans; that they ... observing your good works" for God and country (described in the Epistle) may recognize that Christianity is a religion of joy, now and forever.

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. ~ Jn 10:14

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Because "the Father has bestowed on us" great love, we are able, like Jesus, to lay down our lives for others.



... to experience: As human beings we have a hard time being faithful about loving. The whole Easter mystery reveals to us how utterly faithful God is in loving us. We can be faithful in our own loving because God is faithful in loving us. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



April 28 at 7:00pm

Livestreamed seminar at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and livestreamed online 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.

Special Prayer Intentions for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; new priests that will be joining our diocese as paperwork permits; members of the St. Mark and UAF community; individuals afflicted by illness or struggling with addictions, depression, or loneliness due to isolation; the continued recovery from surgery for Ben Orr and Sean Tucker. UAF students and graduates as they close out the semester with final projects/papers, exams, and graduation this coming week.

Pray for Vocations:

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- April 25, 2021

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you?

Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.



Monroe Foundation, Inc. (Catholic Schools of Fairbanks) is having their annual Spring Fundraiser. Anything

you can give makes a difference in the lives of children. Thanks to the generosity of others all donations will be doubled (matched). It is another opportunity to be “Better Together.” Check out Monroe Foundations Spring Matching Fundraiser at <http://www.catholic-schools.org>.

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

- **April 27th Road System Regional Council** meeting: 6:00om at ICC.
- **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 ICC Soup Kitchen.** Contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 452-3533.
- Get free Catholic content on **FORMED.ORG** Check SHC webpage or Sunday bulletin for more information on accessing this resource.
- 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 strpahaecatholicparish@gmail.com or (907) 457-6603.
- Learn more on becoming an **Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph** (men or women). For more information contact Patty Walter at 374-9536 or pattywalter@hotmail.com.
- **Little Flower Ministry** 92.7FM. For more information contact Robin Barrett at 479-5283, Cherie Kelly at 378-7047 or KQHE Studio at 45-4868.



Does the Big Bang Theory contradict Church teaching?:

Some people think that the Big Bang theory clashes with the Church’s teaching on God as

Creator.

In 1215, the Fourth Lateran Council affirmed *creatio ex nihilo*, which means that the universe was created out of nothing by a higher power. Some atheists think that the Big Bang replaces the role of a creator, since this mysterious explosion created everything out of nothing.

But they are forgetting something. The Big Bang theory was first proposed by a Catholic priest named Fr. Georges Lemaître. Fr. Georges suggested that God may have created the universe through a “Big Bang,” or what he called the “expansion of the universe.”

In his book *Forty Anti-Catholic Lies*, Dr. Verschuuren explains that there is a difference between “creating” and “producing.” The Big Bang theory helped produce the universe as we know it today but producing is not the same as creating. In this context, to create is “to cause to exist, to create from nothing” while to produce is “to bring forth, to manufacture” using already-existing materials.

Furthermore, in order for the Big Bang to happen, something would have had to cause it. So we would have to ask what—or Who—caused the Big Bang?

The Big Bang theory does not contradict the role of a Creator because God’s role in creating the universe is different from the Big Bang Theory’s role in producing the universe. God created everything out of nothing, while the Big Bang Theory produced the universe using what God had already called into being. The Big Bang was a method for creating something—not the original source or cause of what was created.

To learn more about how the Big Bang theory does correlate with faith, check out Dr. Verschuuren’s *Forty Anti-Catholic Lies*. <https://www.catholiccompany.com>



We are all “*saints in the making.*” Busted Halo is a ministry of The Paulist Fathers with a unique media resource accessible to help others understand the Catholic Faith, put it in practice in our everyday lives, and share with others. Take a moment to check out this site: <https://bustedhalo.com>

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

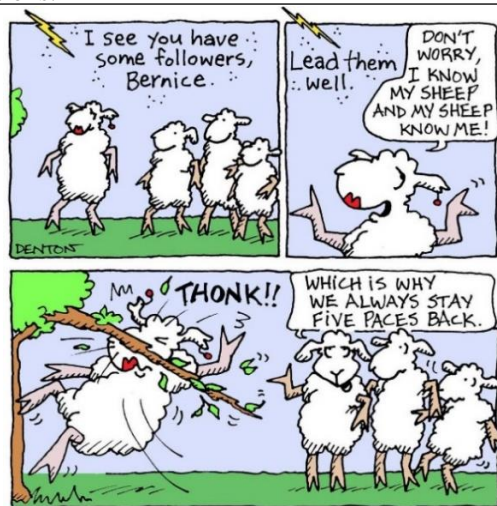
Visit Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

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



The purpose of **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2021 marks the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



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Sheepish Question:

Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?