



May 23, 2021- Pentecost Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11 The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 God's Spirit renews the earth.

Reading II: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Gospel: John 20:19-23 Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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,

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.



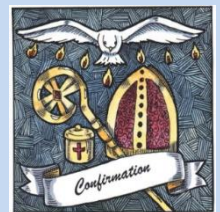
May 23rd Sunday 5:30pm Hymns:

452 Send Us Your Spirit
(Sequence) 193 Come, O Holy Spirit
447 Come, Holy Ghost
448 Send Out Your Spirit
510 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning
190 Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

Dates to Remember:

- ✦ St. Raphael's is offering the **Beloved Series** classes for engaged couples with Session 4, Wednesday, May 26th, 6-7:30pm. Register by contacting Camille or Marie at 457-6603 or email stphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com
- ✦ Check our website for Bishop Chad Zielinski's letter on the latest Coronavirus Update under "Letter" tab.
- ✦ **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**. Go to <https://sacredheartak.org/vbs> to register. *Registration is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Do not wait.* Sign up now to help with planning.
- ✦ **Value Village Clothing Drive FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS MONDAY, JUNE 21st**. Help raise money to support the Diocesan Regional Council. For more information reach out to the Chancery at 374-9500 ext. 136 or the St. Mark webpage to read the flyer that has all the information: <https://stmarksuaf.org>.

Congratulations to the 2021 newly Confirmed. Please pray that they will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be true witnesses of Christ to others. May they spread and defend the faith by word and deed. They have taken an important step on their journey of faith. We extend our prayers to Luna Forlino (St. Mark Parish) and her parents, sponsors, and everyone who helped prepare her for this step taken in witnessing her Catholic Faith to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Pentecost Sunday

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind. . .it filled the whole house. . .And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Epistle).



On Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body.

How did the first Christians prepare? They were all "in prayer" with Mary; and they were "all of one mind," under the leadership of Peter, making ready to tell "men from every nation under heaven. . .of the wonderful works of God" (Epistle). Yes, prayer and action are the marks of the true Christian.

In the Offertory we ask the Holy Spirit to "confirm" the graces "wrought in us" when we were baptized and confirmed. We pray also "to relish" things of the Spirit and to benefit by "His consolation" (Prayer) in the struggle of Church and soul against "the prince of the world" (Gospel).

My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Connecting the Gospel . . .

... to the Second Reading (Gal 5:16-25): Saint Paul identifies the fruits of being recreated by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are Life-giving and oppose the works of the flesh Paul describes.



... 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>

HOW TO KEEP A CATHOLIC HOME:



Sacred images and sacramentals: A domestic church should be filled with sacred images and sacramentals. Holy pictures and crucifixes should be hung throughout. A holy-water font can be placed by the front door in order to bless oneself with holy water and remind you of your baptism. Holy water should be regularly sprinkled throughout the home



Traditional Latin Mass Schedule:

All Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Saturdays at 6:30 PM
June 12th & 19th; July 24th; Aug 14th & 28th
Sept 11th & 18th; Oct 9th & 23rd
Nov 20th; Dec 18th



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there is just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There is a feeling that we have when we are at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There is a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that is what Heaven will be like. It will not be pleasure or happiness — those words are not enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It is more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it is because we are not at home.

That is not to say we do not belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we do not want to leave.

But there is a reason this life has so many things that do not make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It is because we were not made for this place. For our souls, it is like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

How has the *strength* of the spirit increased my life of faith?

Where is the sacrament of Confirmation in Scripture?



“I’ve never read anything about the sacrament of Confirmation in Scripture, so why do Catholics do it? Find out here.

The sacrament of confirmation has a lot of Biblical basis, especially in the book of Acts.

On Pentecost Sunday in Acts 2, Jesus’s apostles and disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ followers then shared the Holy Spirit by laying their hands on others. Later in Acts 8, when the Apostle Philip would hear of people’s conversions and baptisms in Samaria, Peter and John would lay their hands on these new converts to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:14-17 explains how these newly baptized Christians had not yet received the Holy Spirit, which is why Peter and John would then lay hands on those who had been baptized. Thus, the act of receiving the Holy Spirit through laying of hands (i.e., confirmation) is a separate sacrament from baptism.

While baptism and confirmation are two distinct sacraments, they can be celebrated together, just as when St. Paul baptizes a group and then lays his hands on them in Acts 19:5-6. We also see these two sacraments performed in sequence when we attend an Easter Vigil Mass, as RCIA participants receive their Baptism and then their Confirmation.

Catholic practices and customs are based on Scripture and the rich traditions of our Church. The sacrament of confirmation pours the Holy Spirit into practicing Catholics and gives them the graces to live out their faith as they enter adulthood. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

The **Regional Soup Kitchen**, hosted at Immaculate Conception Church, is always in need of donations, and volunteers each day from 9 AM to 3 PM. Mark your calendar once a month to donate needed food, make a donation, or spend time helping to make a difference! Additional information or to help at the Soup Kitchen, can be found by calling Nick Shamrell, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at 452-3533 or checking out their webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> .

THESE WORDS FROM JESUS SEEM BOTH COMFORTING AND ANXIETY INDUCING AT THE SAME TIME.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

JESUS IS PREDICTING THE DAY OF PENTECOST. THE SPIRIT WILL BOTH EQUIP THE DISCIPLES TO WITNESS AND STRENGTHEN THEM IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE.



OKAY. NOW IT'S JUST ANXIETY!



JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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Do you remember your Confirmation instructions? How about the patron saint you chose to be your protector and guide; to talk to whenever you needed them? Check out your knowledge in the “Prayer” tab on our website.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. ACTS 2:3-4

Pentecost Sunday -- May 23, 2021

“He will guide you to all truth.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, & volunteers serving in Diocese of Fairbanks; our newly confirmed young adults in the diocese; Ben Orr, Sean Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson; Elaine Elbert (d), Nancy Kelly(d) and Miyang Kim (d).

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful: That we may generously share our unique gifts in our parish community to carry on the work of Jesus Christ.

SEEKING HELP FROM OUR PARISIONERS:

Please sign up in advance to serve in a ministry at 5:30pm Sunday. Sign-up at the entrance of church. 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 live-streamed masses:
<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

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, SLC
Adoration: Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm, SLC
Catholic Women of the Chapel: Wed - 9am, SLC

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.....\$ 662.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 51,064.86

You can make your donation through WeShare electronic giving (check out <https://stmarksuaaf.org/>); drop your check or money in the basket at Mass on Sunday; or mail your check to:

St. Mark University Parish, PO Box 750166,
Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166.

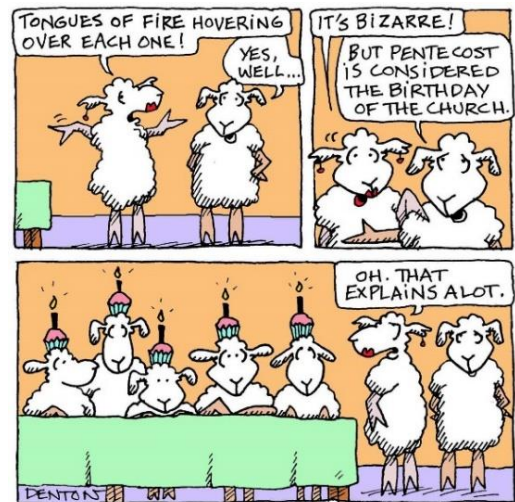
Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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

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*



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Sheepish Question:

How can I most effectively serve the Gospel as a member of my faith community?