



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)

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

Baptism, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage, Anointing of Sick – contact our office at 907-374-9564.

Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath

May 29, 2022

The Ascension of the Lord



First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23 or

Hebrews 9:27-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading - Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jun 3: First Friday Adoration at ICC 6am-6pm.

Jun 13-16: Diocese of Fairbanks hosting IVE seminarians and SSVM sisters missionaries.

Jul 5-8: Diocesan Vacation Bible School (VBS) K-5th grade. 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

FAREWELL & WELCOME ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This Sunday after our 5:30 PM Mass we will gather to say “Farewell” to Fr. Robert Fath and “Welcome” to Frs. Ross Tozzi and Piotr Opryrcz who will take his place as our new shepherds! Fr. Robert has been with us for last 3 years, serving our Catholic students on the UAF campus and the parishioners of St. Mark. He isn’t going far...he is being given more time for his other duties and will be traveling to bush parishes to help out Bishop Chad Zielinski. Fr. Ross and Fr. Piotr are looking forward to meeting the parishioners of St. Mark’s and helping in our spiritual growth in the upcoming years. *There will be index cards & pens at the table so you can express your gratitude and prayers for our priests to read later. Please remember to take a moment to fill one out.*

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

Latin Phrases Every Catholic Should:

Agnus dei, qui tolis peccata mundi.

(Ahn-us-da-e-qwee-tow-lease-peck-ah-tah-moon-dee)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

<https://epicpew.com>

Let's use this weekend to count our blessings and honor those who courageously gave their lives.

Faith and Family Formation

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** will be *hosting a missionary group made up of IVE seminarians and SSVM sisters from June 13-26* coming to support Catholic Ministries. There will be 20+ people that will need food for their stay here. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the missionaries while in town, please contact Benjamin Colwell, Director of Faith and Family Formation at bcolwell@cbna.org to learn more about how you can volunteer.

Registration is open for “Discover Mission,” the **Diocese of Fairbanks Vacation Bible School (VBS)**. A four-day adventure being held July 5-8 at Saint Nicholas Church in North Pole from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Cost is \$25 per child or \$100 per family of 4 or more ages K-5th grade. To register, contact Ben Colwell, Director of Faith and Family Formation at bcolwell@cbna.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPENING

The Chancellor position has been filled! *Carolyn Dukes* will begin collaborating with the outgoing Chancellor, Leigh Scarboro, June 6th to get up to speed before the end of the month. Carolyn moves over from the Catholic Schools where she has been teaching middle school for several years. Congratulations to Carolyn! Thanks to Leigh for her 8 years of dedicated service as chancellor for the Diocese of Fairbanks. Keep Carolyn in your prayers as she begins her new job, and Leigh as she passes on her knowledge to Carolyn before she begins her much earned retirement.

The **Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks** is seeking to hire a **full-time, staff maintenance person** to perform general building maintenance at its Peger Road campus which includes the following buildings: the Chancery Offices, Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Ignatius Residence, Frassatti House, Immaculate Conception Church, Convent House, a warehouse as well as an aircraft hangar. Qualifications: Prefer at least 5 years' experience in commercial building maintenance. Experience in mechanical system including hydronic heating system, plumbing, electrical systems including lighting, carpentry and painting is highly desirable. Able to operate and maintain equipment for use in grounds keeping. This is a full-time, non-exempt position with benefits. Background check required and able to pass a drug test. Interested individuals should submit a resume to humanresources@cbna.org Full job description available upon request. *We look forward to hearing from you!*

Saint Raphael Parish is looking to hire a **part time Lay Pastoral Administrator** to help coordinate, Liturgy, Education, Pastoral Care and Administration. For questions, contact Fr. Ross or Camille. If interested, please submit a cover letter, a resume, and references to Fr Ross Tozzi at rtozzi@cbna.org.



St. Raphael needs a reliable car in good condition, which is preferably donated or available for purchase at an affordable cost, for our in-coming priest, Fr. Jingbe. Please speak to Fr. Ross if you have an available vehicle. You can also email the parish at secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org and your message will be forwarded to them. Thank you for your consideration of this need.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The “power from on high” with which Jesus promised his disciples would be clothed before his ascension is made explicit in the first reading. It is the Holy Spirit whom they receive and who empowers them to be faithful witnesses “to the ends of the earth.”



