



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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## Sunday Mass Schedule:

Vespers: 4:45 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral  
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arrange a time with a priest.

## Clergy

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## Sacraments

For information on receiving Sacraments -  
Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation,  
Marriage, or Anointing of Sick – please contact our  
Pastor: Fr. Ross Tozzi @ [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or 907-  
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Diocesan Vocation Director– Fr. Robert Fath at  
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## Pastoral Council

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

## 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.*

## Latin Phrases Every Catholic Should Know:

**Sanguis Christi (sahn-gweese-kree-stee)**

Blood of Christ

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2022, ~ Cycle C



### **First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8**

Lord on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14**

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Jul 24:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “In old age, they will still bear fruit.”



**Jul 24-30:** National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

**Aug 24-25:** UAF Residence Halls Open

**Aug 29:** First day of UAF Instruction

**A Eucharistic Holy Hour and Mass** will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral every Wednesday, starting on August 10<sup>th</sup> **to pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks.** The Eucharistic Holy Hour will be from 11:00-noon and Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm. The Mass and Holy Hour will continue until our Holy Father, Pope Francis, appoints a new shepherd to lead our diocese.

**Looking for Catholic students who will be attending UAF this fall!** We are planning an Ice Cream Social after our Sunday 5:30 PM Mass next month (August) to learn more about the presence of Catholic Student Association (CSA) and plan for the school year. For more info contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org), [UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu) or call 907-374-9564. Join us in meeting our priest, Club Advisor, and members of the club.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral's** goal of raising \$53,000 to help with the cost of replacing their roof has \$39,836 (75% to goal). Please consider donating! Follow progress <https://sacredheartak.org/giving>.

**REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN:**

**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK:** Eggs (fresh or hard-boiled), Fruit/Applesauce Cups, Granola Bars, Potato Chips & used plastic shopping bags. Items can be dropped off at ICC side entrance during serving hours: 11am - 1pm Wed-Sun or call to arrange a drop off time. Contact [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) or call 907-432-3533.

**FAIRBANKS EVENTS**

**UAF Thursdays:** 12-2 PM at Wood Center during the summer. \$1/scoop hosted by Student Activities Office

**Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival Jul 17-31**

**Tanana Valley State Fair – Jul 29-Aug 7**

<https://www.tvsfa.org>

**International Senior Games – Aug 6-14.**

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

**Fairbanks Catholic Schools** – Professional Days - **Aug 10-16**; First Day of Instructions **Aug 17** (17-19 Early Dismissal at 12:50 PM)

<https://www.catholic-schools.org>

**Fairbanks Public Schools** – Professional Days

**Aug 11-15**; First Day of Instructions **Aug 17.**

**HIPOW – Oct 8:** Never too early to donate items or sign up to help. For more info call: 907-313-3291.

**Glossary of Catholic Terms: apostolic**

**nuncio.** Church term for the Vatican ambassador to another country and the papal liaison with the church in that country. An apostolic nuncio, also called a *papal nuncio*, is always an archbishop, and it is his religious title that is capitalized as a title before his name, e.g., *Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States*, not *Apostolic Nuncio Christophe Pierre*. Papal representatives in the United States were apostolic delegates until 1984, when full diplomatic relations were established. <https://www.usccb.org>



**Justice Challenge:** Community gardens are in full swing this time of the year. Do you know if you have one in your area? These gardens are usually a piece of land that is given to people or rented very inexpensively so they can grow food to feed their family. It is a good and holy thing to work with the earth, to plant seeds, and to tend them while they grow into plants. Jesus used stories of farmers in Scripture – he spoke of seeds scattered, seeds that take root. He spoke of a small mustard seed that grows into a mighty plant. Your challenge this week is to seek out a garden in your community. Volunteer to help weed or water and support those who are caring for God's creation or feeding those most in need.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9**

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

**... to the First Reading:** Abraham directly, confidently, persistently, and courageously petitions God to spare the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the Gospel Jesus teaches us to pray with the same directness, confidence, persistence, and courage.



