



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)

***First Friday & Stations of the Cross times during Lent can be found on our website next week.*

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

Ph.907-374-9564

Email: stmark@cbna.org

Website: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

Ph. 907-374-9504

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Podcast: <https://frrobertfath.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

Bring your palm leaves – We will have a collection site in the Church entrance for the next two weekends for you to drop off palm leaves from the previous year.

February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C



SUNDAY READINGS:

Reading 1: Sirach 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

Diocese's Faith and Family Formation Office has a **Lenten challenge** for households to help them grow in spirituality during the season. Take the challenge! Go to <https://www.stmarksuaf.org> to get started!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ **Feb 25-27:** Engaged Encounter Weekend
- ❖ **Mar 2: Ash Wednesday** –
SHC Mass Times – 7:30 am, 12:10 & 7:00 pm
- ❖ Fridays: Check our website for Stations of the Cross & Adoration Times at local parishes.
- ❖ **Mar 3:** St. Andrew Dinner 6-8pm
- ❖ **Mar 5, 12 & 19:** Beloved Series 9:00 – 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral (Saturdays)
- ❖ **Mar 6:** Rite of Election – SHC at 4:00pm.
- ❖ **Mar 7-11:** UAF Spring Break
- ❖ **Mar 12:** Latin Mass – 6:30pm @ SHC
- ❖ **Mar 13:** Daylight Saving Time
- ❖ **Mar 19:** Online Dynamic Women of Faith Conference. Check flyer on St. Mark webpage.
- ❖ **Mar 26:** Traversing the Paschal Triduum Retreat – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at Harding Lake. For Catholic Young Adults and CSA.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring

On UAF Campus (Lathrop Hall Room 112):

Thursday Mass at 12:10 pm with Fr. Robert Fath. Students, Faculty and Staff are welcome to attend.

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

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



Traversing the Paschal Triduum Retreat

Young Adults 18-40ish please consider attending a Lenten day retreat and explore the richness of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Date: Saturday March 26

Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Where: Harding Lake

RSVP By: Friday, March 19

Cost: CSA will pay for UAF students

Contact the Diocese Director of Faith and Family Formation, Ben Colwell, by email at bcowell@cbna.org or by phone 907-374-9526 if you have questions or to

RSVP. Check out <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

Mark your calendar and sign up now!



Why is Lent forty days long?

Forty is a number with ancient biblical significance.

Lent is forty days long because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry.

But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/or preparation.

Here are a few examples:

- During Noah's time, God sent rain for forty days and forty nights to punish the earth with flood
- In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert forty years before reaching the Promised Land
- The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in forty days
- Both Moses and Elijah fasted forty days before or during important conversations with God

When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty-day events.

As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way.

As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God.

His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty-year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven.

The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ. Do you have a plan for how to approach these days and gain the incredible graces they offer us?

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

The First Four Days of Lent serve as an introduction to our Lenten journey. Before we begin the first full week of Lent, we have a powerful set of readings about our Prayer, Repentance, Almsgiving and Fasting.

Fasting & Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence, as well as Fridays during Lent, for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from ages 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal.

**EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**



Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Justice Challenge: This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We enter into the holy season of Lent, beginning our journey to the Cross and beyond that to Resurrection. The three Lenten practices are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Your challenge this week is to choose something from which you will fast for the next six weeks to stand in solidarity with those who cannot have it; to give generously to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need; and to pray during Lent for those across the world who suffer from oppression, intolerance, prejudice, or any other form of injustice

February 27 – 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Holy Father has asked that in addition to the regular fasting and prayer that we do on Ash Wednesday for the beginning of Lent, that we also add prayers and fasting for the people of Ukraine. If we can include that in our bulletin it would be appreciated.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-02/pope-announces-2-march-as-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-ukraine.html>

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: Mar. 2022



A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, Deacon Warren Lucero, our Priests, Religious, Deacons, and Seminarians in Alaska. For an increase in vocations into the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Pray for students on campus that their spiritual growth continues to grow. For those traveling, the protection of those who are most vulnerable – the sick, homeless, and those away from home. Grant our dearly departed eternal rest and bring peace to their families.



Make time for Adoration and Stations during Lent.

Prayer for Vocations: “Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

10 Simple Suggestions for a Successful Lent



1. Read the Bible.
2. Attend Mass Daily (*or Frequently*)
3. Go to Eucharistic Adoration
4. Complete a Work of Mercy
5. Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
6. Put Together a List of Those to Pray for
 7. Make a Mini-Pilgrimage
 8. Delve Into Spiritual Reading
 9. Make Simple Sacrifices
 10. Pray the Stations of the Cross

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/10-simple-suggestions-for-a-successful-lent>

LITURGICALLY LIVING THIS LENTEN SEASON

- Make Lenten sacrifices in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- Make a sacrifice jar.
 - Each day at breakfast, each person will draw a slip of paper that has a sacrifice on it.
- Pray Lenten devotionals together each day as a family.
- Go to confession as a family.
- Pick a neighbor, family member, or friend to “adopt” this Lent. Bring them a meal or do something for them.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays either at home or with the parish.
- Encourage better attention during Mass by assigning each member of the family 1 reading to pay special attention to (first reading, Psalm, second reading, and the Gospel). Have everyone give a re-cap of “their” reading on the way home in the car. Have a family discussion if anyone had thoughts about the readings.
- Set up a Lenten home altar with a crucifix, purple cloth, a crown of thorns, a Bible, and the Stations!

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

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collections: February 20, 2022: \$ 916.00
Total Sunday Collection for the new fiscal year:
Jul 1, 2021 – Jun 30, 2022: \$ 38,024.42

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!