



May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day

Reading 1: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10 God is love.
Gospel: John 15:9-17 No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Catholic Student Association

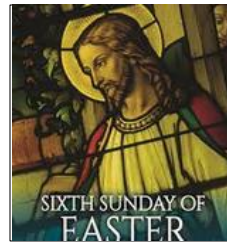
We are a community of faith and caring.
Needing a ride to Catholic gatherings off campus this summer? Contact Mary Pat Boger in advance of event at: 907-374-9564.

St. Mark Parish: Ph. 907-374-9564
Email: stmark@cbna.org
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Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath
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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger Ph. 907-374-9564
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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 -
May 2021: The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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.



May 9th Sunday 5:30pm Hymns:

303 Gather Us In
486 Love One Another
475 Love Goes On
456 There is a Balm in Gilead

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
So you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and
love shine forth.
Grant that we, her family,
May honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.



Dates to Remember:

- ✚ St. Raphael's is offering the **Beloved Series** classes for engaged couples with Session 2, Wednesday, May 12th, 6-7:30pm. Register by contacting Camille or Marie at 457-6603 or email staphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com
- ✚ **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!

SEEKING HELP FROM OUR PARISIONERS: A sign-up sheet for Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir members, and after Mass clean-up can be found at the entrance of church. Please help us with your participation! If you have any questions, talk with Fr. Robert Fath, Mary Pat Boger, or George Stefan, or call 907-374-9564 ~ we will help you make a difference. Please sign up in advance.

Blessing on Mother's Day!
The heart remembers all those times when your special love made all the difference.

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



Join us for **ROAR! VBS**

— The Fairbanks area parishes invite all K-6 youth to this summer's vacation bible school. At

ROAR! kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. The program will be held on weekday mornings from **June 28 to July 2** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Registration can be completed by visiting <https://sacredheartak.org/vbs>. The registration donation is \$10 per child. *Note that registration is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Don't wait!* Sign up now to help us plan for this event!

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

"If you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it to you. . . Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (Gospel).



Petition Sunday, followed by Rogation Days! We petition the Father's blessing upon springtime planting in the fields; yes, and in our souls. We ask in the "Name" of Jesus. He intercedes for us with the Father.

We must ask only for what keeps us on the Christian road. "I go to the Father," is the signpost on this road to which Jesus points. The Epistle warns us of a dangerous detour if we ignore this road guide. Religion is vain unless one be a "doer" and not a "hearer" only. "Religion pure and undefiled" in our interior life, means keeping "oneself unspotted;" in our social life, it means the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to all "in their tribulation."

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the *Second Reading*: The [Second Reading](#) invites us to obey the command to love given by Jesus in the gospel. Love is the very being of God ("God is love") and since we are "begotten by God," love is our very being as well. To refuse the invitation is to refuse who we are.



... to *experience*: We generally use the word "remain" to mean to "stay put." The "remain in me" that Jesus speaks, however, calls us to move beyond where we are to embrace an ever-widening circle of those whom we love.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



BRANCHING OUT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



The Catholic Bible: The First Printed Book?

Before Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press in the Western world, books were hard to find and highly valuable.

Bibles were handwritten by monks and usually only clergy were able to own them. But the printing press allowed vendors to mass-produce books, newspapers, and magazines, making books and information cheaper and more accessible to everyone.

When Gutenberg created this revolutionary piece of technology, the first book he printed to distribute throughout the world was the Catholic Bible. Of all the works Gutenberg could have printed, why the Catholic Bible?

Little is known about Gutenberg other than the fact that he invented the printing press in Europe around 1450 and was a devout Catholic. After designing the printing press, he borrowed money to mass-produce Catholic bibles that could be sent throughout the world. It is believed that Gutenberg printed 180 copies of this bible, known as the Gutenberg Bible.

