



July 4, 2021- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Ezekiel 2:2-5 The Lord sends the prophet.
Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Psalm 123:1-2, 2,3-4 A prayer to God for Mercy.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Paul bears insults and
weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

*Happy 4th of July! Please enjoy time with your family and
friends. Reminder that our Chancery offices will be closed in
observance of the holiday.*

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

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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

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Marilis Bennett, John Fox,

Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – July 2021
Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic, and political
situations of conflict, we may be courageous and
passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Let Us 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 & priests to our diocese; Ben Orr, Sean
Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson, Jim Radigan; our
faithful departed; and travelers.

4:45pm Sunday Evening Vespers at Sacred Heart.



July 4th ~ 5:30pm Mass Hymns:

303 Gather Us In

322 Look Beyond

383 Here I Am, Lord

561 Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Contact George Stefan after Mass to learn
more about joining our Music Ministry!

Happy 4th of July!

"When properly
understood, love of God
and love of country are
never in opposition."
Cardinal Dolan



On the 4th of July, take time to reflect and pray for all the
Americans who continue to defend and protect that hard-won
freedom - those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as well as
the veterans who are still with us today.

Dates to Remember:

- ✚ Fr. Tom Kuttle was instrumental in organizing the
FOCUS Missionaries trip to Fairbanks. They helped
with VBS and projects at our local Catholic Churches
and projects on Chancery grounds. If you see Fr. Tom
around, please thank him for all his hard work!
- ✚ **July 10th** – Fr. Jingbe will celebrate St. Mark's Mass
while Fr. Robert Fath travels to Kotzebue where they
have been without Mass due to Covid. Fr. Kumar has
been unable to travel back from his native India where
he was on vacation. He is priest for Nome, Teller,
Kotzebue & Diomedea.
- ✚ **July 17th** – Young Adult Chena River float.
- ✚ The **Regional Soup Kitchen** at Immaculate
Conception Church is always in need of donations and
volunteers. Contact Nick Shamrell, Soup Kitchen
Coordinator, at 452-3533 or check out their webpage
at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

Thomas Jefferson's phrase "all men are created equal" was inspired
by an Italian Catholic named *Philip Mazzei* who wrote to
Jefferson that "all men are by nature equally free and
independent."

YOUNG ADULTS – July 17th: Come float the Chena River from Nordale Road to Pioneer Park in Fairbanks. Those who wish to participate are invited to meet at Sacred Heart



Cathedral at 10:00am. We will organize to leave a couple of vehicles at Pioneer Park and others to drive people and watercraft out to Nordale Road.

The float takes approximately 6-8 hours. Those interested on going will need to bring a kayak/canoe/raft, PFDs for all participating, food and water. At some point we will pull out of the river and celebrate Mass.

THIS EVENT IS WEATHER DEPENDENT AND MAY BE CANCELED AT THE LAST MINUTE DUT TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!

For more information, contact Fr. Robert at rfath@cbna.org or 907-347-9504.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"Taking the seven loaves. He gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to distribute; and they set them before the crowd. . . (about four thousand) . . . And they ate and were satisfied" (Gospel).



"I have compassion on the crowd." Some of us may "have (had to) come from a distance" in our wanderings from God. But this sentiment of His Heart, so Divine, so human, inspires our plea to "save" us from eternal hunger in "the pit" of hell (Introit).

At Baptism we were reborn to a new life, to be "dead to sin, but alive to God" (Epistle). Daily with Christ we must die to sin and evil. Daily with Him we must rise to God and good works. Daily we would "faint on the way," famished with hunger, crying out: "How will anyone be able to satisfy (us in (the) desert" of life (Gospel)?"

At the altar of sacrifice God will not allow the hopes of anyone to be "in vain" (Secret). Only at the altar will our instinctive hunger for God be really "filled" (Postcommunion). Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the **First Reading**: Sadly, biblical tradition reveals that all too frequently God's prophets faced rejection and resistance. The story of Ezekiel in the first reading describes the lot of God's faithful servants, which was also the lot of Jesus.



... to **experience**: If we take seriously our own commitment to live gospel values, there will be times when we will be faced with misunderstanding, rejection, and ridicule. Indeed, the extent of the resistance may even be the measure of our commitment. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

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 <https://humanresources@cbna.org>.

