



**ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH**  
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**January 2, 2022**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

**SUNDAY READINGS:**



**Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6**  
 Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.  
**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**  
 Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

**Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
 Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.  
**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**  
 The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

“The word **Epiphany** means “*manifestation*” or “*showing forth*.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “*epiphanies*,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.”

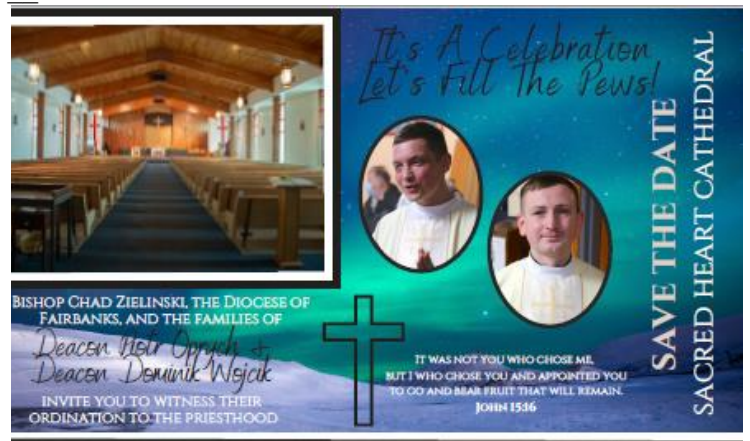
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**St. Mark Membership Registration:**

If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you joined our parish family. Please go to our Website <http://www.stmarksuaf.org> and fill out the paperwork or update your existing records. Drop finished paper form in donation basket at church. If you have questions, contact Mary Pat at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)



May your New Year be blessed with good health & love that you can share with others!



**JANUARY 12, 2022 | 10AM** | **DIocese OF FAIRBANKS**

**Dates to Remember**

- ✚ **Jan 4 – Feb 8:** Beloved’s Living Marriage Series at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 7:00-8:30PM
- ✚ **Jan 7 & 8:** First Friday Devotions Adoration from 6pm to 6am at ICC; starting with 5:30PM Mass and ending with 7AM Mass.
- ✚ **Jan 7:** UAF Residence Dorms open
- ✚ **Jan 10:** First day of Instruction
- ✚ **Jan 12, 2022: Ordination of Deacons Peter Oprych & Dominik Wojcik at SHC 10am.**
- ✚ **Jan 15:** Latin Mass at SHC 6:30PM
- ✚ **Jan 17:** Alaska Civil Rights Day (no UAF classes)
- ✚ **Jan 21:** Fairbanks Right to Life annual outdoor event on the Cushman St and Barnette St Bridges. Rally-Potluck-Candlelight Vigil @ ICC-Murphy Hall 5:30 – 7:00 PM.
- ✚ **Jan 22:** Latin Mass at SHC 6:30PM
- ✚ **CONFIRMATION** classes are held at SHC on Wednesday’s at 7:30-8:45pm. **RCIA** classes meet at SHC at Thursday’s 7:30-8:45pm
- ✚ **Feb 5-Mar 19:** Beloved Series at SHC. Saturdays 9-11AM

**Epiphany** is when traditionally we take chalk blessed by our priest to inscribe the following blessing above our doors at home: 20 + C + M + B + 22. The numbers represent the new year. The initials C, M, and B are attributed to the three Magi – Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar ~ but they also stand for the Latin phrase “*Christus Mansionem Benedicat.*” Which means “Christ bless this house.” Please read the Epiphany House Blessing on our website for more information on the tradition.

## Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter

*"A Wedding is a Day; a Marriage is a Lifetime"*

### Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekends

To register or volunteer - Contact: text 907-322-0227 or [fairbanks@engagedencounter.com](mailto:fairbanks@engagedencounter.com) . Watch for our new website! For marriage support services Natural Family Planning information contact Marc & Ann Lee at [denaliprints@gmail.com](mailto:denaliprints@gmail.com)

**Beloved's Living Marriage Series** is held on six Tuesday evenings at St. Nicks' conference room on the second floor of the pastoral center beginning Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. All married couples are invited to participate. For more information contact: Fr. Welcome at [wchipiro@cbna.org](mailto:wchipiro@cbna.org) or 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018 or Betsy Jones 907-347-6618.

### Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** For Isaiah the "light [which] has come" to Jerusalem is God's glory.

The story of the magi in the Gospel reveals that the light is Christ himself, manifested to all nations.

... **to experience:** We tend to rely on logic when setting a direction for our lives, for example, when choosing a spouse, a profession, a neighborhood, or a school. From the magi we learn that life-directing choices must also be guided by unexpected in-breakings of wisdom that come from sudden light, the counsel of others, inspiration, insight, dreams. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



### January 2, 2022 – Epiphany

**Justice Challenge:** We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this week. This feast reminds us that was a universal savior—for all people, not just the Jews. gifts to the infant Jesus came

from distant lands. They recognized the Messiah in the tiny baby more than most of Jesus' own people did. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our Catholic faith is open to everyone. But the word "catholic" means universal—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Your challenge this week is to give a special gift to someone who has been left out, someone who hasn't been invited into the inner circle of friendship, someone who really needs an unexpected gift. It might be something material, but it could also be the gift of conversation, listening, paying attention. *The Pastoral Center 2022 Year C eResource Bundle*

**ICC Soup Kitchen:** Sign up to be a volunteer. Looking for snacks, socks, glove, and snow gear in this cold weather. Nick Shamrell [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)

As we begin our New Year, establish New Year's resolutions that will rededicate your life to the Lord. Make each day a new beginning that will bless you, your family, and those around you!



### How long is the Christmas season?

*Don't ditch your tree on December 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*Christmas is just getting started!*

One of the joys of being Catholic is that we accord our great feast days all the festivity they deserve.

For us, Christmas is not merely a one-day event that is over as soon as it has begun.

In fact, while Christmas Day itself is the 25th, the Feast really lasts a full 8 days: an octave. The Church celebrates her most sacred feasts with octaves. In the current calendar, Christmas and Easter have their own octaves, and in the older calendar, feasts such as Pentecost did as well. And the season of Christmas doesn't end after the octave. Our celebrations continue through the "Twelve Days of Christmas," which end on the Feast of the Epiphany—January 6th, though it is often transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

And still, we keep celebrating.

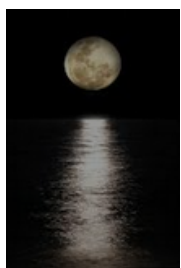
According to the current calendar of the Church, the Christmas season doesn't end until the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, which usually occurs on the Sunday following Epiphany. According to the older calendar, the Christmas season goes all the way through February 2nd, the Feast of Candlemas. Also called the Purification of Our Lady, or the Presentation of Our Lord, this feast commemorates the day Our Lady went to the Temple to fulfill the requirements of the Mosaic Law forty days after Our Lord's birth.

Christmas is a *season*, not just a day. The Church invites us to celebrate this most glorious mystery of our redemption with *weeks* of rejoicing. Another happy effect of this arrangement is that we are able to observe Advent with a certain reserve, penitence, and anticipation—to use it as a true spiritual preparation for Christmas joy and festivities.

Even though the world forgets Christmas on December 26th, we encourage you to keep those decorations up and continue exulting with the angels at the coming of the Savior to earth!

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appear his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus which is celebrated on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **The Epiphany -- January 2, 2022**

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

The first nine days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

## 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

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2022**

#### **For true human fraternity:**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath & all our Priests, Religious, Deacons, and Seminarians; an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Remember to keep in your prayers those individuals who are sick, homeless, and elderly in need of care. For all who are dealing with digging out of our December winter storm. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.

One of the best gifts you can give someone is thanking them for being part of your life.