



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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## Mass Schedule

Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)  
Catholic Student Association (CSA) Mass -  
Thursday – 12:10 pm @ Lathrop Building Rm 122

## Sacraments

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC  
or arrange a time with a priest.  
Confession on UAF - Arrangements can be made  
with Fr. Robert Fath @ 907-374-9504 if you can't  
make it to SHC on Saturday.  
Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick – contact our  
office at 907-374-9564.  
Sacraments of Initiation or Vocations–  
contact Fr. Robert Fath.



## 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)

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's University Parish provides a **welcoming faith community** for students, families, and individuals that share a geographic, intellectual, or historic connection to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). We exist to **encourage, inform, and support the faith journey of all who have come to UAF with a background in the Catholic tradition.** St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.

## St. Mark Parish Office:

Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon

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**Deacon:** Warren Lucero

**Parish Admin.:** Mary Pat Boger

**Bookkeeper:** Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

**Music Director:** George Stefan Ph. 907-978-6953

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

February 6, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C

## SUNDAY READINGS:



### Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

### Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8

A song of thanks to God who saves us.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **Feb 8:** SHC Book Club 12:30-2:30pm in 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.
- ❖ **Feb 8:** Beloved's Living Marriage Series at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 7:00-8:30 pm.
- ❖ **Feb 9:** Confirmation 7:30-8:45 pm in SHC Social Hall.
- ❖ **Feb 10:** CSA 12:10 pm weekly Mass in Lathrop Building Room 122.
- ❖ **Feb 10:** RCIA 7:30-8:45 pm in SHC Social Hall.
- ❖ **Feb 12:** Latin Mass 6:30 pm at SHC
- ❖ **Feb 19:** Latin Mass 6:30 pm at SHC
- ❖ **Mar 2:** Ash Wednesday
- ❖ **Mar 7-11:** UAF Spring Break
- ❖ **Mar 13:** Daylight Saving Time (*Clocks turn forward 1 hour*)

## THE CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION IS BACK!

### On UAF Campus:

- **Student Mass** at 12:10 p.m. every Thursday starting February 10<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Robert Fath celebrating.
- **This Thursday, Join Us** for a talk and discussion with snacks!  
Topic: *Why We're Catholic*. All students are welcome. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. at our club headquarters in Lathrop Hall. Our guest speaker: Devan Larson

\* All masses and subsequent meetings are currently held in the Lathrop Hall Room 112 \*

### Off UAF Campus:

- Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. there is Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
- Need a ride to club or church events? Let us know! Email or Call: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) (907) 374-9564. **If you have questions, feel free to contact us at: [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)**



**February 6, 2022** - Justice Challenge: This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus inviting Peter, James, and John to become fishers of people. God's Word tells us that they left everything to follow Jesus. Your challenge this week is to reflect on something which you haven't been able to leave, something which might stand between you and Jesus. It might be a possession; it might be an activity that consumes a lot of your time. Give it up and replace it with giving time or money to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need. Have a conversation with Jesus about why and how you want to be closer to him. And listen for his response.

The Pastoral Center 2022 Year C eResource

### **Connecting the Gospel**

... **to the First Reading:** Both Isaiah and Peter declare themselves to be sinful people. But the call of God comes to sinful people and in diverse places (Temple, boats). The call depends not on the individual or the place, but on the graciousness of God.

... **to experience:** Too often we feel the burden of discipleship rests solely on our own shoulders. The gospel depicts Jesus initiating the call—he comes to Peter at his boat; he invites Peter to follow. Our discipleship rests upon Jesus long before we begin to follow.

<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



**Why do we get our throats blessed on February 3<sup>rd</sup>?** A long time ago, a bishop-martyr named Blaise saved a child and started a tradition.

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Blaise, the 4th-century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints invoked for their power against various physical and mental ailments. St. Blaise's particular specialty is ailments of the throat.

How did he come by such a patronage?

We don't know much about this saint for certain, but according to the legends told of him, he was a physician by training. As a bishop he retired to a cave to live as a hermit during the persecution of Licinius soon after the legalization of Christianity. (Licinius was disregarding the Edict of Milan that he himself had co-sponsored with Constantine.)

