



**ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH**  
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### 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### **November 14<sup>th</sup> - Hymns for 5:30PM Mass:**

445 For You Are My God  
606 Like a Shepherd  
612 The Cry of the Poor  
385 City of God

#### **Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-3**

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

#### **Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11**

God protects us and shows us the path of life.

#### **Reading II: Hebrew 10:11-14, 18**

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated Perfect forever.

#### **Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

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#### **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

### **Dates to Remember**

- ✚ **Available after 5:30pm Mass - Nov 21:** Advent calendar cards; **Nov 28:** Advent Candles, Calendars, & other items to prepare your house
- ✚ **Special Collections: Nov 14** - Archdiocese for the Military Service – Seminarian Josh Miller  
**Nov 28 – Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection** split between Diocese of Cuddpah in India, Maiduguri in Nigeria, and Mutare in Zimbabwe. Currently we have priests in our Diocese come from these foreign countries.
- ✚ **Look on back page of bulletin** for SHC, ICC, St. Raphael, and St. Nick's for webpage addresses to see what activities are scheduled.

### **Catholic Student Association & Catholic Young Adult**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**Need a ride** to Sacred Heart Cathedral for 5:30pm Sunday Mass or willing to provide a ride? Contact Mary Pat Boger at 907-374-9564.

Lathrop Bldg. CSA/Young Adult Center is not ready yet. We look forward to meeting again!

**CSA/Young Adults is a ministry** where Mass, the sacraments, and church teachings remain the mission. Help us define the needs of Catholic students at UAF. We will continue meeting students in December at Arctic Java.... stay tuned!

**Join us** at St. Mark Mass held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are looking for singers & readers! Contact Fr. Robert Fath, Mary Pat Boger, or George Stefan by email or phone (*contact info posted at left*).



Pray for all our U.S. bishops as they gather in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly (Nov. 15-18). This will be their first face-to-face since 2019 due to COVID. Follow USCCB on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram during the meeting with hashtag #USCCB21. Livestream each day will be available on the YouTube channel. <https://www.usccb.org>

## Connecting the Gospel

... to the **First Reading**: Like the gospel, the First Reading apocalyptically describes calamity and distress. But its stronger point is the promise that those “who lead the many to justice” will “live forever.” The first reading provides the ethical injunction—a way to live—that assures new life will arise from seeming deadness.

... to **experience**: Popular religious culture is fascinated by the end times with their “cataclysms and their unsurpassed distress.” But what the end times more truly reveal is Christ's victory and our share in his glory.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



## Diocese of Fairbanks

### Synodal Nature of the Church

Sign on to the diocesan webpage at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org> and go to “What’s Happening” tab and then to “Current News” to fill out the Synodal Nature of the Church questionnaire. Bishop Chad’s letter on this can be found at [www.stmarksuaaf.org/letters](http://www.stmarksuaaf.org/letters).

### Commentary on the Readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, . . . smallest of all the seeds, but when it grows up it . . . becomes a tree, so that the birds . . . dwell in its branches" (Gospel).



So the Church from humble beginnings in underground Catacombs, has stretched out to the remotest ends of foreign missions. . . a living shelter for man as he flees upward from the earth; a miraculous *leaven* transforming fallen human culture into the Divine.

Yes, the Life of Christ is a *leaven* hiding, as it were, from the time of our Baptism in the *three measures* of faith, hope and charity until *all* of our humanity is *leavened*. Like the first Christians, we, too, are to become *a pattern to all*, so that our neighbors in *Macedonia and Achaia* (Epistle), like *birds of the air*, will *come and dwell* in the *branches* of the Church. Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*.



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## World Day of the Poor

This year’s theme is “*The poor you will always have*

*with you*” (Mk 14:7). Help our community by volunteering or donating needed items. Your gifts of food, clothing, time, or talent are greatly appreciated not just by the organizations, but especially by the people served. Make a difference to those who are served!



- [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org), Ph. 907-452-3533, ext. 22, or in person at ICC between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- **Helping Alaska (formerly Love Inc)** – Ph. 907-452-5683
- **Fairbanks Community Food Bank** – Ph.907-457-4273
- **CRS (Catholic Relief Services)**  
<https://support.crs.org>

### Prayer for the Poor

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend you in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.



**November** ~ The month to remind us to be thankful for the many blessing in our lives!



### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Justice Challenge:

This week is International Bible Week. Scripture is filled with so much wisdom and guidance on how God desires justice for the world and wants all of us to live justly. Your challenge this week is to open the Word and find a passage on justice which speaks to you. (*You can do this by paging through a particular book—like Isaiah or the Gospel of Luke—or by going to [www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible) and doing a word search on a key aspect of justice you want to read.*) Once you choose your passage, spend some time reading the text, meditating on what God is asking you to do, praying for the strength to do it, and then...just doing it.

**FORMED**

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

SHC has access to online resources of quality Catholic material. <https://www.formed.org/signup> . Type in Fairbanks and select Sacred Heart Cathedral. Click Next and follow the direction to access content!



