



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH
 The Catholic Community of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 17th - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:

728 Lead Me, Lord
 664 Healing River of the Spirit
 725 Blest Are They
 719 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Reading 1: Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

The prayer of praise for Gods mercy.

Reading II: Hebrew 4:14-16

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

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Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

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.

Arctic Java Treat: Thursday's from 11:30AM-1:30PM stop in and have a free Java drink with our representative. Look for the table with the CSA/Young Adult sign.

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!

SUPPORT your fellow students!

10/16 UAF Men's & Women's Rifle Competition
 10/17 UAF Swimming at Patty Center
 10/18 Solo Recital 7-8pm

Dates to Remember

- ✦ **Sept 22-Oct 31: 40 Days For Life.**
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks>
- ✦ **Oct 16:** Monroe Holiday Bazaar 10am-4pm.
- ✦ **Oct 17: Healing Service** at ICC @ 12Noon.
 Anointing of the Sick and Confessions.
- ✦ **Oct. 16-17: Harvest Festival & Craft Show** at Tanana Valley Fairgrounds (Sat 10am-6pm/Sun 11am-4pm)
- ✦ **Oct 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 21:** RCIA at SHC from 7:30-8:45pm.



Charitable Heart Appeal
 St. Mark University Parish
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 (CHA) Fund is for filling

in gaps and helping to fulfill unfunded needs of the parish. This year again, we will not be sending out letters to solicit contributions to this fund. For any of those who wish to contribute, you can always do so by indicating "CHA" on your donation.



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

St. Mark University Parish will be updating our membership records.

Anyone new to our community and those already registered will be asked to take a moment to update records. Forms will be 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.

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share.” This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Connecting the Gospel

... to the First Reading: These verses from the fourth Song of the Suffering Servant (also read on Good Friday) foreshadow the fullness of the servanthood accepted by Jesus on our behalf: he gave his life for us. Because of this self-gift, God glorified him: “he shall see the light in fullness of days.”



... to experience: The tendency toward self-promotion is part of our human nature. Jesus teaches us by his own life and ministry that discipleship, however, is not about seeking places of honor but about serving others. And serving others is the only path to real glory. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

“Wicked servant! I forgave thee all the debt. . .Shouldst not thou also have had pity on thy fellow-servant” (Gospel)?



Life is indeed a warfare! Yet mercy must now be our weapon in dealing with others. Otherwise stern justice will be our eternal downfall (as symbolized by small figures at the right). Divine Mercy is angry with those who fail in mercy.

The well-equipped Christian soldier must wear "the shield of faith, . . .the breastplate of justice, . . the sword of the spirit," in "wrestling. . .against the world-rulers of . . .darkness" and their un-Christian blackouts (Epistle).

O Christian woman, admire the ancient "valiant woman," Esther! By her confident prayer and strong virtue she saved herself and her people (Introit). O Christian man, behold the example of Job (Offertory). His faith never wavered until it was crowned in victory.

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



29th Sunday Justice Challenge:

Saturday is National Make a Difference Day (celebrated the fourth Saturday in October). All of us want to leave our mark on the world in some way. Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can take to make a difference in the life of a person who is a victim of injustice in your community. It might be a student victimized by bullying, or a worker who is denied a fair wage. You may see racism alive and well and choose to do something to break that cycle. Whatever you choose, see if you can make a difference so someone experiences more justice than he or she did before.



The Board of Directors of **Love Inc.**

has voted to adopt a new name and logo and become an independent local agency rather than an affiliate of Love INC National. The Mission Statement: *Helping Alaskan families by providing essential resources to build community, change lives, and inspire hope.*



IF HEAVEN WERE LIKE HARVARD

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have been fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

October is Respect Life Month. Please take a moment to pray the daily Rosary!



What is the Golden Legend?

A knight rescuing a princess from a dragon...fearless voyagers crossing strange seas...courage in the face of harrowing torments...it's the stuff dreams are made of.

The Golden Legend was one of the most widely read books of the Middle Ages. Compiled by the Dominican Blessed Jacobus de Voragine in the 13th century, it gained enormous popularity, assisted by the invention of the printing press in 1450, and was translated into every major European language. Artists and art scholars have found in it an invaluable resource for their work.

But what *is* it?

The Golden Legend is a collection of *hagiographies*—stories about the saints. Arranged chronologically according to feast day, it was written as an aid for preachers but became hugely popular among the laity for its delightful, inspiring, and thrilling tales of our forebears in the Faith.



The Legend recounts some of the most famous exploits of the saints—such as the valiant St. George slaying the dragon and saving a princess. When depicting saints, artists have drawn their inspiration from the deeds and descriptions found in the Legend, and scholars use it as a way of identifying saints in art.

The heroic deeds of the saints are of incalculable importance to us as Catholics, especially for children. Nothing fills a young heart with love and inspiration for the Faith like stories of brave knights who fought dragons, beautiful queens who fed the poor with their own hands, or stalwart martyrs who laughed in the face of death. Adventure is around every corner, danger is only a footstep behind, friendship and faith are put to the ultimate test again and again. Who wouldn't want to jump into such page-turners?

Indeed, children want to emulate what they read and see. Little boys grab wooden swords when they read about knights and little girls grab their moms' dresses and shoes when they read about princesses. Perhaps there are parents among you who have smiled upon hearing, "Dad, I'm St. George!" Or "Mom, I'm St. Margaret!" Yes, dear children, you will be another St. George or St. Margaret if you keep that spirit!

Help your children develop that holy spirit by filling their bookshelves with stories of the heroes of our faith. Butler's *Lives of the Saints* is a classic collection of riveting tales of holiness, heroism, and valor. A great gift for young and old alike.

JOB OPENINGS

Immaculate Conception Church is looking for an individual for a part-time position (10-15 hours a week) well versed in computer and administration skills as well as some simple bookkeeping, record keeping and data entry. Applicants need to support the mission of Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska. Contact iccsecretary2@cbna.org or call: 907-452-3535 for more information or see the ICC website.

Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a part-time Accounting Assistant for 20 hours per week. This position supports the Accounting department. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Excel and QuickBooks is required. The successful applicant will have accounting experience or be pursuing an accounting degree. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send you resume to humanresources@cbna.org.



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 do you wish for me to do for you?” If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. 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 10, 2021, Total: \$ 1,220.00
Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$16,149.50

We are blessed by your generosity and thank you for your continued support of our Parish Mission! **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**...3% of our collections in October will be donated to this cause. Please add a little extra to your donation or go directly to <https://worldmission.org> and give directly to a project of your choice. Take a moment to positively impact the lives of suffering families worldwide. 100% of your donation goes to the project you choose.

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. St. Mark & UAF Community; families with young children at home and in local or out-of-state schools. All who have died this past year and those they left behind.

*Strong hands pray...
...so little hands can play.*



Pray to End Abortion!

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard”

(ACTS 4:20)