



## ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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**January 23, 2022**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

### SUNDAY READINGS:

**Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets for all to understand.

**Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15**

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

**Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

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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 18-25:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ✚ **Jan 22:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Check out resources at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life> for information and activities.
- ✚ **Jan 26:** Confirmation: 7:30-8:45 SHC Social Hall
- ✚ **Jan 27:** RCIA Meeting: 7:30-8:45 SHC Social Hall
- ✚ **Feb 7:** SHC Book Club – 12:30 – 2:30pm SHC Community Room. *Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts On A Life Worth Living* by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput. C. 2021

### Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**Need a ride or able to give a ride to Mass?** Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564).

**Devan Larson is our CSA Advisor.** Devan is a UAF employee working for the GI. Along with Devan, Fr. Robert Fath, Ben Coldwell, and Mary Pat Boger are available to help with any questions you may have. Our meeting space is in Lathrop Hall - Rm 112. Masses will start in February along with scheduling meetings and activities. If you need Fr. Robert, he will be back in town February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Student Activities Fair** - January 27 12:00 – 2:00pm at Wood Center. Stop by and sign up!



**Miss out on this past week's Feast & Faith?** Catholic Young Adults of Fairbanks meet once a month. Great way to meet new folks and

learn more about your faith. They meet from 6:30-8:00pm and offer free food and time to celebrate with Adoration afterwards. Don't miss out on February's gathering! We try and arrange rides to get you there.

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



### How old is Gregorian chant?

When you hear or sing the ethereal chant of the Western Catholic liturgy, you are immersing yourself in a tradition that is centuries upon

centuries old.

To give you a quick idea of how old Gregorian chant is: it was named for Pope St. Gregory the Great, who died in 604 A.D. That was more than 1,400 years ago.

Liturgical singing goes back even further, to the earliest centuries of the Church. A basic collection of chants developed in the West during the 3rd and 4th centuries, used in both the liturgy and Divine Office. By the 6th century, various regional chant traditions had developed, such as Celtic chant in the British Isles, Gallican chant in Gaul, Mozarabic chant in Spain, and Old Roman chant.

In the 500s, Pope Gregory I revised and reformed the Roman liturgy. As part of this reform, he organized and revised the various chant traditions and assigned different chants to particular parts of the Mass throughout the liturgical year.

Major developments occurred during the time of Charlemagne in the 8th through 9th centuries, when Roman chant came to Gaul and fused with the local Gallican chant traditions. This chant spread rapidly, and over the next few centuries, Gregorian chant would become the main mode of chant throughout the West. Written notation appeared in the 10th through 11th centuries.



Perhaps some of the most significant contributions in recent times were those made by the Benedictines of Solesmes, who re-established monastic life in post-Revolution France and revived the use of Gregorian chant. The *Liber Usalis*—the most common collection of Gregorian chants you’ll find today—is the work of Solesmes.

Pope Pius X further reiterated the importance of Gregorian chant in his motu proprio *Tra le sollecitudini*, and Vatican II—while allowing for the use of other types of liturgical music—reaffirmed that Gregorian chant is “especially suited to the Roman liturgy” and hence is to be given “pride of place” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*).

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

### Connecting the Gospel

... **to the First Reading:** Nehemiah provides details that assure the people the words proclaimed by Ezra were, indeed, the words of God. As Jesus proclaimed glad tidings “in the power of the Spirit,” so must our proclamation of the Good News come from the Spirit who dwells within us. The details of our daily living must assure others that the words we proclaim are, indeed, from God.



... **to experience:** We are all familiar with the power of words to shape our identity and way of life. Society offers conflicting messages that often pull us in many directions. In the midst of all these competing words, God’s word is the true source of our identity as Christian people. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

#### Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn’t even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can’t quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God – giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver





**January 23, 2022 – Justice Challenge:** This is the last week of National Poverty Awareness Month. Poverty in the U.S. affects over 37 million people. The largest age group affected is children.

Your challenge this week is to increase your own awareness of childhood poverty. Go online and find statistics on the national, state, and local levels. Read why there are so many children living in poverty in our country. Share what you learn with others, so they become more aware as well. Then find one concrete action you can take this week to help a child suffering from poverty in your local community. *The Pastoral Center 2022 Year C eResource*

**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).

Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you. – *St. John Bosco*



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)

**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.

**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)

**The Worldwide Synod** - The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to discuss themes relating to this topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy, but it also means those who are poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, elderly, young adults, those who no longer practice the faith, and minorities to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized, you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? Coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully. Go to St. Mark’s website under “Ordinary Tab” for the form. Please make it a priority to participate by mailing finished hard copy to Ben Colwell at 1316 Peger Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709. Or online at:

[https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=150&Itemid=360](https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=150&Itemid=360)

**Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 23, 2022**

“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org)

**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)**

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

**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

The Holy Spirit is Jesus’ gift  
to the Church.



**Latin Mass Schedule for February – March**

All Masses are at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30pm  
February 12 – Dominican Rite  
February 19 – Tridentine Rite  
March 12 – Dominican Rite  
March 19 – Tridentine Rite

**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 (*extra prayers needed for his recovery from back surgery*); Fr. Robert Fath (*on his annual spiritual retreat*) & all our Priests, Religious, Deacons, and Seminarians in our Diocese; an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life; for individuals who are sick, homeless, and elderly in need of care; Frs. Piotr Oprych and Dominik Wojcik as they begin their priestly vocation. Students at UAF and University programs in town – that they don’t feel isolated from their faith. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.

 **PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life* **Sunday Collections:**

January 16, 2022: \$ 1,214.02

**Total Sunday Collection** for the new fiscal year  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022: \$ 33,595.67

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

**8th Annual AGAPE Dinner and Fundraiser**

Jan. 29, 2022 – Westmark Hotel Gold Rm  
Doors open at 5:00 -6:00 pm with hors-d’oeuvres

The entire experience is completely free and open to the general public.

For more information:

<https://www.helpingalaska.org/agape/>



Our entire good consists not only in accepting the truth of God’s word, but in persevering in it.  
*St Francis de Sales*