



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)

Sacraments

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC or arrange a time with a priest. @ 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: ph.: 907-374-9504 or 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:

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May 8, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - Cycle C



Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

A song in praise of God who shepherds us.

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8: Mother's Day

May 8 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 11: 6-8 PM Men & Women (14-35) Meal at St. Ignatius Residence – Meet with priests & sisters.

May 11: 6:30 – 8:00 PM Marriage Prep @ St. Raphael's (1125 Old Steese Highway).

May 11: 7:30–8:45 PM Confirmation at SHC social hall.

May 12: 7:30-8:45 PM RCIA in SHC Community RM.

May 13: 6:30 -9 PM Youth Group at SHC social hall.

May 15: 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral to welcome the **Servadoras** to our Diocese.



May God bless all Mothers. If your Mom is still alive visit or call her today. Remember your Mom in prayer if she has passed away. Your Mom is special.

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring

On UAF Campus: During summer break there are no Masses on campus or club meetings. Our officers are in town this summer

Off UAF Campus:

Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. St. Mark Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Other masses in the Fairbanks/North Pole area and Parishes in our Diocese on the road system are posted on our website and this bulletin.

“If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” ~St. John Vianney



The purpose of World Day of for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his *harvest*” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the

priesthood and to the consecrated life. While an appreciating all vocations, the church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2022 marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Jesus is both the Good Shepherd (Gospel) and the Lamb who was slain (Second Reading). As shepherd, Jesus is the one who cares for us and leads us even when we face jealousy, abuse, and rejection (First Reading). As lamb, Jesus is the one who lays down his life in sacrifice for us.

... to experience: The tumult of the world is not a sign that God has abandoned us. Jealousy, violent abuse, persecution, expulsions, etc. have always been part of our human condition. In all of this, Jesus will shepherd us, lead us to “springs of life-giving water,” and “wipe away every tear” (Second Reading).



Justice Challenge: Justice takes courage. Those who speak out for and act on behalf of those who are being mistreated often face persecution. In some parts of the world, they face torture and death.

Jesus is the good shepherd and promises that no one will snatch his sheep out of his hand. We can face the greatest threats with courage when we stand up for what is right because we know that even if the worst possible thing happens to us, we will end up in the protection of our good shepherd. The challenge this week is to overcome your fear and speak up for or act on behalf of someone who is being mistreated...knowing that Jesus has your back.

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 8, 2022 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Stewardship Moment

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



A Prayer for Mother’s Day

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of mothers who give us life. By their love and sacrifices, they have taught us how to love and make sacrifices for others. We are inspired by their faith and the way they have provided a foundation for knowing you. May you strengthen our mothers through your grace so that they can continue to grow as our examples of faith and love. And may we, their sons, and daughters, always honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.





May is “Lady Month”? And what is its connection to the May Crowning?

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest

*From garden and woodland, hillside, and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest Flower of the vale.*

So goes the first verse of the beautiful old Marian hymn *Bring Flowers of the Rarest*. It evokes images of a familiar sight: children bringing flowers to crown a statue of Our Lady in a church or perhaps an outdoor Marian garden or grotto.

Many parishes hold an annual “May Crowning” this month to honor Our Lady, who is indeed the most beautiful, the rarest, the loveliest flower of them all.

Why do we honor Mary in May? Where did this devotion start?



Devotion to Mary during the month of May is such a time-honored tradition in the Church that it’s hard to trace its origins with precision, but we can definitely point to a few things.

One historical precursor is the medieval tradition of the “Tricesimum,” also called “Lady Month.” This was a 30-day devotion to Mary that usually took place from August through September.

Another important development came at the end of the 18th century when a priest of the Jesuit College in Rome began the practice of dedicating the month of May to Mary as an antidote to poor morals among the students. The other Jesuit Colleges took up this practice and it spread to the whole Church. Subsequent popes have since encouraged May devotions among the faithful.

It just seems intuitive to honor Mary during the height of springtime. It’s the time of new life, when the beauty of nature is unfurling, the gardens are bursting with flowers, the weather is lovely, and the earth seems to make itself into a palace fit for a queen.

Death entered the world in a garden, through the hand of Eve, whose name means “mother of all the living.” Life entered the world again through Mary, the new Eve, the true Mother of all those whom Christ has brought to a new life.

Our hymn continues:

*O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.
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Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

Everyday Stewardship: Reluctant Sheep



Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don’t have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.
~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pope Emeritus Benedict had this wonderful reflection “*The mystery of the Incarnation is the center of our redemption and of our faith; what I find particularly beautiful about it is this: from that moment on, God wanted to have a mother.*” Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Stepmothers & spiritual mothers.



REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN NEWS:

If you would like to help out in the soup kitchen, please contact us via e-mail or phone to find out more about how you and your family can volunteer at either iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org or 907-452-3533. At the very least, prayers of support are always appreciated, particularly during our serving times: 11am-1pm Wednesday through Sunday.

All volunteers eighteen and older need to undergo a diocesan background check and complete a Safe Environment training module before working in the kitchen. Create your account at the following web address in order to initiate your background check and then complete the "Serving Vulnerable Populations" training module.

<https://fairbanks.safeenvironment.org>

KITCHEN ITEMS NEEDED: Eggs (fresh or hard-boiled), Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Peanut Butter, and Jelly

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED: Socks, Sweatshirts, Travel-Size Hygiene Items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.), and Women's Hygiene Items. Items can be dropped off with someone at the side entrance during our serving hours 11am - 1pm Wed-Sun or call us to arrange a drop off time.

DO YOU NEED FOOD SCRAPS?

If you have a use for food scraps (vegetable ends, coffee grounds, unsure bread) in the garden or on the farm, contact the soup kitchen and we can see about providing a little extra animal feed or compostable materials. Every week varies, but we usually have something!

The Holy Father's Intentions for May 2022



For faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; priests & deacons serving within the Diocese of Fairbanks; for an increase in vocations. All our mothers - living, expectant, and mothers who have passed on. For the return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember in your prayers the homeless, sick, homebound, hospitalized, and their caretakers. Our dearly departed and those they have left behind. Pray for the safety of teens and graduates looking for employment.



Make a Retreat to Honor your mother on Mother's Day. Check out

<https://bustehalo.com/ministry-resources> for guidance on celebrating with your other in a unique way.



Sunday Collections:

May 1, 2022: \$ 1,968.00

Total Sunday Collection

Fiscal year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22:

\$57,420.69

Thank you for your generosity & continue support!

"You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you." ~ Dorothy Day

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.stmarksuaaf.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