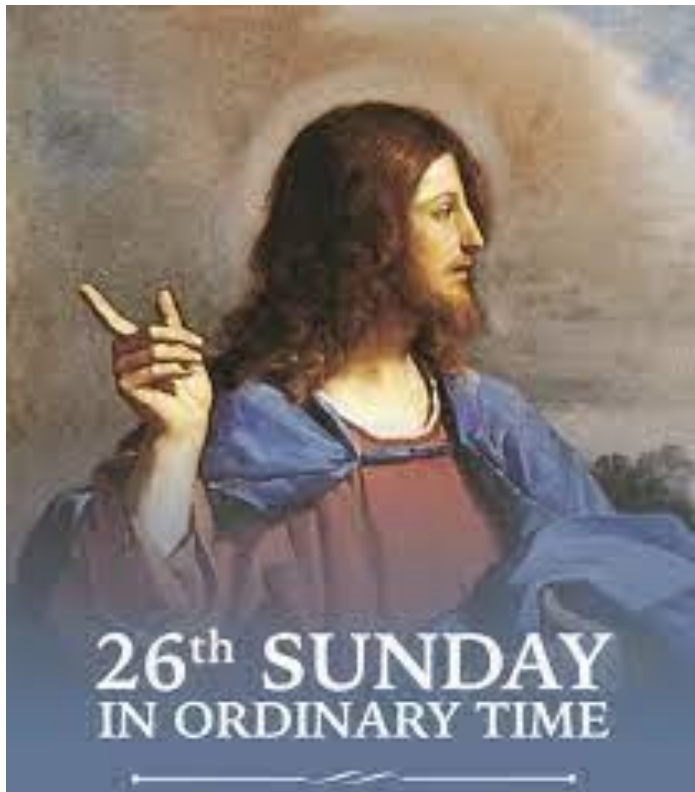




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**September 26<sup>th</sup> - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:**

**303 ~ Gather Us In**

**651 ~ Remember Your Love**

**432 ~ Be Not Afraid**

**582 ~ Companions On The Journey**

**Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29** The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

**Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14** The Law of the Lord brings joy.

**Reading II: James 5:1-6** James chastises the rich.

**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48** Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

**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.** Need a ride or are willing to provide a ride? Contact Mary Pat Boger at 907-374-9564. Check times for

**Campus Ministry Activities:** Stop by Arctic Java on Thursday's from 11:30AM-1:30PM and introduce yourself to us; Ben Colwell, Fr. Robert Fath, and Mary Pat Boger. We'll be taking turns at these drop-in events and look forward to meeting you to hear what you have to say, as well as sharing information on events for Catholic Young Adults off campus! *Look for the "CSA/Young Adult" sign and let us buy you a drink ~ coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!*

**ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS:**

Applications found at [www.stmarksuaf.org/#](http://www.stmarksuaf.org/#) .  
Deadlines are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Purchase tickets:** <https://www.hipowauction.com>  
Raffle drawing will take place on Oct. 9, 2021, during HIPOW virtual event. *Need not be present to win.* \$100 each ~ 552 tickets sold for 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4WD. \$25 each ~ 500 tickets sold to win one of two sets of round-trip ticket vouchers. **Support our Catholic Schools!**

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Podcast: <https://frrobertfath.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

**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 – 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.

## Dates to Remember

- ✦ **Sept 22-Oct 31: 40 Days For Life.**  
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>
- ✦ **Sept 30:** RCIA at SHC from 7:30-8:45pm.
- ✦ **Oct 1-3: Diocesan Rosary Congress** at SHC.  
Register now! Contact Mary Beth Juday:  
[mbjuday@gci.net](mailto:mbjuday@gci.net) or 479-3765 for more information
- ✦ **Oct 2: HIPOW 52** - Online Bidding! Check out [www.hipowauktion.com](http://www.hipowauktion.com) for more information. Support our local Fairbanks Catholic Schools!

