



May 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place among the apostles.
Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 Bless the Lord who rules heaven and earth.
Reading II: 1 John 4:11-16 God is seen in our love for one another.
Gospel: John 17:11b-19 Jesus prays for his disciples.

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.

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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: Marilis Bennett, John Fox,

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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 16th Sunday 5:30pm Hymns:

387 Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth
584 We Are Many Parts
382 The Summons
186 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

God

Dates to Remember:

- ✚ St. Raphael's is offering the **Beloved Series** classes for engaged couples with Session 3, Wednesday, May 19th, 6-7:30pm. Register by contacting Camille or Marie at 457-6603 or email straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com
- ✚ There will be a **Memorial Service** for Musician-Miyang Kim of ICC on Tuesday, May 18th – 2pm @ Immaculate Conception Church. Miyang was active in the Music Ministry for many years in the Fairbanks area. Please note weather permitting the Mass will be celebrated outdoors. A Rosary led by the Legion of Mary will begin @ 1:30PM.
- ✚ **May 23rd – 5:30pm St. Mark Mass: Road System Confirmation at SHC.** This is not the end, but the beginning of their new identity as an adult of the Catholic Church. They are called to continue living a Christian life through service and discovering and sharing their unique gifts and talents. Please keep them in your prayers as Bishop Chad Zielinski confirms them next Sunday.
- ✚ **VBS** –Fairbanks area parishes children in grades K-6 are invited to attend the youth summer vacation bible school - **ROAR!** The program will be held on weekday mornings from June 28 to July 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Register at <https://sacredheartak.org/vbs>. Donation of \$10 per child. Registration is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Do not wait. Sign up now to help with planning.

SEEKING HELP FROM OUR PARISIONERS: Please sign up in advance to serve in a ministry at 5:30pm Sunday on the sign-up sheet as you enter or leave Mass. If you have any questions, see Fr. Robert Fath, Mary Pat Boger, or George Stefan, or call 907-374-9564 ~ you help make a difference.

Visit Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses:

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Sunday after the Ascension

"When. . .the Spirit of truth. . .has come, He will bear witness concerning Me. And you also bear witness. . .The hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering worship to God" (Gospel).



The Apostles make *the first Novena*, recommended by Christ Himself, in preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Introit presents their Novena prayer, and ours, too.

In the background St. Stephen is shown being stoned to death. The cross upside down, indicates how St. Peter was crucified. We are to "bear witness" to Christ and His Church against a world that will condemn us to death. *thinking that they are "offering worship to God"* (Gospel).

A witness! Yes, interiorly, to "be watchful in prayers;" exteriorly, by "mutual charity among yourselves" (Epistle). For this we now offer "this. . .sacrifice" (Secret), to "purify us' from past disloyalties and to "strengthen" us for future testimony.

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Focusing the Gospel



Key words and phrases: proclaim the gospel, signs, those who believe

To the point: Before he ascended to take "his seat at the right hand of God," Jesus entrusted his saving mission to "preach the gospel" to the disciples. When the gospel is effectively preached by "those who believe," it is accompanied by signs. What signs accompany believers today? calls us to move beyond where we are to embrace an ever-widening circle of those whom we love.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

"It's always Springtime
in the heart that loves God."

~ St. John Vianney

JESUS LEAVES HIS DISCIPLES BEHIND BUT PRAYS THAT THEY WILL BE PROTECTED IN HIS ABSENCE...



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YES, AND JESUS PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED BY THE FATHER.



IS THIS ONE OF THOSE "YES" - "NO" - "WAIT" PRAYER ANSWER SITUATIONS? 'CUZ I'VE NEVER BEEN A FAN OF THOSE.



JOHN 17:9-16

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CHOOSING TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you have ever loved anyone, you know it is also the hardest.

I am man enough to admit it. I have seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they are coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel, and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I am not sure if it is accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you have ever forgiven someone who is hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It is something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others do not think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

St. Joseph, Patron... Of the Universal Catholic Church; Unborn Children; Fathers; Immigrants; Workers; Employment; Explorers; Pilgrims; Carpenters; Travelers; Engineers; Realtors; a Happy Death; and Against Doubt and Hesitation.
*Remember us, Custodian of Christ,
and plead for us to your foster child.*



Why Do Priests Burn Incense at Mass and Adoration?

Love the scent or hate it, incense is a valuable part of Catholic worship.

So why do Catholics use it so often?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering." Also, in Revelation, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.

Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church.

We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we are reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person's body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Incense powerfully represents what really happens at the Mass, Adoration, and Benediction. The next time you see incense in Church, think about how in this moment, your prayers are rising to God and He is descending to earth to make His presence real before you in the Eucharist.

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

GOD VALUES YOUR LOVE MORE THAN HE VALUES YOUR PERFECTION. Fr. Mike Schmitz



HOW TO KEEP A CATHOLIC HOME: Devotions ~ Praying the Rosary is a popular devotion for many Catholic families, who, through its mysteries, reflect on significant events in Scripture pertaining to Jesus and Mary. Wearing the brown scapular is a devotion whereby the person places himself or herself under the protection of the Blessed Mother.

What the Ascension Means for Us.

- * The Ascension means that Christ is exalted.
 - * The Ascension means that we will be glorified
 - * The Ascension means that Christ is praying for us Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present with us, at all times, in all places.
 - * The Ascension means Christ's power works through us. Christ not only sends his Spirit to be with us, but in order to give us power to be in the Church.
- It is power to transform us and energize us for the work of following Jesus, becoming the kind of people the world needs:
- * People who look and act a lot like Jesus.
 - * People who love one another as God has loved them.
 - * People who give generously because their confidence is in God to provide for every need.
 - * People who do not seem to worry.
 - * People who quietly but firmly refuse to join in evil.
 - * People who pray for the sick and see them recover.
 - * People who advocate on behalf of those who do not have a voice of their own.

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, and deacons, & volunteers serving in Diocese of Fairbanks; Ben Orr, Sean Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson; for our dead, especially Nancy Kelly and Miyang Kim.

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: May 16, 2021.....\$ 591.00
Actual Collection YTD
(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 50,402.86

Whether you choose to contribute with cash, checks, or WeShare electronic giving, We THANK YOU for your continued support to 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

"I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which He has freed me, both in body and in soul."

~ St. Teresa of Avila, doctor of the Church on St. Joseph



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"If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us."

Sheepish Question:

How can I be sure God's spirit within me can breathe easy?