### ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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September 12, 2021- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to

5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 3-4PM Reconciliation can be heard at SHC

#### Hymns for 5:30pm Mass:

**407** Christ Before Us

433 Amazing Grace

**432** Be Not Afraid

442 How Can I Keep From Singing

Please talk with George, our guitarist/leader, after Mass.

**Reading 1: Isaiah 50:5-9a** The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 A prayer of praise to God for his salvation.

**Reading II: James 2:14-18** James teaches that faith must demonstrated in one's work.

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35** Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

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

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

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**Deacon**: Warren Lucero

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**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

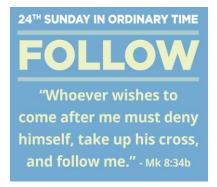


# Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – Sept. 2021 An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simply and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely

committed to this

**Pray For:** Please pray for hospitalized, sick, military serving our country, residents of nursing homes and homebound. Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Diocesan Priests, Deacons, & Seminarians. Members of our parish who are ill or recovering from surgery; those who have entered eternal life.



# **Catholic Student Association** & Catholic Young Adults

We are a community of faith and caring.

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

Campus Ministry Activities: Ben Colwell was on campus to meet students and share a cup of coffee/tea at Arctic Java. You'll find Ben Colwell, Mary Pat Boger, or Fr. Robert Fath spending time on campus from 11:30-1:30pm at Arctic Java on Thursdays this month. Please drop buy and give us your ideas for activities to do with CSA & Catholic Young Adult activities.

### ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:

Applications can be found at  $\underline{www.stmarksuaf.org/\#}$ . Application deadlines are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss the deadlines!

**Officer Training** will be held September 13 & 15 at 7-8PM and September 14 at 1-2PM. We need volunteers to attend as we update club information and elect officers.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- **4** Sept 12: Happy Grandparents Day!
- **♣ Sept 16**: RCIA at SHC from 7:30-8:45pm.
- **Sept 18:** 6:30pm SHC Latin Rite Mass
- Sept 19: Religious Education Begins at SHC
- ♣ HIPOW Online Bidding begins Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>! Gotta know when to fold 'em...HIPOW will be going virtual again this year! Still time to make Item Donations. Check out <a href="https://www.catholic-schools.org/hipow">https://www.catholic-schools.org/hipow</a> for more information. Support our local Fairbanks Catholic Schools!



#### From the Chancery:

It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Deacon Walt Gelinas** 

who passed away on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Walt's funeral Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole. Please pray for the repose of Walt's soul and for comfort for his family.

Please keep **Fr. Juan Martin Sierra**, from the Institute of the Incarnate Word (abbreviated IVE), native of Argentina, and **Fr. Abraham Nemaisa** from the Diocese of Mutare, Zimbabwe (the same diocese as Fr. Welcome) in your prayers as they have arrived in Fairbanks. With their arrival we now have 20 priests in active ministry serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks! Keep praying for vocations; our prayers are being answered.

<u>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> -- Sep 12, 2021 "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org.

# "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

## Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: The resoluteness of the Suffering Servant not to turn back no matter what suffering must be faced is the same resoluteness Jesus' shows in his choice to face suffering and death so that

all may have life.
... to experience: It is easy to be resolute
about what brings us joy, pleasure,
advancement, possessions, and honor. It is far more
difficult to be resolute about what costs us dearly of our

time, energy, resources, and even our very life.

https://liturgy.slu.edu

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MATTER!

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#### 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 <u>True Devotion to Our Lady</u>: 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. Please sign up for Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress 2021! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: https://signup.com/go/dAJHJLi
- 2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
- 3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! *Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone.*

#### **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. For more information, please contact Fr Ross Tozzi, rtozzi@cbna.org.

Immaculate Conception Church seeks an individual well versed in computer skills (Office 365, Facebook, web page design) along with administrations skills (filing, organizing, communicating, and planning) as well as simple bookkeeping, record keeping, and data entry. Job: parttime 10 –15 hours a week. Must be available on Monday Mornings. Applicants should be competent collaborative, cooperative, and have an eye for details.

send resume to: <u>iccsecretary2@cbna.org</u>
Or call: 907-452-3533

# Commentary on the Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"'For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted" (Gospel). Jesus



reveals His Love by curing the victim of *dropsy* (pictured at the left). Love overcomes all human obstacles. The humble man does not, of course, expose his talents to the contempt of others. But he does recognize that *every best gift is from above*, loaned not for himself alone, but for his less favored neighbor as well.

For this reason I bend my knees to the Father (Epistle), exclaims St. Paul, as he reflects on His glorious riches: how Divine love PURGES us by strength through His Spirit, ILLUMINATES us through our faith and then UNITES us in Christ's love. . .unto. . .the fullness of God. Humbly must we recognize the power that is at work in us. --Excepted from My Sunday Missal.

--Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Families of St. Mark Community are encouraged to enroll school-aged children in Religious Education at Sacred Heart, ICC, St. Raphael, or St. Nick (North Pole). Our numbers are small and by enrolling in bigger classes your children will benefit from these programs. If you have questions, please contact Mary Pat @ 907-374-9564 or email: stmark@cbna.org.

Immaculate Conception SOUP KITCHEN is always in need of volunteers and donations. There is more information on the website: <a href="https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen">https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen</a> You can also donate \$\$ directly to the soup kitchen thru Immaculate Conception Church's giving link on the website or drop an envelope in the basket labeled "Soup Kitchen" and we will get it to them. Contact Nick Shamrell to volunteer: <a href="mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org">iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org</a>



# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities. Loving our neighbor, stranger, welcoming the clothing feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing - well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny. Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it. Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Weekly Collections will be updated next week. Thank you for your continued support!



#### How do you offer a Mass for someone?

At Mass, we typically hear, "This Mass is being offered for the intentions of [someone]." What does this mean, and how do we offer a Mass for a friend or family

member?

The Mass is the most powerful of all prayers, so it is a very effective way to pray for loved ones. Praying for loved

ones through the Mass is an ancient tradition. While you can personally offer your prayers at Mass for a special intention, requesting that a priest say a Mass for your intention can be even more powerful because the priest



himself has offered the Mass for that intention.

Requesting a Mass for your special intention is easier than you might think. It's often as simple as calling your local parish and putting in a request. There are also many religious orders and shrines with online Mass intention request forms which you can submit. It is customary to give a very small monetary gift when you request a Mass for a special intention. This money helps support the priest, parish facilities, or missions. In previous eras, for example, candles were expensive, and the monetary offering helped a poor priest buy those candles for saying your Mass.

You can offer a Mass for family members, friends, or any special intention, but Masses offered for the dead are particularly powerful. In fact, many souls have appeared to loved ones to ask for Masses to be said for them so that they will be released from Purgatory. Since the souls in Purgatory are no longer able to pray for themselves, they rely on the prayers and good works of those still on earth to help them enter heaven sooner. Jesus loves them so much that He will often release a soul sooner when such prayers as the Mass are offered.

Many of these souls have offered sobering warnings about what life in Purgatory is really like and how to avoid the temporary pain of Purgatory. To learn more about these warnings and messages from Purgatory, check out the bestseller, Hungry Souls, by Gerard J.M. Van Den Aardweg.



"Riches are not forbidden, but the pride of them is."

-St. John Chrysostom (Feast Day Sept 13)

# **Eucharistic Rosary Congress Oct 1- 3**

Sacred Heart Cathedral Sponsored by: Legion of Mary Trusting Jesus as Mary Did

#### Oct 1 Friday

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Opening Mass with Fr. Hugh Gillespie 7:00 PM Sung Vespers Talk: Queen of Apostles

Confessions will be heard

9:00 PM Rosary: Glorious Mysteries 12:00 AM Rosary: Joyful Mysteries

#### Oct 2 Saturday

3:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 AM Patriotic Rosary

7:00 AM Morning Prayer First Saturday Mass

9:00 AM Luminous Mysteries

9:30 AM Fr. Hugh Gillespie: Mediatrix of Grace

12:00 PM Rosary Sorrowful Mysteries

2:30 PM Glorious Mysteries

3:00 PM Mercy Chaplet, Stations, Confessions

4:00 PM Reposition

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass exposition follows

7:00 PM Sung Vespers: Talk Mother of the Church

9:00 PM Glorious Mysteries in Spanish

#### Oct 3 Sunday

3:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 AM Luminous Mysteries

7:00 AM Reposition

8:00 AM Sunday Mass, 11:00 AM Sunday Mass, 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

3:00 PM Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Talk by Fr. Hugh Behold your Mother Benediction

4:30 PM: Sung Vespers followed by 5:30 PM Sunday

Mass

#### Please sign up for Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress 2021!

1. Click this link to on SignUp:

https://signup.com/go/dAJHJLi

- 2. Enter your email address: no need to register
- 3. Sign up! Choose your spots -

SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Contact Mary Beth Juday: mbjuday@gci.net or 479-3765

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#### Talks at the Eucharistic Rosary Congress

Oct 1 ~ 7:00PM – Queen of Apostles

Oct 2 ~ 9:30AM – Madiatrix of All Graces:

To each has been given a gift.

(Gifted by the Spirit to participate in the Mission)

 $2 \sim 7:00$ PM – Mother of the Church

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the members are many, the body is one. within the oneness of the Church.)

Oct 3 ~

3:00PM – Behold your Mother:

(At prayer with our Lady)

### 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:**

<u>All Latin Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral</u> Saturdays at 6:30 PM

Sept 18th; Oct 9th & 23rd, Nov 20th; Dec 18th

Traveling? Check out mass times in Alaska at: <a href="http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/">http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/</a> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <a href="https://aoaj.org">https://aoaj.org</a> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau).