



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

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

March 27, 2022

Second Fourth Sunday in Lent – Cycle C



First Reading: Joshua 5:9, 10-12

Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

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

A prayer of praise to God.

Second Reading: Corinthians 5:17-21

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Chrism Mass

Tues., **March 29 at 7:00 PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. During this annual dicoesan liturgy, the three sacramental oils used by our



parishes throughout our diocese will be consecrated...the Oil of Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens, and Oil of the Sick. Each parish or ministry will be distributed after Mass. A reception will follow in the social hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 29: Chrism Mass at SHC - 7:00 PM. Please bring something to share at the social following Mass. (*fruit, vegetable, cookies, or similar item*)

Apr 7: Healing Mass at SHC – 12:10 PM

Apr 11-13: Reconciliation for SHC & ICC at SHC -6:00 – 9:00 PM

“During Lent, let us find concrete way to overcome our indifferences.” –Pope Francis

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring

On UAF Campus (Lathrop Hall Room 112):

12:10 PM Mass open to students & UAF employees

Off UAF Campus:

Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. there is Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Students: April 1st we St. Mark webpage will post our annual scholarship application for the 2022-23 school year. Help yourself pay for education and apply!

Spring Career Fair at Wood Center 11 AM – 3 PM

Looking for all our students that will be graduating this year! Please email stmark@cbna.org so we have your contact information. We would like to recognize your accomplishments at our CSA Mass prior to graduation!

Need a ride to club or church events? Let us know!
Email or Call: stmark@cbna.org (907) 374-9564

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** Paul reinforces what the gospel parable points to: sureness in the Father's prodigiousness— "new things have come." As the younger son is reconciled with his father, we are all reconciled to God "through Christ."



... **to experience:** Good parents spare nothing for the sake of their children. Sometimes they are prodigious even beyond their means. How much more so is our loving Father prodigious with us!

Stewardship Moment for 4th Sunday of Lent **"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)**

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



Justice Challenge: Sometimes we become so enamored with the Parable of the Prodigal Son that we forget the interaction that prompted its telling. Jesus told the iconic parable in response to being criticized by the Pharisees and scribes for welcoming and eating with sinners. Who is welcome in your home? With whom are you willing to dine? The challenge this week is to spend some leisure time with someone who has made some serious mistakes and may even have a bad reputation. Can you offer the compassionate presence of Christ to this person and discern the goodness that lies beneath the surface of this person's life?

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 27, 2022

"God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

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

7:00-7:30 PM Reflections on the Paschal Triduum

7:30-9:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE ARE OFFENDED BY GOD'S LAVISH GENEROSITY.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

OH, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT.



AS LONG AS I GET MY FAIR SHARE.



LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

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The **Catholic Relief Services** Collection is one of the twelve national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 110 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass. CRS supports six Catholic organization (Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's: Dept. of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Networks, Inc.; Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund) that advance the international social ministry of the Catholic Church.



Why is the consecration of Russian such a big deal?

This consecration was directly requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

You've doubtless heard by now of the Holy Father's impending consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th.

If you are not familiar with the Fatima apparitions, the excitement surrounding this announcement may strike you as odd. But if we review the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, things become clearer.

In her third apparition to the children of Fatima (and, more formally, in a vision to Lucia later), Our Lady requested two things: the consecration of Russia, and the devotion of the Five



First Saturdays of reparation. If these requests were heeded, she said, Russia would convert and there would be peace; if not, Russia would spread

her errors throughout the world, another war would break out, and immense suffering would befall the Church and the world.

The requests were not heeded, and the world endured the dreadful events of the 20th century: World War II, the Soviet oppression, the spread of communism, etc.

The consecration of Russia, therefore, also plays a critical role to peace in our world today.

Now it must be noted that Pope St. John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart in 1984 and mentioned Russia non-specifically in that consecration. It is said that, according to Sister Lucia, Our Lady accepted this consecration. Arguments exist both for and against its full efficacy that we can't get into here.

What is certain is that the consecration of Russia is vitally important, and that we should pray hard for the Holy Father leading up to consecration day. We should also be fulfilling Our Lady's other, equally critical request: the devotion of the Five First Saturdays.

This devotion must be done for Russia to be converted.

If you are not yet in the habit of the Five First Saturdays, start *at the next available opportunity* (that's April 2nd). Our Lady asked us to do this (in addition to the daily Rosary) as our particular role in bringing about the triumph of her Immaculate Heart and world peace.

To fulfill the requirements, all you have to do is the following for five consecutive First Saturdays,

offering all in reparation for the sins and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Receive Communion

Go to confession (can be done eight or so days before or after the Saturday)

Pray five decades of the Rosary

Meditate for fifteen additional minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

That's about an hour and a half out of our day. **Once a month. We can do it, and we must.**

Everyday Stewardship

The Face on God's Brochure



When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again. So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?" ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself." -- St. Francis de Sales

A Prayer for World Peace

Dear God, thank You for all creation. In the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all teachers of peace who inspire the many faith traditions, help me and all the people of the world learn how to replace hate, war, oppression, and division with love, peace, freedom, and reconciliation. Help me to embody Your love in my relationships with my family, friends, strangers – even my enemies. I commit myself to this sacred task throughout my life. So let it be. Amen.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collections:

March 20, 2022: \$ 1,725.26

Total Sunday Collection for the new fiscal year

7/1/21 – 6/30/22: \$ 50,479.59



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

During the Lenten season, 3% of our collection will go towards the CRS Rice Bowl Collection. We will also put a percentage to support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.



Special Prayer Intentions

for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; Fr. Robert Fath; all priests & deacons in serving in our diocese; for an

increase in vocations. For the return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our sick, homebound, hospitalized, and caretakers. For the health of our parish families Remember those who have gone before us that they may experience the love and mercy of God and watch over those they leave behind.

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.

March 23rd – St. Turibius of Mongrovejo – Following God's will was the guiding principle of his life and not human prestige, honors or comfort shape his life:



Follow God's will with talents he gave you.

Don't waste time.

Be zealous for the Lord.

Don't underestimate the power of your Confirmation.

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

FAIRBANKS AREA MASS SCHEDULES

Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) 474-9032

Weekly Mass: Monday-Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Saturday Latin Rite Mass: 6:30pm (*check schedule*)

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 Mass: 5:30pm at SHC

Thursday: 12:10pm CSA Campus Mass - Rm 112 in Lathrop Building next to SRC (*Sept-April*)

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

Immaculate Conception (ICC) 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am & 10:00 am

Weekday Mass: 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 Mass: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 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: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 8:00 am.

Wed 7:00 pm

Adoration: M, T, Th, F 8:00 am

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

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday Mass: 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 Mass: 10:30 am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30 am

"The recollection of injury is... a rusty arrow and poison for the soul."

St. Francis of Paola (Feast Day April 1)