



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD WITH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!**

## Mass Schedule:

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 pm @ SHC

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

Friday Stations of the Cross at SHC at 7:00 PM

## Sacraments

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC or by arrangement with priest.

Confession on UAF – Arrange with Fr. Robert Fath @ 907-374-9504 if you can't make it to SHC on Saturday.

For Instructions or Questions – contact our office at 907-374-9564.

Marriage or 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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**Pastor:** Fr. Robert Fath

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**Deacon:** Warren Lucero

**Parish Admin.:** Mary Pat Boger

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

**Music Director:** George Stefan Ph. 907-687-0077

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

Trouble with Lenten resolutions? Don't give up! "Always we begin again." St. Benedict

## March 13, 2022

### Second Sunday in Lent – Cycle C



#### **First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

#### **Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14**

A prayer to God who is our salvation.

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

#### **Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✦ **Mar 19:** Beloved Series 9:00- 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)
- ✦ **Mar 19:** Online Dynamic Women of Faith on-line conference. Check out flyer on St. Mark website.
- ✦ **Mar 19:** 6:30 PM Latin Mass at SHC
- ✦ **Mar 26:** Traversing the Paschal Triduum Retreat, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Harding Lake. For Catholic Young Adults. CSA on UAF – fees will be covered by St. Mark. Please register now!
- ✦ **Mar 29:** 7:00 PM Chrim Mass at SHC
- ✦ **Apr 7:** 12:10 PM Healing Mass at SHC
- ✦ **Apr 11-13:** 6:00-9:00 PM Confession & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC
- ✦ **April 11-13:** 7-7:30 PM Reflections on the Paschal Triduum Scriptures and rites of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil

# Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring*

On UAF Campus (Lathrop Hall Room 112):

Weekly Thursday Mass at 12:10pm.

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



## 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 will be paid for members of CSA or UAF students. Contact the Diocese Director of Faith and Family Formation, Ben Colwell, by email at [bcowell@cbna.org](mailto: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!**

## Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** On the mountain of transfiguration the disciples witnessed the glory of Jesus' identity as the "chosen Son." We, too, are destined for glory when Christ will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Second Reading).

... **to experience:** We often have glimpses of glory: in a remarkable sunset, in the shining face of a delighted child, in the radiant joy of new parents. Like the transfiguration, these glimpses of glory encourage and strengthen us to continue the journey of life toward eternal glory.



No sin is new to him.  
No wrongdoing too great.  
Come to Confession and  
experience mercy and joy.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Justice Challenge:

Luke's Gospel retells the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. God tells the apostles to listen to his beloved son, Jesus. We too are called to listen to him, and to follow him as missionary disciples. Your challenge this week is to listen to Jesus' call to be people of justice and service. How can you live out Jesus' teaching that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him? Who needs love and support in your life?



## CHRISM MASS –

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

**7:00 PM - Tuesday March 29**

All the priests gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass where Bishop Chad Zielinski will bless the three oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

The oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*) will be used in connection with the sacrament of baptism. The oil of infirm (*oleum infirmorum*) is used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*) is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals in baptism, confirmation, and holy orders.

As our bishop blesses these three oils at Chrism Mass this year, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be humble and generous servants of the Lord.

If you are unable to attend due to distance, or other circumstances, please join with us in Spirit as we affirm our shared ministry as people of God in Northern Alaska. May these coming weeks of Lent, be a journey that will lead us all to the "good news" of Easter joy!



## We Dedicate March to St. Joseph

John Paul II said, "Because St. Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, we must turn to St. Joseph to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and upon the family. We must plead with St. Joseph to guard the Eucharist Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril."

*Laetare Sunday* – word coming from the Latin word *Laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: "to rejoice".



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mark University Catholic Parish  
Fr. Robert Fath 907-374-9504

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Saturday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Immaculate Conception  
Mon-Fri 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

St. Raphael: Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 PM

St. Nicholas, North Pole – Wed 6 PM/Sat 4 PM

**HOLY WEEK: April 11-13 SHC Schedule  
6:00 – 9:00 PM Confessions Available**

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

***I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (GENESIS 15:7)***

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

## Everyday Stewardship:

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



### The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack.

Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**“I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to Him to the end of my life my God.”**

~Saint Patrick (Feast Day March 17)



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Love the scent or hate it, incense is a valuable part of Catholic worship.

So why do Catholics use it so often?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” Also, in Revelation, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.

Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church.

We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we're reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person's body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Incense powerfully represents what really happens at the Mass, Adoration, and Benediction. The next time you see incense in Church, think about how in this moment, your prayers are rising to God, and He is descending to earth to make His presence real before you in the Eucharist.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com>

**Soup Kitchen Needs:** For more information or to help out, visit the webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you can call Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 907-425-3533

**Respect Life:** “We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life”

*Evangelium Vitae* - The Gospel of Life 28).  
(25 March 1995)

**Coming to Regal Cinema in March/April:**

**Man of God** – March 21 & 28. Story of Saint Nektarios the Wonderwork of Aegina, one of the most renowned Greek saints venerated in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

**Father Stu** – April 12, 13, & 14. Based on a true story of Father Stuart Long, of Helena, Montana. A boxer-turned Catholic priest who inspired countless people during his journey from self-destruction to redemption.

He lived a short, but intense life.

<https://www.fathomevents.com/theater/goldstream-16-321>

Available online is “**The Most Reluctant Convert**” – the untold story of CS Lewis

**Please Pray For....** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; Fr. Robert Fath; Deacon Warren Lucero; priests and religious in our Diocese. An increase in vocations – priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. For peace in Ukraine. The sick, homebound, and hospitalized and their caretakers. Members of our parish family and UAF students, employees, and faculty community. We pray for those who have gone before us that they may experience the love and mercy of God.

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions: March 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.

**Second Sunday of Lent -- March 13, 2022**

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

**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: 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

