



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of the University of Alaska,

Fairbanks

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January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

SUNDAY READINGS:



Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17

A song in praise of God's salvation.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Paul describes love as the greatest virtues.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

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Parish Council: Marilis Bennett, John Fox,

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St. Mark Membership Registration:

If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you join our parish family. Go to our website for more information: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

Dates to Remember

- ✚ **Jan 4 – Feb 8:** Beloved's Living Marriage Series at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 7:00-8:30PM
- ✚ **Jan 30-Feb 5:** Catholic Schools Week.
www.catholic-schools.org
- ✚ **Feb 2:** Confirmation: 7:30-8:45 SHC Social Hall
- ✚ **Feb 3:** RCIA Meeting: 7:30-8:45 SHC Social Hall
- ✚ **Feb 8:** 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 (March reading: *Immortal Combat: Confronting the Heart of Darkness* by Dwight Longnecker. C.2020)
- ✚ **Mar 2:** Ash Wednesday

Jan 17 - Fr. Thomas Kuffle S.T.L. was called back to the Diocese of Lincoln. We wish him well and keep him in our prayers as he returns to Nebraska. In his place Bishop Chad has appointed **Rev. Juan Martin Sierra, IVE** as Parochial Administer of the Parishes of Immaculate Conception in Fairbanks, Holy Mary of Guadalupe in Healy, and St Theresa in Nenana effective 17 Jan 2022.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

CSA weekly Mass on campus will begin in February in Lathrop Building – Room 112. Officers of the club will have more information to post regarding meetings & gatherings on the UAF club site St. Mark website www.stmarksuaf.org under “CSA/Young Adults” tab.



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.

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



Are priests ever allowed to break the seal of confession?
Are there exceptions to the rule?
No. Are you surprised at the brevity of the answer?

There's really nothing more to the answer than a direct NO.

The Church takes the seal of the confessional with the utmost seriousness. Anything a priest is told in confession must remain secret. A priest cannot reveal it, no matter the circumstances and no matter the sin. The identity of the penitent—if the priest knows it—must also be kept confidential.

No one—not even public officials, law enforcement, judges, nor a superior—no one can legitimately demand information about a person's confession from a priest. The priest is obliged to keep the seal, even if he is threatened with prison, torture, or death.



Indeed, history tells us of priests who have gone to their deaths rather than break the seal. In the 14th century, the king of Bohemia, suspecting his wife of adultery, tried to force her confessor to reveal her sins. The confessor—St. John Nepomucene—refused to say a word and was eventually thrown into a river and drowned.

He remains one of the most famous defenders of the confessional, a priest who illustrated in the fullest way just how serious his obligation is.

When a man chooses to become a priest, he knowingly takes on the obligation to die rather than break the seal. Knowing about this obligation can teach us to appreciate a good priest even more than we did before.

Show a priest you know just how much you appreciate what he does. Attend the sacrament of Reconciliation as often as you can.

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

Confession Times:

SHC Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

ICC: M-F 11:30AM – 12:00PM & Sat 3:00-3:30PM

or arrange a time with a priest.



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



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.

Think about the wedding at 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

Catholic Schools - “The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:1



January 30, 2022 – Justice Challenge: Next week we honor St. Paul Miki, whose feast falls on February 6. St. Paul Miki was crucified for his faith in Jesus, but he, like Jesus, forgave his murderers as he hung on the cross. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First read a brief but very inspiring biographical sketch of St. Paul at <https://bit.ly/paul-miki>. Then spend some quiet time reflecting on a person or persons in the world who cause suffering or even death to others. Lift that person or those persons up in your prayers. Remember, Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors!

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. Watch for our new website! For marriage support services Natural Family Planning information contact Marc & Ann Lee at 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*

First Friday Adoration (Feb 4):
“Could you not watch one hour with me?”

-Mark 14:37

Immaculate Conception

5:30pm Mass

Adoration 6:00PM (Fri) – 6:00AM (Sat)



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 or visit the web site at 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. All married couples are invited to participate. For more information contact: Fr. Welcome at 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

The Worldwide Synod – Help the Diocese with the synod process! All are invited to participate. Reflect on the questions and participate in the process. By answering these questions, you are participating in a longstanding tradition dating back to the early church where the voices of the faithful helped shape and grow the Church. 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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 30, 2022

“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous; it is not pompous...” (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered” for the sake of others.

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 most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen.” G.K. Chesterton



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 February 2022

Religious Sisters and Consecrated

Women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski (*extra prayers needed for his recovery from back surgery*); Fr. Robert Fath, Deacon Warren Lucero, & all our Priests, Religious, Deacons, and Seminarians; an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray that UAF Catholic students continue to practice their faith and find strength in it. Fairbanks Catholic School students and employees. For the protection of those who are most vulnerable; the sick, homeless, and elderly Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collections:

January 23, 2022: \$ 476.75

Total Sunday Collection for the new fiscal year: Jul 1, 2021 – Jun 30, 2022:

\$ 34,072.42

*Thank you for your continued generosity!
Your weekly donations help support our parish and our work with students. You are in our prayers!*

Seminarian Joshua welcomes all critical feedback as he is learning how to preach as well as learning to use the podcast software.

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

February 2022: Month of the Passion of Our Lord
In anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus’ sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind.

