



**June 13, 2021- The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1: Ezekiel 17:22-24** I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

**Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16** They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10** The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34** The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

**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](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

Website: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.

**Pastor:** Fr. Robert Fath Ph. 907-374-9504

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**Music Director:** George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

**Reconciliation:** Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

**Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:**

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto: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 - June 2021:**

**The Beauty of Marriage** - Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faith-fulness and patience.

**Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, & volunteers serving in Diocese of Fairbanks; efforts to attract new seminarians and priests to serve our diocese; Ben Orr, Sean Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson, and all who are sick and in need of our prayers; for all who have passed on. We pray for the protection of the human family, renewal of faith and spirit of Evangelization.

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Mass Hymns:**

**492 We Walk By Faith**

**436 Seek Ye First**

**432 Be Not Afraid**

**429 Though the Mountains May Fall**

*Vocalists and musicians are welcome to join our music ministry at any time!*

*Music is posted in the bulletin before the weekend so you can practice!*



**Dates to Remember:**

- ✚ Read Memorandum from USCCB Committee on Divine Worship regarding “**Litany of Saint Joseph**” found under the “Letter” tab on St. Mark Webpage
- ✚ We welcome **Fr. Simon Jingbe** to the Diocese of Fairbanks. Fr. Jingbe arrived from the country of Nigeria, Diocese of Pankshin this past week (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). Keep him in your prayers!
- ✚ **Flag Collection** is happening on Flag Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>) The Knights of Columbus Patriotic Assembly will be collecting old and worn-out flags after all Masses on the weekend of June 12 and 13.
- ✚ **VBS** –Fairbanks/North Pole parish children Grades K-6 are invited to attend the youth summer vacation bible school - **ROAR!** Check out our website for more information.
- ✚ 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> .
- ✚ Watch for a one-day showing on Tuesday, June 22 “**OF ANIMALS AND MEN**” at Regal Cinema. Recommended by Carmel Communications, a story of Catholics who were Warsaw Zoo Keepers during WWII.
- ✚ **Mark your calendars 6/20 ~ Next Sunday is Father's Day!**



**HOW TO KEEP A CATHOLIC HOME: Follow the liturgical year:**

Families can pray the Liturgy of the Hours together. *Learn more about the daily prayer of the Church on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

*site: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>*

**VALUE VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**The FINAL DROP OFF DATE IS MONDAY,**  
**JUNE 21ST**  
**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE DIOCESAN**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

♥Special *THANKS* to St. Nicholas Church and Rochelle Renner & helpers for donating their remaining bags from their Rummage Sale and to Fairbanks Lutheran Church and Barb Pierson & helpers for donating their remaining clothing from their Mother's Day Sale. ♥

**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 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.

To arrange a time to drop off time for your donation, please call the

**Chancery at 374-9500, ext. 136 or email at [pwalter@cbna.org](mailto:pwalter@cbna.org).**

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.

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. 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>.



**Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Third Sunday after Pentecost**

"Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost'. . . There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, more than over ninety-nine just who have no need of repentance" (Gospel).



"The Sacred Heart for the world, the world for the Sacred Heart," was the theme of last Friday's Feast. Today we witness the *mutual search* between the Divine Heart and our heart.

In the Introit the sinner voices his sense of being "alone" in his inner struggles, so often beyond all human aid. This life is a warfare against "your adversary the devil;" nevertheless be "steadfast in the faith;" hear the call to resist." Ultimate victory is "in Christ Jesus" (Epistle).

Who of us could ever doubt the Love of the Sacred Heart after reading this Gospel? Who of us on earth would not add to His joy in heaven by leading some soul back to His Sacred Heart?

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

*"A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one." ~ St. Philip Neri*

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

...to the **First Reading**: The **First Reading** describes all the work God does to bring forth life. The Gospel tells us that this life is the kingdom of God become visible and fruitful, increasing the quality of life within and around her.