They say the wild animals living near Blaise's cave liked the gentle hermit and were tame around him. Blaise later saved a woman's pig that had been stolen by a wolf—simply by commanding the furry thief to return it. He is thus known not only for curing throats, but for taming animals, as well.

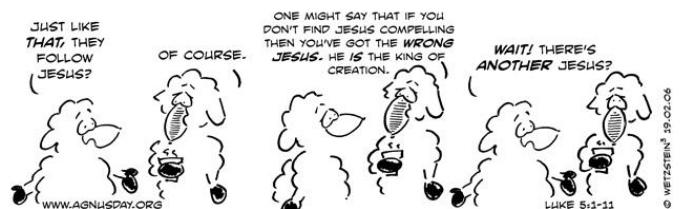
The bishop was eventually discovered and taken to prison, and on his way there, a mother brought him her child who was choking on a fishbone. St. Blaise healed him—and it is this story that provides the origin for the traditional blessing of throats on this day.

Your parish may participate in this tradition. In it, a priest holds two blessed candles, crossed in the form of an X, and holds them to the throat of the person to be blessed. He prays:

*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

Fr. William Saunders at Catholic Straight Answers advises us to pray to St. Blaise not just for physical health of the throat, but spiritual health as well: freedom from gossip, unkind conversation, and other sinful speech. Wise advice indeed!

There are lots of things—from errant fishbones to major disappointments—that threaten to disturb our peace every day. Padre Pio's beloved phrase: *"Pray, hope, and don't worry,"* reminds us that God always has everything in hand. Remind yourself daily of God's care.



## Everyday Stewardship THE GIFT OF THE MISSION



Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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.

*"The laity should vivify their life with charity and express it as best they can in their works."*

*-Apostolicam Actuositatem, 16*

Your gifts of time, talent, and treasures are greatly appreciated and make a difference in those in need. ICC soup kitchen can use your help and can be reached by e-mail at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org).

**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.

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.

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).



## Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,

You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,

increase your love in them,

and strengthen their bond of peace

so that, with their children,

they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**Marriage Saving** – the Post Session Phase –The post-weekend retreat phase of **Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i)** is as crucial to

the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend retreat experience. During the 7 post-weekend sessions, the weekend retreat technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend retreat 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).

**SYNOD REFLECTION QUESTIONS:** We live a busy life and tend to let things slide. (I'm guilty of it too!) The Diocese needs to hear from all of us on our thoughts regarding the questions they have given us to pray on. You'll find them on website under the "Ordinary Tab" and also on the Diocesan website <https://www.diocesoffairbnkas.org> 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!



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

**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, Fr. Robert Fath, Deacon Warren Lucero, & all our Priests, Religious, Deacons, and Seminarians; for an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Remember Catholics on campus and our parish family. For the protection of those who are most vulnerable. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday Collections:** January 30, 2022: \$ 510.00

**Total Sunday Collection** for the new fiscal year:

Jul 1, 2021 – Jun 30, 2022: \$ 34,582.42

*Thank you for your generosity and continued support!*

**FAIRBANKS AREA MASS SCHEDULES**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032**

Weekly Monday-Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Saturday Latin Rite Mass: 6:30pm – Feb 12 & 19

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm

Adoration: Tue (Spanish) 7:00-8:00 pm

Thu 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (English)

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

**St. Mark University Parish 374-9564**

Sunday: 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday: 12:10pm CSA Campus Mass in Room 122 in Lathrop Building next to SRC.

**Immaculate Conception 452-3533**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:00 am

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Th & Fri: 12:10 pm; Wed 5:30 pm

Adoration: Wed 6:00 – 7:00 pm

First Friday: 6:00 pm – 6:00 am

<https://www.iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

**Saint Raphael 457-6603**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

Weekday: Tue & Thu 9:30 am; Wed 5:30 pm

Adoration: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu of the Month 4:00 – 8:00 pm

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

**Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9:00 am; Wed 6:00 pm

Adoration: M, T, Th, F 8:30 am & Wed 6:30 pm

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

**Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright**

Sunday: 9:00 am, 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: 10:30 am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30 am