***“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward” (Mark 9:41)***

We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

### ***Connecting the Gospel***

... ***to the First Reading:*** Moses understood that God is the one who chooses those on whom the spirit will rest Both Moses and Jesus make clear that when God acts through someone, we are not to judge or thwart their efforts, but to accept and respect God's working through whomever God chooses.



... ***to experience:*** Spouses spend all their married lives coming to know one another and building a shared identity. Coming to know, understand, and accept the identity of Jesus also takes a lifetime of learning and commitment. But it grants an eternity of fullness of life. We tend to live in closed circles of people because of comfortableness, like-mindedness, and shared values and beliefs. Jesus challenges us to “cut. . . off” from our manner of living any attitudes or behaviors that keep us from recognizing God's presence in a broader circle.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

## **Commentary on the Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

"Jesus, seeing (the) faith (of those who brought the paralytic) said. . .  
.*Take courage, son; thy sins are forgiven thee*" (Gospel).



We approach the end of the Church's year. We, too, have grown to maturity. In our youth we regarded perfection an easy accomplishment. Now we plead for Redemption. We implore His Mercy to *direct our hearts* (Prayer) in the *evening* of our life (Offertory).

Our plea today is: *Give peace, O Lord.* What is the condition for peace with neighbor, peace amongst nations? It is a call to set ourselves right with God!

Are we ambassadors of peace to others? The *paralytic* was unable to do anything for himself. Did not Jesus cure him, absolve him, only when his friends *brought* him and He saw *their faith*?

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood.



### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Justice Challenge:**

St. Vincent de Paul’s Feast Day is September 27. This saint once wrote, “I am for God and the poor.” In mid-life, Vincent underwent a transformation which caused him to dedicate the rest of his life to those in need. He taught his followers that we encounter Christ in the needs of our poor neighbors, stating that “The poor are your masters, and you are their servants.” Your challenge this week is to interview someone in poverty and let them tell you what they most need. You might consider serving at a soup kitchen or shelter to find your “master,” the person to whom you are going to listen. Then really do listen—with your heart as well as your head—to this person’s wisdom and experience. Try your best to do what he/she recommends to help the poor get out of their situation.



**Weekly Collections will be updated at the end of the month.**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Sep 26**

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness 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:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our sick, elderly, residents of nursing homes and homebound. Members of our parish community and students at UAF and local schools. Pray for those who have entered eternal life.

**NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES**

**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



**“Life is so busy. How can I find time to pray?”** *With all the obligations in our lives, it’s tempting to leave prayer till tomorrow. And then forget about it.*

*How can we make time for prayer?*

If anyone in the world might have seemed to have an excuse for “not having time to pray,” it was Mother Teresa and her tireless sisters in the Missionaries of Charity.



But Mother Teresa never allowed any amount of work to encroach on her prayer time or that of her sisters. The good Mother knew that, without prayer, everything else failed.

Prayer is the heart of every Christian life—not just that of religious orders. If you take the heart out, the body will die. If you make the heart stronger, the body will be stronger. If you make greater demands on the body, the heart needs to be extra-strong.

It’s easy to sideline prayer amidst the constant demands of work, family, school, and other practical things, but if we aren’t praying, every aspect of our lives suffers.

One way to make prayer a consistent practice is to schedule regular prayer time for yourself at home. A holy hour at home—perhaps weekly, perhaps biweekly—can keep you centered and spiritually strong, even if the pace of life seems overwhelming at times. It’ll help you to keep praying even if you can’t make a holy hour in church as often as you’d like to.

Mike Aquilina and Regis J. Flaherty’s [\*The How-To Book of Catholic Devotions: Everything You Need to Know but No One Ever Taught You\*](#) provides a step-by-step guide to making a holy hour—and you can use it for your at-home holy hours too! Put prayer on your calendar—and don’t dare to cross it out when the laundry starts building up or the lawn needs mowing! You’ll be amazed at how prayer can transform your life.