... to **experience**: Much of what we do successfully every day depends upon our cooperation with others. Making visible God's kingdom is first of all the work of God but isn't it wonderful that God chooses to invite us to cooperate in this great work! <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



**Focus Missionaries** will be in Fairbanks from June 25-July 6.

Focus Mission is a college-based organization that sends college students to various parts of the world to go on mission. These 15 young adults come seeking to deepen their faith and missionary zeal all the while experiencing Christ. Daily they have mass, holy hour, and time to share their experiences. They will be helping us with Vacation Bible School. If you see them welcome them. Please pray for them as they discern their vocational calling either to marry, join the priesthood or religious life, or stay single. Pray also that they may consider joining our diocese as a missionary.

**CHANCERY JOB OPENING:** The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a Faith and Family Formation Coordinator. This position will be part time (approximately 20 to 25 hours/per week) and is responsible for promoting family ministry, religious education, sacramental preparation, and youth/young adult ministry throughout the diocese by providing resources and opportunities for parishes and diocesan regions to strengthen their outreach and catechesis to individual and families of all ages and social situations. Candidates should have a letter of support from their current pastor stating they are a Catholic in good standing, regularly involved in the life of the parish, possess a B.A. in Theology or comparable field, or demonstration of knowledge faith appropriate to the position. Five years' experience in a diocese or parish is highly preferred. This position will remain open until filled. Interested individuals should submit a resume to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10*

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent, and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi) can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins September 10, 2021. For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), or call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org)

**Parish Stewardship Report**

*Last Week's Collection:* June 6, 2021.....\$ 1,724.00

*Actual Collection YTD*

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 54,573.86

Donations can be made electronically through WeShare - <https://stmarksuaf.org>. If attending Mass, donations can be dropped in the basket at church entrance, or mail your donation to: St. Mark University Parish, PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. ~ Psalms 127:1



**Everyday Stewardship -**

**WE CAN PREPARE THE UPPER ROOM**

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

“I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own.”

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Psalms 122:1

***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 13, 2021***

“Here are my mother and my brothers.” Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org).

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**





## HOW DO I PRAY A NOVENA?

**What is a novena and why should I pray one?** ~ In Acts 1:4, Jesus told His disciples in Jerusalem to “wait for the promise of the Father.” Between the time of His Ascension and Pentecost,

Jesus’ Apostles spent nine days devoted to prayer. After this time of prayerful preparation, the Holy Spirit came upon them and filled them with supernatural grace, giving them the courage and faith to fulfill Christ’s divine mandate. A tradition developed to imitate the Apostles’ prayer in the Upper Room by praying for a particular intention for nine days. This devotion was called a novena. The word novena comes from the Latin word *novem* which means nine.

A novena prayed well increases our faith and helps us grow in virtue through nine consistent days of prayer. (Some “novenas” are shorter, some longer, as various novena devotions have developed over time.) The repetition of certain prayers over multiple days keeps the specific devotion fresh in our minds, helps us grow in patience and perseverance, and can open our hearts to receive any special graces Our Lord may want to give us during that time.

While there are many different types of novenas, over the centuries a few standards have come about. Many novenas also include prayers and reflections for each day, focusing on particular virtues or petitions.

The most popular time to pray a novena is during the days leading up to a special feast day. These special feast days include Pentecost, Christmas, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Our Lady Undoer of Knots, among many others!

If you have a special devotion to a saint, it is common to pray a novena leading up to that saint’s feast day, or simply any time you have a specific intention that falls under the patronage of that saint. Some popular novenas to saints and angels include St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Jude, St. Rita, and St. Michael the Archangel.

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



“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?”

### Sheepish Question:

How do I treat Christ’s life as real food?

## NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

### 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**  
<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

\*All masses are live streamed.  
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
 Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am  
<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  
<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>  
 Saturday Vigil: \*5:00pm  
 Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm  
<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

### Traditional Latin Mass Schedule:

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



**Mass at St. Mary’s of the Lake ~ Harding Lake** Fr. Welcome has begun celebrating Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s of the Lake on Sundays at 3pm through Labor Day Weekend.

**For your trip planning purposes** please check <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <https://aoaj.org> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau) for Mass times in Alaska.