



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm @ SHC

Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

No Masses Feb 22-24 due to Alaskan Priest Convocation

Mass Mon -2/21 SHC 7:30am; Fri - 2/22 ICC 12:10pm

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/Vocations– contact Fr. Robert
Fath.

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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<https://frobertfath.podbean.com/>

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

"We were burning in that light which is God, and we were not consumed.: - St. Francisco Marto of Fatima

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C



SUNDAY READINGS:

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
David does not kill Saul.

Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

A song in praise of God's mercy.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Feb 21:** UAF BFA Art Show Opening at UAF Art Gallery featuring David Schienle 5-8pm
- **Feb 22-24:** Annual Convocation for Alaskan priests in Anchorage. *No Masses in town.*
- **Feb 23:** Confirmation 7:30-8:45 pm in SHC Social Hall.
- **Feb 24:** CSA Mass 12:10 pm in Lathrop Building Room 122.
- **Feb 24:** RCIA 7:30-8:45 pm at SHC
- **Feb 25-27:** Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole
- **Mar 2:** Ash Wednesday. SHC Mass Times – 7:30 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm.
- **Mar 3:** St. Andrew Dinner 6-8pm
- **Mar. 5, 12, & 19:** Beloved Series 9-11 am at SHC (Saturdays)
- **Mar 7-11:** UAF Spring Break
- **Mar 19:** Online Dynamic Women of Faith Conference. Check flyer on St. Mark webpage.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring

On UAF Campus (Lathrop Hall Room 112):

Due to February 22-24 Priest Convocation Days in Anchorage there will be no Mass on campus or in town during these days. There will be Mass at SHC at 7:30 am on Monday (2/21) and ICC at 12:10 pm Friday (2/25). Please keep our Diocesan priests who are gathering in your prayers.

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 (907) 374-9564. *If you have questions, feel free to contact us at: stmark@cbna.org*



BFA Art Show: Feb 21 – Mar 4. *Saint Mary's Potlatch* by David Schienle will be displayed in the UAF Art Gallery. The Display will open on Feb 21 from 5-8 pm. *Masks and Social Distancing required.* David is an employee of the Diocese of Fairbanks and student at UAF. Support our students!

ST. ANDREW DINNER

WHEN: Thursday, March 3rd

TIME: 6:00-8:00 pm

WHERE: St. Ignatius Residence 2890 N. Kobuk Ave.

RSVP: Talk to your local priest or contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or 907-374-9504



Feb 20, 2022 - Justice Challenge: Luke's Gospel for Sunday presents some of the biggest challenges Jesus has ever given us. We are asked to love our enemies, stop judging people, turn the other cheek, and give to those in need. These are life-changing actions, each one demanding hearts of love and mercy. Your challenge this week is to choose someone or some group which you have looked on as the "enemy" in the past because they have hurt you or someone you love. Perhaps you are holding onto a grudge against the person(s). Instead, offer forgiveness! Let go of the past and find a way to help the person be who God created him or her to be.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mark your calendar now for the beginning of Lent!

March 2, 2022

SHC Mass Times: 7:30am, 12:10 & 7:00pm

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35) Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



Stress in Your Marriage? –

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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

February 20, 2022

"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." 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.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: It was perfectly permissible and encoded in the Law to exact an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Saul's attempts on David's life justify Abishai's desire to kill Saul whom, after all, "the Lord delivered" into David's hands. David's sparing Saul's life was a gesture of mercy which superseded the Law. The [Gospel](#) challenges us to the same measure of mercy



... to experience: In a society where the standard for many is "dog eat dog" and getting ahead at any cost, the golden rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a high standard, indeed. What a challenge the Gospel poses!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP –
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**



Thanking God for Missing Spears

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life – and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there’s a day you don’t forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a “missing spear moment” in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure – but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God’s hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let’s strive to remember to thank God for these people – and to thank them, too.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

“To you hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:27



**Synod 2021-2023: - Synod on Synodality
Communion, Participation, and Mission**

Pope Francis has called for a worldwide synod, asking us to listen as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another.



Go to the following website and fill out this form to be heard:

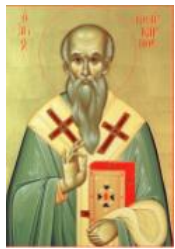
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If you have questions, contact Ben Colwell at bcolwell@cbna.org.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

February 13, 2022, Collection: \$ 1,125.00



How to treat fallen-away Christians:

“Do not regard such people as enemies, but, as sick and straying members, restore them, in order that you may save your body in its entirety. For by doing this you build up one another.”

~Saint Polycarp (Feast Day February 23)

Please Pray For....

Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Deacon Warren Lucero, Priests and religious in our Diocese. For an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. For the hospitalized and homebound and their caretakers. For our students at UAF and area schools and their family members. Pray for the deceased.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions: Feb. 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.



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LUKE 6:27-38

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Lent is approaching...Time to reflect...and be prepared.

The Servadoras



The sisters are coming! The sisters are coming!

The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara (the Servadoras) are establishing a convent here in Fairbanks! The diocese is purchasing a house near Sacred Heart Cathedral that will need to be outfitted for the three sisters who will serve in the city.

We need your help! In keeping with their vow of poverty and simple living, the sisters have asked to be able to furnish the house themselves when they arrive in May. We are asking for financial donations that they can use to purchase household items that will make their new home warm and comfortable, but most importantly, simple!

Financial donations can be made through your local parish or made directly to the Diocese. Simply indicate that your donation is SISTERS HOUSE.

If you have questions, please contact the diocesan offices or speak with your pastor.



The Task Force on the Sexual Abuse Crisis

Monday, February 21
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., webinar

"Beholding the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis Through Collaborative Creativity and the Passion"

Guest speakers: JJ. Wright, Director of the Notre Dame Folk Choir and various other members of the ND Folk Choir

The Notre Dame Folk Choir, artists and theologians, have created an original ritualization of the Passion based on Scripture, tradition, and the lived experiences of the creators. Discussion will focus on the project's intersection with communal grief and healing in the wake of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis.

All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/98844025387>
villanova.edu/TaskForceSexualAbuse



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



FAIRBANKS AREA MASS SCHEDULES

No Masses in Fairbanks and North Pole Feb 22-24:

Masses Feb 21-SHC 7:30am/ Feb 25-ICC 12:10pm

Diocesan Priests will be meeting in Anchorage for Annual Convocation for all Alaska priests.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 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 112 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: 2nd 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