... **to experience:** When a strong cultic leader is present, a cult thrives and grows. In the absence of such a leader, a cult most often diminishes. This is not so with Christianity. The ascension of Jesus prepares the way for the powerful and enduring presence of the Holy Spirit in the disciples who continue his ministry and witness to his risen presence.



Justice Challenge: As the Easter season moves to its end, we are reminded once again that Jesus offered final words to the young Church and then left the work in their hands, and through them, in our hands. Social justice calls us to both pray and act. Some Christians make the mistake of missing the Ascension. They pray and expect Jesus to act without their active cooperation. Jesus ascended and promised to send the Holy Spirit to act in and through us, not just for us. The challenge this week is to formulate a prayer on behalf of someone or some group suffering injustice. Then act on your prayer to release the power of the Holy Spirit in some real way.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 29, 2022

“You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



Why did Jesus ascend into Heaven? Did you know that the Ascension was not only good—but necessary?

Dr. Scott Hahn once noted that the Ascension is “one of the most underrated feasts in the liturgical year.”

Indeed, the Ascension seems almost formulaic. Jesus ascended because it was natural that He do so, correct? He came from Heaven and must go back there, right? Are we simply saying “goodbye” to Jesus on this feast, like we would any visitor who’s leaving to go back home?



Giotto's fresco of the Ascension

There’s quite a bit more to it than that.

Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven is the completion of His mission on earth. He came not only to save us through His Passion, death, and Resurrection, but also to establish Himself as our continual intercessor. He did this by ascending into Heaven and taking His place at the right hand of His Father. had sunrays bursting forth from the holy letters.

He is forever united to human nature and, having taken His seat in Heaven, continues to act as the Mediator between God and man.

It’s beautiful to think that even in His glorified Body, Jesus carries His wounds with Him—the glorious marks of His great sacrifice for humankind. These wounds plead for us, as the saints have said: they are always before the eyes of the Father, reminding Him of the suffering His Son endured for men, and begging Him for mercy, for the sake of that suffering.

From His place in Heaven, Jesus continually reaches down to earth in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the priest, who acts in His person, He offers to His Father the perfect and priceless Sacrifice of Himself for us sinners—all over the world, at every hour of every day.

So the Ascension is the celebration of the completion of our redemption, the triumphant arrival of our King in His kingdom, and His intercession for us. What a cause for celebration indeed!

Of course, Jesus also ascended to show us where—if we live in imitation of Him—we too are destined. We are meant to be with Him in Heaven if we love Him and follow His commandments. *The Imitation of Christ* has guided generations of Catholics in their search to become more like Our Lord.

On Ascension Day, May the blessings of the Lord always shine upon you and fill you with the clarity you need to improve the life you have been living.

Everyday Stewardship in Your Ordinary Moments



Famous Last Words

You’ve probably played the game of “pass it on” before, maybe years ago on the playground. It’s a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person’s ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don’t receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively, someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that “the love with which you loved me may be in them,” he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don’t change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

When we doubt ourselves, let’s return to Christ’s last words and cling to the faith he had in his Father’s love for us. He says not “you will be witnesses” but “you are witnesses.” We already have what we need. God is within us, and we take Him wherever we go. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Stewardship Moment

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away.

Choose wisely!

Sacred Heart Cathedral roof replacement will happen this summer. You can help by donating to help defray the cost. You'll find envelopes in the pews where you could put your donation and drop in the collection basket. To follow the progress, go to: <https://www.sacredheartak.org/giving>.



Thank you for helping with this expensive project!

Pope Francis' Prayer 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.



Special Prayer Intentions for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski; Fr. Robert Fath; all priests & deacons; and an increase in vocations. For those involved in the tragedies around the world taking lives and affecting families. The return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our sick & homebound; remember the young and those seeking employment. Pray for our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

This past week 655 meals were served with volunteers giving almost 66 hours of their time to make this happen. 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 or donate needed item to 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 must go through "Serving Vulnerable Populations" training: <https://fairbanks.safeenvironment.org>.

Know, Love, and Share Your Catholic Faith.

Thank you to everyone who have contributed during these challenging times. Our May donation numbers will be posted next week.

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



Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen