



August 29, 2021- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to
5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Hymns for 5:30pm Mass:

456 There is a Balm in Gilead

393 Open My Eyes

404 Earthen Vessels

561 Sing of the Lord's Goodness

We welcome our college student choir members back! If you are new to St. Mark and can add to our numbers, please talk with Georg after Mass.

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Moses tell the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

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Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org

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Parish Council: Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - August 2021
Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Let Us Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Diocesan priests & seminarians; all who are sick or recovering from surgery. Remember all suffering in Afghanistan and Haiti and ask for their protection. For our faithful departed

Catholic Student Association & Catholic Young Adults

We are a community of faith and caring.

Labor Day Weekend: Sept 4th-6th

CSA Sunday Evening Mass: 5:30pm held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1316 Peger Road. If you need a ride, or willing to provide a ride, please call 907-374-9564 to arrange a ride at least 36 hours ahead of Mass.

ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:

Applications can be found at www.stmarksuaf.org/#.

Application deadlines are October 5th and 10th. Don't miss the deadlines!

St. Mark University Parish and the Diocese of Fairbanks are here to support students at UAF and provide opportunities for your college experience, through Catholic Student Association (CSA) and Catholic Young Adults (CYA) with activities on and off campus. In September you will find Fr. Robert Fath, Ben Colwell, or other members of our team at Arctic Java. We will have a sign so you can identify us and come introduce yourself and share a cup of coffee or tea on us! Come hear about activities and make suggestions on what you would like to see CSA do this school year!

Become a member of CSA ~ we need members to attend Officer Training in September. This is a yearly event to update club information and elect officers. We will update our Nanook Engage portal soon so that you can keep up to date with activities and events!

Weather permitting, there will be activity around the Deborah House this coming week as the reroofing project begins! Please pray for good weather so we can get our summer projects finished by Labor Day!



"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

JOSHUA 24:15

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Dates to Remember:

- ✦ **Our old St. Mark Gmail account is being phased out and no longer will be used.** Please direct all email to our new account at stmark@cbna.org.
- ✦ **Reconciliation can be heard at SHC, Sat. 3-4pm.**
- ✦ **Aug 28:** 6:30pm SHC Latin Rite Mass
- ✦ **SHC Book Club** – New time for meetings. We now meet on the first Monday of the month at 12:30. September discussion will be the first Tuesday of the month due to Labor Day. Check out titles at <https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>.
- ✦ **Sept 6: HAPPY LABOR DAY!**
- ✦ **Sept 9:** RCIA program begins at SHC. Thursday nights from 7:30-8:45pm.
- ✦ **Sept 11:** 6:30pm SHC Dominican Rite Mass
- ✦ **Sept 11:** 3:30pm Informational meeting for Seven Sisters Apostolate downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
- ✦ **Sept 22-Oct :** 40 Days for Life
- ✦ **Oct 1-3:** Eucharist Rosary Congress Friday and Saturday Night; all night adoration.
- ✦ **Oct 9:** HIPOW Auction & Dinner! Mark your calendars and help our Fairbanks Catholic School!

Legion of Mary sponsors Eucharistic Rosary Congress

Oct 1 –3 - in honor of our First Friday Devotions. Fr. Hugh Gillespie, a DeMonfort Priest from New York will offer 4 talks on True Devotion to Our Lady: *On the Importance of Marian Devotion, learning to say Yes to God's will — not my will*
Oct 1 – 7pm; Oct 2 – 10am; Oct 2 – 7pm; Oct 3 – 3pm.

Immaculate Conception SOUP KITCHEN is always in need of volunteers and donations. There is more information on the website: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> You can also donate \$\$ directly to the soup kitchen thru Immaculate Conception Church's giving link on the website. Contact Nick Shamrell to volunteer: iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

St. Raphael Parish is seeking an *Office Manager* for a part time position of 15-20 hours per week with regular office hours. Computer skills include managing the website, parish database, and proficiency in MS Office. They will work for the Pastor and in conjunction with pastoral ministers, a maintenance manager, and bookkeeper. For more information, please contact Fr Ross Tozzi, rtozzi@cbna.org.

Immaculate Conception Church is seeking to fill the following openings: *Security Guard* for weekends 10AM-1:30PM; *Admin Office Asst* 10-15 hours a week; and *Admin* 15 hours a week. For more information contact Fr. Tom Kuffel, tkuffel@cbna.org.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: Not follow the tradition, hearts are far from me, God's commandment, from within, from their hearts.

To the point: Central to this Gospel is the question, where does the heart lie? Jesus teaches that observance of the Law and tradition is not an end in itself but an indication of where the heart lies. External actions reveal the internal desire to remain faithful to our covenantal relationship with God. Jesus calls us to the true purpose of the Law: a heart centered on God. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Commentary on the Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given you besides" (Gospel).

The castle (at the left) symbolizes earthly goods, about which some are too "anxious." The symbol of the Trinity (at the right) represents "the kingdom of God." We must serve either "the Spirit" or "the flesh" (Epistle), "God" or "mammon" (Gospel).



In the Epistle is a vivid account of the struggle between "the spirit," reborn in Baptism; and "the flesh" with its evil passions of the body, idolatrous outrages against God, crimes against one's neighbor.

The Gospel should be read and re-read, as the antidote to our twentieth-century cult of the body. To those who "seek first the kingdom of God," and who use material goods as a means of obtaining spiritual graces, Jesus promises that "all these (material) things shall be given... besides."
--Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
-Matthew 5:9-1

An advertisement for a retreat at Mount Angel Abbey. The top part features a silhouette of a person looking out at a sunset over a landscape. The text reads: "MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY", "Seek Things Above", "MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT OCTOBER 15 - 17", "at Mount Angel Abbey & Online". At the bottom, it says: "For information or to register, contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, Vocation Director 503.881.8919 | vocation@mtangel.edu" and "MOUNTANGELABBEY.ORG".

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



Beginning September 9th: Interested in joining the Catholic Church or

learning more about your faith? Feel called to walk with those growing their faith in Christ? Christian Initiation meetings will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:45 PM. The first meeting will be on September 9th. All are invited to attend—there is no commitment required, only an interest in growing your faith.

A new continuing 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*. We have joined a network of over 150 dioceses from 27 nations. The Catechetical Institute exists to train and support catechists—priests, deacons, parents, teachers, or laity, whether professional or volunteer. 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://Franciscan at Home.com/sample-workshop>

Families of St. Mark Community - We encourage you to enroll children (K-12) in Religious Education at Sacred Heart where there will be others in the group. St. Mark will pay for the materials. Please let them know you are registered at St. Mark. If you prefer, use ICC, St. Raphael, or St. Nick (North Pole), please do. Our numbers are small. Being in a bigger group enhances benefits the child. If you have questions, please contact Mary Pat @ 907-374-9564 or email: stmark@cbna.org.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He willed to give us birth ." Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org



Start Praying the Liturgy of the Hours Today

We finish the article on the *Liturgy of the Hours* by Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, this week in hopes that you will understand the importance of letting this become a daily practice that is not abandoned!

17. THE FRUITS OF PRAYING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS. The positive fruits of praying the Liturgy of the Hours are many:

(1) **ENRICH YOUR PRAYER LIFE.** Of course, by praying the Hours, your prayer life will grow robust.

(2) **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE.** Also, by praying the Hours your Biblical knowledge will increase.

(3) **MEMORIZE VERSES.** In time you will start to memorize certain verses and themes, and this will be part of your memory and intellectual formation.

(4) **UNION WITH THE CHURCH.** Praying the Hours unites you more firmly with the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church and its members.

(5) **SANCTIFICATION.** Praying the Hours redounds on the Church itself. Not only are you praying with the Church, but you are praying for the Church.

(6) **INTERIOR PEACE.** True prayer produces interior peace of heart, mind, and soul.

(7) **PRAYER DISCIPLINE.** Many of us lack order and discipline. By praying the Hours at a set time and place we can start to order the disordered in our lives and have discipline that often we really lack.

In conclusion, after this brief explanation of the Liturgy of the Hours and its many fruits that will descent upon us and the whole world, we hope that you will seriously consider undertaking the marvelous practice of praying the Liturgy of the Hours and reap an abundant spiritual harvest.

<https://fatherbroom.com/blog>

Pro-life

"Yet how many children are neither loved nor welcomed nor respected! How many of them suffer violence and every kind of exploitation by the unscrupulous! May children always be accorded the respect and attention that are due to them: they are the future and the hope of humanity!" -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

WHO CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE IN A MIRROR!?



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

EXACTLY! AND YET, WE FAIL TO LIVE OUT THE IDENTITY THAT IS OURS IN JESUS CHRIST!



WELL SURE! IF WE DID, IT WOULD BE WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS!



JAMES 1:17-21

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Last Week's Collection:

August 22, 2021.... \$ 519.00

Total (7/1/21-6/30/22) \$ 8,621.50

You can drop your donation in the basket on Sunday or use WeShare - a safe and secure site found on our website for online giving - <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org> . Thank you for your continued support!



What does “fiat” mean? *You may have heard the expression “executive fiat” or “rule by fiat.” As Catholics, we have also heard of Our Lady’s “fiat.” Where does this term come from, and what does it mean?* When we say that someone “rules by fiat,” it’s not usually meant as a compliment. This word comes from the Latin for “let it be done,” and the expression evokes images of a tyrannical ruler dishing out his orders without any regard for proper procedure in enacting laws.

But the most momentous “fiat” ever uttered was spoken by someone who was far from a despot. She was a Queen, for sure, but a most admirable and just one. All generations would call her blessed, yet she was the humblest soul of all. When the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary of Nazareth that she would become the Mother of God, she replied, “Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum”—“Let it be done unto me according to thy word.” Certainly no “fiat” before or since has had such drastic consequences for humanity.

When we refer to Our Lady’s “fiat,” we mean not only the words she spoke, but also the spiritual attitude verbalized by these words. This small phrase encapsulates her spirit of obedience, her profound humility, and her boundless charity. Unlike so many other *fiats*, she wasn’t enacting her own will but embracing God’s will. She wasn’t exercising her own authority but assenting with a full and joyful heart to her role in God’s glorious plan of salvation.

So when we hear of Our Lady’s “fiat” or repeat it when we pray the Angelus in Latin, let’s not only think of the translation of the word, but *everything* that Our Lady meant by it. We can repeat this word throughout the day as a way of uniting ourselves continually to God’s will as Our Lady did.



Aug 12: UN issued a commemorative stamp honoring Mother Teresa, one of the most celebrated women and Catholic missionaries of the 20th century.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Read more about this in National Catholic Register at www.ncregister.com/blog

NEED A PRIEST: When a loved one is ill, please remember to call Fr. Robert Fath before it is too late to give last rites. Many times people wait too long, thinking things will get better or waiting until as close to the very end as possible. No need to wait! Call Father as soon as things are going downhill. Remember that a person can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing many times in his or her life.

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

(*=*Live Streamed*)

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
 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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am
<https://iccfairbanks.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm
 Sunday: 9:30am
<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
 Aug 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? Check out mass times in Alaska using the following information: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <https://aoaj.org> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau).

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. ~ CS Lewis