### THE LOOK

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar. We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I’m out, God! I can’t do anymore! Can’t give any more. Can’t take any more. It’s all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don’t know how much we are capable of loving. We don’t know how much we are capable of serving. We don’t know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I’m done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He’s far from finished working.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*



**Why do Byzantine icons look the way they do?** “The distinctive look of these icons carries enormous spiritual significance. Walk into any Eastern Catholic church or household, and you will immediately be met by icons.

Seeing an icon—adorned with gold and other rich colors, often wreathed in candlelight, and seemingly emanating its own interior light—is an experience that captivates the viewer almost involuntarily. These images are just so... *otherworldly*.

If a viewer is thus drawn to the contemplation of holy things, the icon has done its job. These images are not just pieces of art: they are meant to make the divine *present* to us. They connect us—through prayer—with Christ, Our Lady, and the saints.

Two of the most distinctive features of icons are bound up with this idea of holy presence: the portrayal of light and the two-dimensionality of the features.

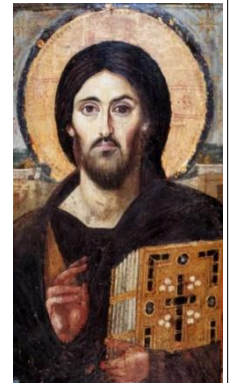
You’ll notice that the prominent parts of the face and other salient features seem to glow and shimmer. This is to convey the idea of inner light, the indwelling of God,

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and the subject’s belonging to that other world, the heavenly realm.

The features are not photorealistic (they lack depth and three-dimensionality) because they are not intended to draw attention to the beauty of the portrayal, but rather to point *beyond* the icon to the actual person represented. The central idea of holy presence is also evident if we look at how these images have been transmitted to us historically. You’ll never find a true icon that is completely “new,” because each icon is a continuation of a spiritual and artistic tradition. They say St. Luke was the first icon painter, painting images of Our Lady from life. The story of the first icon of Christ (the “Mandylyon”) goes back to Christ Himself.



Oldest known icon (6th c.) of Christ Pantocrator (Christ in Majesty)

Icon painters, therefore, take the bones of their work



15th c. icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

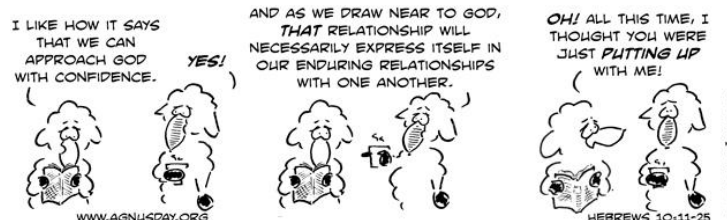
from icons made before them, adding their own interpretation yet keeping the *essence* intact to continue this tradition. In this way, icons are a living link to the earliest iconographers—and even to Our Lord and Our Lady themselves.

In fact, icon painting is properly referred to as icon *writing*, since an iconographer’s goal is to correctly transmit the tradition handed on to him from the past and to accurately convey the visual theology contained in the image.

You can bring the profound spirituality of these images into your prayer life through an icon of your own. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

### MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Go to the St. Mark website <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org> to read “Why a Parish Census/Registration?”. We are asking everyone to fill out the paperwork or online form to update our records. Drop finished paper form off in donation basket at church. If you have questions, contact Mary Pat at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org).



**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov. 14, 2021**

*“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.”*

*(Mark 13:26)*

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never too late to live and grateful and generous lifestyle.



**Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions – Nov. 2021** *People Who Suffer from Depression.* We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens

them up to life.

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 14, 2021**

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ 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).



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

November 7, 2021, Total: \$ 1,520.00  
Total (7/1/21-6/30/22): \$19,627.50

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**



When thinking of holiday and year-end tax contributions, consider looking at giving a donation toward one of the many needs of our rural parishes <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

**THANK YOU!**



**The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis.** The story of C.S. Lewis’ journey, from his early years, discovering his path from atheism to Christianity and how people he met along the way helped him through his struggles. That includes best friends such as JRR Tolkien (The Lord of the Rings). It will be released as a special event in cinemas in US and Canada. Let’s hope it reaches Regal Cinema in Fairbanks.

**Advent begins this November 28.** There will be information coming out in the next two weeks about an Advent Family Challenge aimed to encourage faith formation within households.

**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

**Let Us Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath & all our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians in our Diocese; an increase vocation into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Remember our families and friends; the elderly and sick. For members of our community who are isolated due to COVID. Pray for our St. Mark Community and University students on campus taking class. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.



**Prayer to Saint Mark**

O Glorious St. Mark

Through the grace of God,

Our Father,

You became a great Evangelist,

Preaching the Good News of Christ.

May you help us to know Him well so that we may

Faithfully live our lives as follower of Christ. Amen