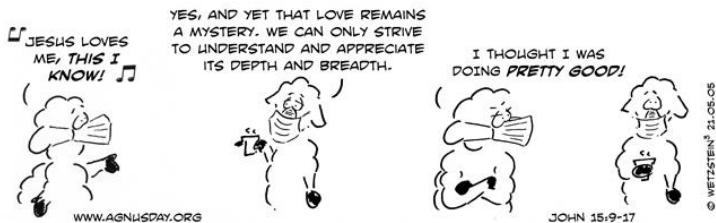
Many scholars note that what stands out about the Gutenberg Bible is how intricate and delicate this publication is, having been printed with high-quality materials. Today, only forty-nine copies of the Gutenberg Bible have survived.

So why is this bible so important to us? It's important because the printing press helped spread information and ideas in a way that was not possible before. Thanks to Johannes Gutenberg, the fundamental teachings of Catholicism were able to flourish during this time.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

EASTER: May 13th – Ascension of Our Lord

The Ascension refers to the day celebrated 40 days after Easter when Catholics celebrate the fact that Jesus returns to God after being with his disciples after the resurrection. It is a central element of our tradition and is included in the creed recited at Mass each Sunday. It is also a Holy Day of Obligation and Catholics are required to go to Mass on that day.



HOW TO KEEP A CATHOLIC HOME: A careful record should be kept with the names, dates, priests, and bishops who conferred the Sacraments on your family members: Baptism, First Penance, First Holy



Communion, Confirmation, Marriage or Ordination or Profession of Vows, and Extreme Unction (Last Rites). Also the dates of each of your Patron Saints. These should become special days for you throughout the year. There is much more to celebrate in a Catholic home than a secular home.

VALUE VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DIOCESAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
The Regional Council funds retreat speakers, plans the annual combined parish picnic and facilitates communication between the road parishes. By contributing BAGS (kitchen or yard size) of your gently used items to our **VALUE VILLAGE fundraiser**—you can help Fr. Tom Kuffel and your Regional Council raise funds to help support various road parish activities.



VALUE VILLAGE will donate 20 cents per pound for items in good condition.



Each 20 lb. bag of clothing = about \$4.00.

The FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS MONDAY, JUNE 21ST.



To arrange a time to drop off time for your donation, please call the **Chancery at 374-9500, ext. 136.**

We are accepting all clean and sellable:

**Clothing • Accessories • Linens • Curtains
Bedding • Winter Coats**

Please no furniture, books, or heavy items.



Volunteers will sort bags before the delivery date to make sure they follow the donation guidelines. Bags containing "hard" goods will not qualify for the 20 cents a pound. **Shoes do qualify but please bag separately.**



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Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks; for all Mothers on this special day; Parishioners Ben Orr, Sean Tucker and Dorothy Keith. Let us remember in prayer those who have passed before us, especially Mothers leaving families behind. Finally, let us keep in our prayers students, teachers, administration, and support staff in our local schools as they finish the school year.

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. ~Acts 34-35

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

Parish Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection: April 25, 2021.....\$ 993.00
Actual Collection YTD
 (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 49,811.86

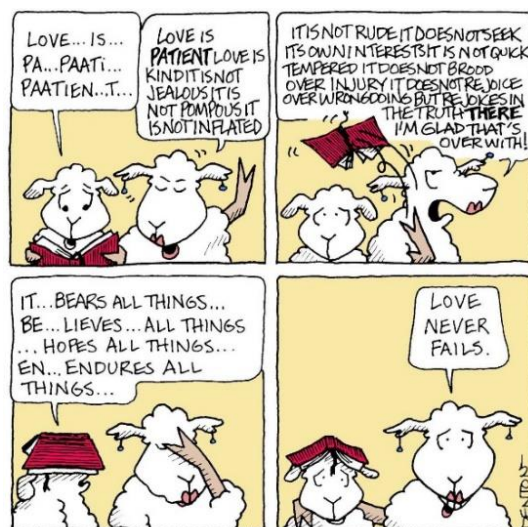
Whether you choose to contribute with cash, checks, or WeShare electronic giving, THANK YOU for your continued support of St. Mark University Parish!

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

To pray for the end to Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
 send now Your Spirit over the earth.
 Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations,
 that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster,
 and war. May the Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin
 Mary, be our Advocate. Amen



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"This I command you: love one another."

Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I acted on God's love for me?