



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH
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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 10th - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:

- 303 ~ Gather Us In
- 404 ~ Earthen Vessels
- 322 ~ Look Beyond
- 561 ~ Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Reading 1: Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13 The word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

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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

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

CSA/Young Adults is a ministry where Mass, the sacraments, and church teachings remain the mission of St. Mark's. We are committed as a group to interact with anyone who may be interested in searching for truth and support students through difficult struggles as students. One need not be Catholic to join but interested in meeting others and learning about the Catholic traditions!

Arctic Java Treat: Stop by Arctic Java on Thursday's from 11:30AM-1:30PM and look for the table with the CSA/Young Adult sign. We'll buy you a drink and answer your questions! Available for your room we have a desktop crucifix.

Dates to Remember

- ✚ **Sept 22-Oct 31: 40 Days For Life.**
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>
- ✚ **Oct 14:** RCIA at SHC from 7:30-8:45pm.
- ✚ **Oct 9: HIPOW 52 - Online Bidding!** Check out www.hipowauction.com for more information. Support our local Fairbanks Catholic Schools!
- ✚ **Oct 9:** Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30pm SHC
- ✚ **Oct 10:** US National Rosary Coast to Coast
<https://rosarycoasttocoast.com>
- ✚ **Oct 12 (19, 26, 11/9 & 16): Marriage Prep** at St. Nick's in North Pole 6:00-7:30pm Tuesday evenings at Pastoral Center, 2nd floor.
- ✚ **Oct 15-17: Engaged Encounter** at St. Nick's. Please contact Fr. Fath and then register for the weekend at 488-2595.
- ✚ **Oct 17: Healing Service** at ICC @ 12Noon. Anointing of the Sick and Confessions.



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

St. Mark University Parish will be updating our membership records. We will have forms available to fill out next month at 5:30pm Sunday Mass or send your current information by email: stmark@cbna.org. Look for more information coming over the next few weeks.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Pray to save lives of the Innocent. Sign-up @ <https://40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>. Participate in the Prayerful Vigil being held through Oct 31st from 7AM-7PM at 1867 Airport Way.

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen ~ needs VOLUNTEERS to help with the SOUP KITCHEN. If you are unable due to health concerns, think about their donation needs: Winter Gear (wool socks, gloves, hats, boots.), Food (fruit or pudding cups), or making a monetary donation.

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: The author of Wisdom was able to recognize that wisdom is greater than possessions. In the gospel Jesus teaches us that following him is greater than possessions. Such is the way of wisdom.

... to experience: Often, this passage (especially about receiving a hundredfold) is applied to those who answer the call to ordained priesthood or religious life, but this gospel passage refers to all who respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Commentary on the Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"Go thy way, thy son lives.' The man believed... As he was... going down, his servants met him and brought word saying that his son lived" (Gospel).



The weakened condition of the ruler's son reminds us of our own world. It is worn out by the fever of passion. It is unable to help itself until faith in God returns. A humble confession of sin is the secret of obtaining God's *mercy* (Introit) and *pardon* (Prayer).

Be filled with the Spirit during the psalms and hymns of Mass; be subject to one another in public life (Epistle). Liturgy and Catholic Action are twins! When the official's faith was rewarded, he immediately spread the faith in his whole household, his relatives, and employees. Gratitude should prompt you also to be lay apostles, ever ready to "speak religion" in and outside your house. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood.



28th Sunday Justice Challenge:

On October 11 we honor Pope Saint John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In *Pacem in Terris* (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much if you overuse resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

"Deo fidens proficio" ("Trusting God I go forward")



THEREIN LIES THE...RIB

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

Celebrate October with the Mary Foundation at CatholicCity.com prayers to Save America!



“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?

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 actually 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.



At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord’s call. But He invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears or weaknesses: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9).





Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – Oct. 2021 *Missionary Disciples.*

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

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“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you? Consider giving thanks as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org



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

October 3, 2021, Total: \$ 1,782.00
Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$ 14,929.50

We are blessed by your generosity and thank you for your continued support of our Parish Mission!

“It is easier for the camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of god. Mark 10:23



Carmel Communication Movie Recommendations:

Journey Through Purgatory (2021) Oct 25, 27, 28 (*Regal Cinema Viewing Dates*). Just in time for

All Saints' and All Souls' Day. Purgatory tells the story of souls living both in bodies and those that have already left this world. Mystics such as Fulla Horak, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Padre Pio—who have been graced by visits of souls from purgatory—are only some of the protagonists featured in the movies. Highlighted are the work of the most outstanding theologians and scientists, who have been studying the state of human consciousness upon the death of the body. (*Movies recommended in the past: Unbroken; Indivisible; Pray; Unplanned; I Still Believe; Love and Mercy; Miracles from Heaven; The Star; Fatima; 90 Minutes in Heaven; Still Believe; The Drop Box.*) Check out movie and book reviews at www.carmelcommunications.com or www.ncregister.com.

AREA WEEKEND MASSES

Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm – 10/23, 11/20, 12/18
Sunday: 8:00 & *11:00am (*Live-Streamed)
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://www.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

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

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath & all our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians serving in Alaska. Remember our sick, elderly, residents of nursing homes, and homebound. All who are enrolled in sacramental & religious education classes. Our St. Mark Parish & UAF Community; families with young children at home and in local or out-of-state schools. Pray for all who have died this past year and those they left behind.

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [www.https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care](https://usccb.org/end-of-life-care) .”