



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)

There will be no 5:30 PM Sunday St. Mark Mass on April 17th (Easter Sunday). Updated information for April 17 will be posted webpage.

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 rfath@cbna.org

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. 907-687-0077

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

April 10, 2022 – Cycle C

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Gospel at the procession with Palms:

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus sends his disciples for a colt and then rides into Jerusalem.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-34

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 17: NO 5:30pm St. Mark Mass. Our Easter bulletin will only be in electronic form on website.

Apr 18-22: Diocesan Priest Retreat.

Only Masses during this time will be on April 19 (Tue) and Apr 20 (Wed) at 7:30 AM. *Please keep our priests in your prayers!*

A basket will be at the entrance of church to accept donations to help pay for Easter Lilies for decorating church at Easter. Thank You



April 10 – Palm Sunday Passion of Our Lord

5:30 PM St. Mark Mass at SHC

April 11, 12, 13 – 6-9 PM Reconciliation for Sacred Heart Cathedral & Immaculate Conception at SHC.

7-7:30 PM Triduum Reflections

7:30-9 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

April 14 - Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lords Supper

Adoration until Midnight in the Mary Chapel

April 15 – Good Friday

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

7 PM – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

April 16 – 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

April 17 – Easter Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 AM Mass

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: take this cup from me, drops of blood, not my will but yours be done, healed him, do not weep for me, forgive them, you will be with me in Paradise

To the point: Luke’s Passion account highlights how much Jesus loved life. His struggle to say yes to his Father’s will (“take this cup away from me”) was so intense that he sweat blood. He also intensely loved



others and their lives: he healed the man with the severed ear, comforted the women of Jerusalem, forgave his executioners, promised Paradise to the repentant thief. For the sake of others’ life he was willing to give over his own life (“not my will but yours be done”). Jesus’ struggle and self-giving is to be ours. While intensely loving the Life given us, we also are to give it over for others.

Palm Sunday

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don’t want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don’t think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



Justice Challenge: Jesus Christ, Superstar! Palm Sunday reminds us that it is easy to love someone who is successful, especially when that someone is on our side. What

happens when our superstars and heroes fail and disappoint us? We often forget the good they’ve done, and we join the chorus of critics. The challenge this week is to identify a superstar whom we may have criticized because this celebrity let us down. How can we offer compassionate words when others are engaged in slander?

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion --

“The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

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. Pray for our sick, homebound, hospitalized, caretakers, our young people, and members of our parish family [Paul Perrault] Remember our dearly departed and those they have left behind.



Francis’ Prayer Intentions: April 2022 Health Care Workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



“The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God.”

~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones



“Jesus was only speaking figuratively.” What Bible passages can we use to defend the Real Presence?

“I don’t know if I can believe that the Eucharist is really Jesus’ Body and Blood,” says a Protestant friend. “Can you show me where He says that in the Bible?”

“Why *yes*,” you say with confidence. “Please open to...”

Even though we as Catholics do not rely solely on the Bible for our doctrines, it is important to know the supporting Scripture passages when discussing things with our not-yet-Catholic brethren.



Though it might seem like a “hard saying,” the Real Presence is, in fact, a simple doctrine to explain Scripturally.

In *Behold, It Is I: Scripture, Tradition, and Science on the Real Presence*, authors Dr. Stacy Trasancos and Fr. George Elliott dive into some key passages that clearly state and explain this doctrine. They further support

the claims of Scripture through the writings of the Church Fathers and fascinating investigations into Eucharistic miracles. Here’s just a couple of the passages they cover:

“John 6. This one is the classic Real Presence passage, and for good reason. It contains the Bread of Life discourse, wherein Jesus says that His Flesh is meat indeed, and His Blood is drink indeed. He speaks in clear and unambiguous terms and offers no retraction of His statements when some of His disciples leave Him over this “hard saying.” There are also two miracles—the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and Jesus’ walking on water—that Jesus performs shortly before this teaching, demonstrating His absolute power to do what He wills with His body and the elements of creation. These offer additional support for the literal interpretation of Jesus’ words.”

The Institution narratives. The institution of the Eucharist is found in all three Synoptic Gospels and in St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. The words of institution are essentially the same in all four, indicating that the wording is very important.

Furthermore, the Old Testament parallels are profoundly informative here: the Last Supper takes place during the feast of Passover, when the Jews were saved from destruction through the **eating** of the Paschal lamb and the sprinkling of its **blood**.

Covenants in the Old Testament were always ratified with a **real sacrifice** and **real blood**, so it makes sense that the new and everlasting covenant—as it is named by Jesus in the words of institution—should be sealed with a sacrifice of real flesh and blood, too.

Dig deeper into these passages (and many others!), strengthen your understanding of the Real Presence, and learn how to explain it.

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Everyday Stewardship: A God Who Knows How It Feels



Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today’s Mass?

“My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?”

We’ve never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We’ve never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He’s the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn’t make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Attention St. Mark Ladies! Sacred Heart is coming back with their Ladies Tea on May 7th. We would like to reserve a table for 7 - \$30 per seat Please see Marilis Bennett after Mass or contact stmark@cbna.org to reserve a seat. Have fun while helping a worthy cause for Sacred Heart Cathedral!

**Sunday Collections:**

April 3, 2022: \$ 1,305.00

Total Sunday Collection for the new fiscal year 7/1/21 – 6/30/22:

\$ 52,430.59

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! For Lent, 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking to hire a qualified individual for Chancellor. This person must be a Roman Catholic in full communion with the Church. The Chancellor is responsible for supporting the bishop's initiatives, oversees the day-to-day operations of the chancery office and is responsible for both the internal and external communications for the diocese. Applicant must possess excellent communication and leadership skills. Minimum requirements for this position are a Bachelor's degree with at least ten years of supervisory experience with knowledge of human resource procedures including performance appraisals, supervisor skills, hiring and progressive discipline. Significant experience in the life and ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This is a full-time, exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. Position will remain open until filled. Expected start date o/a 6 June 2022. To apply please submit a cover letter end resume to humanresources@cbna.org Full job description available upon request.

Saint Raphael Catholic Parish is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. The position is 5-7 hours per week with a flexible work schedule. Requirements include high school diploma or GED; three years work experience in an office or customer service setting involving financial record keeping and database management. Experience using Quickbooks, Microsoft Office and database software. Salary is dependent on education and experience. To apply please submit a cover letter and resume listing three professional references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Saint Raphael Catholic Parish, PO Box 10508, Fairbanks, AK. 99710 or via email to rtozzi@cbna.org.

So when God pulls down the curtain on the drama of the world's redemption, He will not ask what part we played, but only how well we played the role assigned to us.

~ Fulton Sheen

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 [Divine Mercy Novena](#) can be prayed any time, but Jesus specifically asked for it to be prayed for the 9 days preceding the Feast of Mercy. When done at that time, **the Novena would begin on Good Friday** and end on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent.