



**July 11, 2021- 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to 5:30pm Mass**

**Reading 1: Amos 7:12-15** The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

**Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14.**

A prayer for the Lord's salvation.

**Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14** Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

**Gospel: Mark 6:7-13** Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

**Catholic Student Association**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

Residence halls open Wed., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Orientation for new students – Aug 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

**First day of instructions: Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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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Podcast: <https://frobertfath.podbean.com/>

Deacon: Warren Lucero

Parish Admin.: Mary Pat Boger Ph. 907-374-9564

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

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 – 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, & all 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.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30pm Mass Hymns:**

418 One Spirit, One Church

527 Prayer of St. Francis

372 Irish Blessing

564 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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



**Dates to Remember:**

- ✚ **July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. Jingbe will celebrate St. Mark's Mass as Fr. Robert Fath travels to Kotzebue where they have been without Mass due to Covid. Due to COVID, Fr. Kumar has been unable to travel back from India where he was on vacation. He is priest for Nome, Teller, Kotzebue & Diomedea.
- ✚ **Thank You!** For all who made the FOCUS mission a success for the young people on the trip.
- ✚ **July 17<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Chena River float. Parishioners welcome to join in and make it an event!
- ✚ **July 22 – August 26:** Beloved Series for those preparing for marriage, as well as married couples interested in energizing your marriage. Contact your parish for more information.



**YOUNG ADULTS – July**

**17<sup>th</sup>:** 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 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER!**

For more information, contact Fr. Robert at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or 907-347-9504.

PACK LIGHT. Imagine you are told to travel light: no dependence on a bank account, no big car. You are to depend on one thing only, the power and grace of God!

Campus ministry is about helping at church, volunteering, and sharing your faith with your peers.

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

"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. . .Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord', . . .but he who does the will of my Father. . .shall enter the kingdom of heaven" (Gospel).



The Introit is a call to the tongue to pray in a "voice of joy;" a call also to action: "Clap your hand." In early ages this signified not only to praise a person by the tongue, but to work for him with the hands. If all the tree's life goes into "wagging" leaves, how can there be any fruit?

Not so much what one "says" about the Lord, but how he "does" His "Will," is what brings forth "good fruit" (Gospel). Deeds, not mere words, are acceptable to God; acceptable to neighbor also. Example is the best precept.

The final fruit of sin is "death;" the fruit of "justice" is "life everlasting" (Epistle). The Holy Eucharist is the "health-giving" (Postcommunion) Fruit of Calvary, our antidote against the poison-laden Dead-Sea fruit of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Jesus tells his disciples to preach.  
Leave those who do not listen.

**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>

**Value Village Clothing Drive** for Regional Council raised \$595. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Value Village Clothing Final Drop off date is Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. To arrange a time to drop off your items between now and October 12<sup>th</sup> please call the Chancery at 374-9536, ext.136 or email at (Patty) [pwalter@cbna.org](mailto:pwalter@cbna.org). Check our website for more information.



**The winged ox represents St. Luke.** Oxen were used in



temple sacrifices. For instance, when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, an ox and a fatling were sacrificed every six steps (2 Sm 6). St. Luke begins his Gospel with the announcement of the birth of St. John the Baptizer to his father, the priest Zechariah, who was offering sacrifice in the Temple (Lk 1). St. Luke also includes the parable of the Prodigal Son, in which the fatted calf is slaughtered, not only to celebrate the younger son's return, but also to foreshadow the joy we must have in receiving reconciliation through our most merciful Savior who as Priest offered Himself in sacrifice to forgive our sins. Therefore, the winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord and His sacrifice for our redemption. <https://catholicexchange.com>

**Congress: "NO" to Taxpayer Abortion**



Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Sign the petition to Congress. Do not force Americans to subsidize the taking of innocent life. Oppose any bill, including any appropriations bill, that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. Sign it today: [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com)

**A Well-Formed Conscience:** The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing what-ever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us, and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil. Conscience always requires serious attempts to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Conscience is a judgement of rea-son whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right".  
~ USCCB *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*



## Everyday Stewardship - THE PROPHECY OF YOU AND ME

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets, and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets, and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Marriage Rediscovery –

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means

'rediscovery'. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. *For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend retreat experience on Sept. 10, 2021, call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)*

### VOCATION VIEW

In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet.

God selected him.

Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.



**Why does the priest face the altar in the Latin Mass?** *If you've ever had the chance to attend a traditional Latin Mass, the first thing you may notice is that the priest is facing the altar—which*

*might feel strange at first. Why does the priest face the altar?* Liturgically, when the priest faces the altar, he is celebrating the Mass *ad orientem*, which means "towards the East," a manner of praying inherited from the Jews, God's chosen people. There is ancient symbolism involved in praying this way and in seeing the sun as a symbol of Christ and the new messianic day that has dawned with His Incarnation. Churches were traditionally built facing East, whence the sun rises and whence Christ is traditionally expected to return at His Second Coming.



The posture also helps remind us that when a priest offers Mass, he is acting *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, Who offers Himself in the Mass to God the Father for the sins of mankind. The personality of the individual priest is not the focus—Christ acting in His priest is the amazing mystery taking place.

If the priest faces the altar, does this mean that the priest is turning his back to the people?

Actually, he is not turning his back on them—instead, all are facing the same direction, like a general leading his troops or a pilot flying a passenger plane. As you recall, since the priest is offering this Sacrifice on behalf of the people, he is representing them by standing at their head. Particularly in the Offertory and the Canon of the Mass, you will notice that the priest rarely uses the word "I." Rather, he almost always speaks in the plural: "We offer," "We Thy servants," "We sinners," and so on.



What's amazing about the Holy Mass—both the Extraordinary Form and the Novus Ordo—is that each and every prayer and gesture has real significance in the worship of Almighty God, giving a sense of the sacred that helps both the priest and the people to enter more deeply into what is truly happening: the meeting of Heaven and earth upon the altar.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed> Photos by Allison Girone

### ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 11, 2021***

"He began to send them out two by two." Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org)

2021 Senior Games will be August 6-15<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers are with all our parishioners (and other seniors over 50) training for participating in this friendly competition!



**Pope Francis established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**



Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

**Stewardship Moment**

*“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”* MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

**Parish Stewardship Report**



**Last Week’s Collection:**

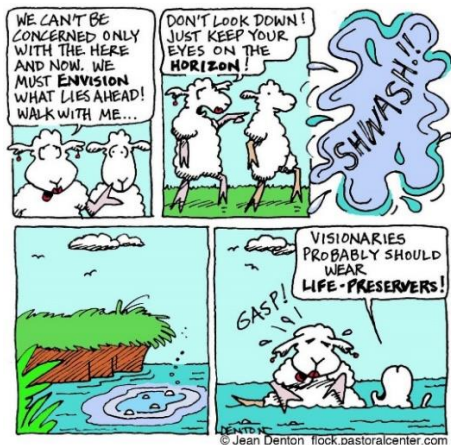
June 27, 2021.....\$ 1365.81

**Actual Collection YTD**

(7/1/21-6/31/22): \$ 1,365.81

Please consider scheduling an automatic recurring electronic contribution today. Go to our Parish Website at <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org> and click on “WeShare” icon.

Our parish is grateful for the continued support!



“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey besides a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money.”

**Sheepish Question:**

What practical matters worry me as I keep my eyes on the Gospel’s prize?

**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.

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

Pray for all without access to Mass in our Diocese.