Continued Education Opportunity for Catechists and all Parishioners! The Diocese of Fairbanks has partnered with Franciscan University of Steubenville's Catechetical Institute called Franciscan at Home.

The Institute allows dioceses and parishes to partner with them to offer flexible workshops, ministry certification and on-going formation for those responsible for teaching the faith. The program is being funded through the Office of Faith and Family Formation at the diocese and will not cost the parishes or parishioners to use it. The courses offered can be done individually or with the support of an online mentor. Check out a sample workshop at the following link: <https://FranciscanatHome.com/sample-workshop>

St. Matthew is represented by a divine man because the Gospel highlights Jesus' entry into this world, first by presenting His family lineage — "A family record of Jesus Christ, Son of David, son of Abraham" (Mt 1:1) — and His incarnation and birth: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Mt 1:18). "This then," according to St. Irenaeus, "is the Gospel of His humanity; for which reason it is, too, that the character of a humble and meek man is kept up through the whole Gospel." <https://catholicexchange.com>



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2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10 © WEFESTER 21.06.20



Everyday Stewardship - WAKING GOD

A show of hands, ladies, and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went? But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we must verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Charles Carroll (1737–1832), was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence who also happened to be the only

Catholic signatory. Carroll was not only the lone papist who signed the Declaration, he was also the wealthiest, which means that he had the most to lose in this risky political venture.

July 4th is the national celebration of our Nation's independence. As we celebrate let us remember to pray that God will strengthen and bless America and make our nation a haven of liberty and justice for all — born and unborn.

There are only a few things a man will die for: family, religion, and country being the most obvious.



Here's why we should do the First Friday devotion. Did you know that Jesus made twelve promises to those who honor His Sacred Heart through a special devotion? It's called the First Friday

Devotion! This devotion was made popular by St. Margaret Mary Alocque after Our Lord appeared to her, saying,

"Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to consuming itself to witness its love. And in return, I receive from most of them only ingratitude from their irreverences and their sacrileges and by the coldness and contempt that they have for Me in this sacrament of love."

Jesus asked for reparation to be made for the sins of all the world which grieve His heart so much. To those who dedicate themselves to making reparation, Jesus promised:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

So how do we receive these graces? For the first Friday of nine consecutive months, a person must:

1. Attend Holy Mass
2. Go to Confession (if we are not in a state of grace)
3. Receive Holy Communion with the intention of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the sins of the world.

Are you ready to take on this devotion?



Stewardship Moment

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. *Answer His call.*



Parish Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection:

June 20, 2021.....\$ 2,225.05

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/20-6/31/21): \$ 57,823.50

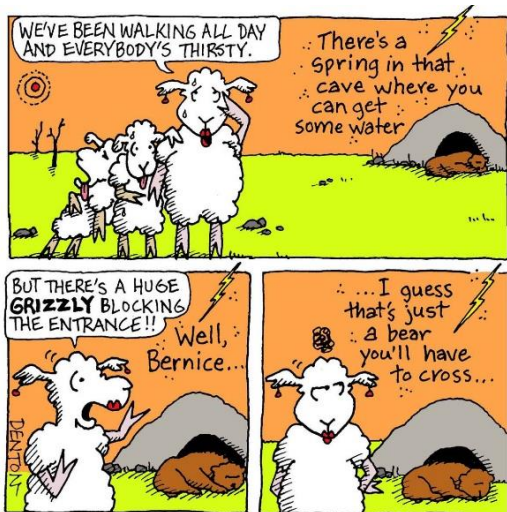
This month St. Mark donated \$150 to Peter Pence in support of ongoing work of the Holy See.

Donations can be made electronically through WeShare - <https://stmarksuaf.org>.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 4, 2021

“My grace is sufficient for you.” Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.



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“My grace is sufficient for you.”

Sheepish Question:

What causes my faith to falter? How can I bear up to face it?

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 12th & 19th; July 24th; Aug 14th & 28th
Sept 11th & 18th; Oct 9th & 23rd
Nov 20th; Dec 18th



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.

Traveling? Don't forget Sunday Mass. Check out <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <https://aoaj.org> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau) for Mass times in Alaska.