



## ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of the University of Alaska,

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### January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SUNDAY READINGS:

##### Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

##### Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

A song in praise of God's marvelous deeds.

##### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

##### Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast Cana.



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**Vocations:** See Fr. Robert Fath

**Parish Council:** Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker

#### **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)

**Seminarian Joshua Miller** started recording some of his spiritual reflections given during Eucharist Adoration.

You can find them at:

<https://www.podbean.com/pu/pbblog-n5ghw-4074fb>

He welcomes all critical feedback as he is learning how to preach as well as learning to use the podcase software.

#### **Dates to Remember**

- ✚ **Jan 4 – Feb 8:** Beloved's Living Marriage Series at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 7:00-8:30PM
- ✚ **Jan 17:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day ~ No School
- ✚ **Jan 18-25:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ✚ **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:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### **Catholic Student Association**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**Need a ride to Mass?** St. Mark Parish provides rides if needed, as well as other Catholic events during the week when the city bus is not running. Are you a student who can ride share, please contact us so we can match you with those needing help to get to mass? Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564).

**Calling all young adults (18-40)!** Tired of cooking? Curious about your faith? Why don't you join the Catholic Young Adults of Fairbanks this **Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>** for Feast and Faith! Enjoy a meal with friends and take some time to learn about the faith. This month's topic is the Eucharist and will be presented on by Father Robert Fath. Grab a friend and come hungry to Feast and Faith from 6:30-8:00pm at the Saint Nick's Social Hall this Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Free Food, Free Knowledge, and Free Time with Jesus as we will celebrate Adoration afterwards!

**Check out** <https://www.uaf.edu/news/events.php> for what's going on at the University of Fairbanks.

#### **Everyone Had a Divine Vocation**

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~ *Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II.*

### **Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter**

*“A Wedding is a Day; a Marriage is a Lifetime”*  
**Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekends**

The marriage preparation program explores the spiritual and eternal reality behind “I Do.” Beautifully filmed and featuring acclaimed marriage experts, the video classes speak to the very heart of every man and woman, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life.

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)

**February is Marriage and Family Month**, and Sacred Heart Cathedral announces a city-wide marriage preparation program open to all engaged couples.

*Beloved – Mystery and Meaning of Marriage* includes six inspiring and informative sessions. February 5, 12, 19, and March 5, 12, 19. Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1300 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

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Couples planning on attending should register with Sacred Heart Cathedral (call (907) 474-9032 extension 7). Also please register to attend the Engaged Encounter Weekend at Saint Nicholas Church February 25-27 (Call 488-2462 and see your pastor for an Engaged Encounter Registration Form).

Couples of all ages and backgrounds come to **Retrouvaille**. Some are already separated or divorced but want to try again. Many are struggling to stay together, and some are just in need of a tune-up. All have one thing in common: A desire to have a stable and loving marriage. Simply put, if you are experiencing any level of difficulty in your marriage, Retrouvaille is probably a perfect fit for you. For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on Feb. 25, 2022 call 907-863-8000 or email: [anchorage@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**ICC Soup Kitchen** is always looking for volunteers, snacks, donations, and winter clothing items! For more information go to <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or email [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org)



### **January 16, 2022 – Justice Challenge:**

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country. Since then millions and millions of unborn babies have been killed. The most basic of all human

rights is life. The most basic of all Catholic social principles is the right to life and dignity for every human person. Your challenge this week is to do something to promote life and dignity for all. Advocate for unborn babies, fight against euthanasia or the death penalty, speak out for the rights of those whose dignity has been stripped from them

*The Pastoral Center 2022 Year C eResource Bundle*



“Heavenly Father, every person is created by you because you love us. Each one of us has something important that is different from every other person. May we always remember that we and each person we know is your beautiful, unique creation. May we always cherish our own lives and the lives of all others. In Jesus’ name we ask this prayer. Amen”

**Each year** the Church observes January 22 as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

**Pope Saint John Paul, II in *Evangelium Vitae* stated,** "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website states:** The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

**As individuals,** we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

**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.



**What are the seven-spiritual works of mercy?** *How can we answer the spiritual needs of friends, family, and even the world?* Throughout history, the Catholic Church has emphasized

the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In order to spread the Gospel here on earth, we must practice both.

While the corporal works of mercy identify how we can serve others' physical needs, the spiritual works of mercy call us to help each other (and ourselves) spiritually.

According to the *Baltimore Catechism*, the seven-spiritual works of mercy are:

1. *Admonish the sinner*
2. *Instruct the ignorant*
3. *Counsel the doubtful*
4. *Comfort the sorrowful*
5. *Bear wrongs patiently*
6. *Forgive all injuries*
7. *Pray for the living and the dead*

As Catholics, we are called to be our brother's keeper. We are obligated to help one another get to heaven by living out the spiritual works of mercy in ways that are rooted in love and mercy.

If you have a friend who is doubting their faith or doesn't know a lot about Catholicism, the first step is to pray for them. You could also invite them to a Bible study or share a book that may have helped you in your spiritual life.

You can comfort the sorrowful by simply being present to those who are suffering, bringing someone a homemade meal, sending them a card, or listening to their struggles.

Forgiving others and bearing wrongs patiently are essential to our salvation. In the Our Father, we ask God to forgive us our sins against Him just as we forgive others' sins against us. To keep our hearts open to His grace, we must let go of grudges against one another and avoid bitterness. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Remember that **nothing is small** in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with **love**.  
Therese of Lisieux

## **Connecting the Gospel**

... *to the First Reading*: Isaiah provides us with language to describe believing: "I will not be silent ... I will not be quiet." He gives us as well language to describe the intimacy of belief: "My delight," "Espoused," "the Lord delights in you," "your Builder shall marry you," "God rejoice in you."



... *to experience*: Some changes are self-initiated, for example, we stop smoking, resolve to exercise daily, watch less TV. Other changes are generated by an outside catalyst, such as a natural disaster or the loss of a job because of a bankrupt company. When we open ourselves to God's actions within us, the most life-changing transformations occur. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

### **It Takes All Kinds**

*"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "Spring would lose its loveliness."*

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding of Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers – do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

The presence of Jesus in our life is like a wedding. There is *love, joy, and merriment*.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 16, 2022**

“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) .

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

**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

Proclaim his marvelous deeds  
all the nations.

**SYNOD REFLECTION QUESTIONS:** Pope Francis wants to hear from you! This is a world-wide invite to involve and participate. Look on our website under the “Ordinary Tab” for the form Please make it a priority to participate by taking the time to go online or sending in a hard copy to: Ben Colwell at 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709. **Thank you!**

**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; individuals who are sick, homeless, and elderly in need of care; Frs. Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcik as they begin their priestly vocation. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.



“Fill the jars with water.” John 2:7



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday Collections:**  
January 9, 2022: \$ 207.00

**Total Sunday Collection** for the new fiscal year  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022: \$ 32,379.65

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**  
We are working on year end statements and will mail them out before the end of the month.