**... to experience:** Nothing breeds confidence like success. This is also true when we turn to God in prayer. Although not always in the way we expect, God always answers our prayer.



**The most astonishing thing about miracles is that they happen. G.K. Chesterton**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



### ***Pray for Vocations***

*"Give us this day our daily bread."* Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest,

deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

**"The womb is like an altar, it's the place where God continually comes into the world and does what only God can do... create." Peter Kreeft**



**What do the parts of the Vatican flag symbolize?** *We're so used to seeing the Vatican Flag in our churches, on the internet, and pretty much any place affiliated with the Catholic Church. But have you ever thought about what the flag means?*

Just like other national flags, the design of the Vatican flag has rich meaning.

As the national flag for Vatican City, this flag is displayed not only in this part of Italy, but also in many Catholic churches, universities, and other Catholic institutions.



The flag is modeled after the flag of the Papal States from the early nineteenth century and is also referred to as the flag of the Holy See. Many earlier papal flags were red and gold.

The left side of the flag is a rich yellow. The right side is white and features the coat of arms of Vatican City. At the top of the coat of arms is the papal tiara, which was worn by popes from the eighth century to the mid-twentieth century.

Beneath the papal tiara are two keys, referring to Matthew 16:19, when Jesus says to St. Peter, *"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."* The gold key represents spiritual power, and the silver key stands for worldly power. The keys are connected with a red cord, which symbolizes how the two powers are bound together.

Regarding the choice of yellow and white for the flag, there are various historical and symbolic explanations for these colors. One possible connection is to the keys themselves: the yellow field corresponding to the gold key, the white to the silver key. In heraldry, yellow is equivalent to gold (the heraldic color *or*) and white to silver (*argent*). The colors certainly offer a striking visual echo of the keys of Peter.



The U.S. Bishops have requested that every diocese and parish have activities and programs to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, in order that we might live as better Christians in the

world.

The 3-year Eucharistic Revival started on Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 19) 2022 and will conclude on Pentecost (June 8) 2025. Events are being scheduled on a local, regional, and national level. *For more information, updates, and resources from the USCCB, visit <https://www.eucharistirevival.org>*





**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

July 17 - \$ 1,122.26  
Collection for Fiscal year  
July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023:  
\$ 3,190.37

Online Giving can be done on our website under "Donation" tab to reach the secure WeShare link. The new logo can be seen to the right. You can also drop your donation in the basket at the entrance of the church.



**Thank you for your generosity and continued support!**



**The Holy Father's July Prayer Intention – For The Elderly:**

We pray for the elderly who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Pope Francis; Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks Chad Zielinski; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, all priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese. Our elderly at home, nursing homes, and assisted living. and homebound. Protection of the unborn. The return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Pray for our dearly departed and those they have left behind.

**National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week -**

July 24-30, 2022.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy. For more information please visit website – <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>



**PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP**

Almighty God,  
Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts  
of Your people,  
Direct the counsels of those who are  
Appointed to choose a bishop for  
The Diocese of Fairbanks,  
that we may Be given a pastor  
who in faithfulness and Wisdom  
shall lead Your people In the way of holiness.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us*

Consider serving our parish by assisting at the weekend Mass as a Lector or Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Please sign up a week in advance. Thanks!

**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

**St. Mark University Parish** Sunday Mass 5:30 pm

Adoration: Tue (Spanish) 7:00-8:00 pm  
Thu 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (English)  
<https://www.sacredheartak.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/>

**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 Reparation Mass  
Adoration: Tue 8:30-9:30am, Fri 7:00 am-6:00 pm  
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: 5:00 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/>

**Harding Lake – St. Mary's of the Lake**

Sunday Afternoon Mass: 3:00 pm

**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

**ATTENDING MASS ON VACATION:** Find a place to attend Mass near your destination while on vacation in the U.S. at [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)