



# 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 (SHC)

Sunday: 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

CSA Weekday Mass: Friday @ 2:30pm Lathrop Hall

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## Pastoral Council

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

## Sacraments

Confession- Saturday 3:00-4:00pm at SHC

or arrange a time with a priest.

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

Sacraments of Initiation/Vocations– contact Fr.

Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

## 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:

***Dominus vobiscum***  
**(doe-me-news-voh-bees-koom)**  
The Lord be with you

**REMINDER: Masses at Harding Lake and Denali Park will end after Labor Day.**

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C September 4, 2022



### **First Reading: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14***

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

### **Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9***

A song of praise to God our King

### **Second Reading: *2 Peter 1:16-19***

Peter says that the voice heard from heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

### **Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28-36***

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sept 8:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament SHC 8am-12pm

**Sept 9: 2:30pm CSA Mass-UAF Lathrop Rm 112**

**Sept 10:** National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

**Sept 12:** SHC Book Club "The Joyful Beggar (about St. Francis) 12:30pm downstairs in Community Room.

**Sept 13:** Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – ICC 7 PM Adoration & 7:30 PM Matins followed by reception. (*Refreshments will be provided*)

**Sept 14:** Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – ICC 5 PM Adoration; 6 PM Solemn Mass followed by a feast (*Meal provided; bring drinks, ice cream & toppings*)

## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-Noon

Join our priests *every Wednesday* as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



Run, jump, shout, but do not sin."  
Saint John Bosco

**Oratory - The Las Servidoras** invite all children in the dioceses between the ages of 4-17 to join them at Sacred Heart Cathedral 1:30-3:15 PM every Saturday, beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be games, workshops, crafts, talks, and choir. Please see the flyer within the bulletin and on our webpage <https://stmarksuaf.org> . Contact the Sisters for more info [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)

**The Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress** is coming Sept 30 to Oct 2.

In year one of our nationwide Eucharistic Revival, we focus on **Mary Mother of the Eucharist** with 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, Masses, Morning and Evening Prayer, the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, talks, confessions, and new this year, an hour for the children. Look for flyers with the full schedule soon. Please use the online sign-up and schedule an hour with Jesus at <https://signup.com/go/xWbEtKV> Please sign up early. For questions call or email Mary Beth Judyay 907-479-3765, [mbj4837@icloud.com](mailto:mbj4837@icloud.com) or Jodi Stack 907-322-0227, [jsstack86@icloud.com](mailto:jsstack86@icloud.com)



**Beloved Series Fall 2022**

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church  
Oct 4 – Nov 15  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Saint Nicks is offering the Beloved Series on six Tuesday evenings beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We invite all those interested - married, single, engaged, or thinking about marriage - to learn the ABC's of how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship.

Sessions will take place in the conference room on the second floor of the pastoral center on **Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 8, and 15.** (There will not be a session on Nov 1; All Saints' Day Mass is at 7pm.)

**Contact:** Fr. Welcome at [wchipiro@cbna.org](mailto:wchipiro@cbna.org) or 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018, or Betsy Jones at 907-347-6618.



"It is patience that reveals every grace to you, and it is through patience that the saints received all that was promised to them." St. Pachomius the Great



**Justice Challenge:** This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) challenges us to take up our cross and follow Jesus. In this same passage, we are called to renounce our possessions. That may seem a bit harsh—and really hard to do. But if we put the two messages together, we understand that taking up our cross does require sacrifice. We can live up to this challenge by becoming less attached to things and more attached to people. Just as Jesus gave up everything—prestige, power, life itself—to redeem us, we are called to make sacrifices and give up things to help those in need. We do this because, as our U.S. Bishops wrote, we Catholics believe that people are more important than things. Your challenge this week is to choose one possession you have which takes up a lot of your time. It may be an electronic gadget, your television or your phone. Take the time you would have spent playing one game, listening to music, or watching a program, and spend the time instead being present to someone who needs companionship, listening to someone who never gets heard, or helping someone in need.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**Connecting the Gospel ...**

**... to the First Reading:** The reading from Wisdom reminds us that "the deliberations of mortals are timid." Jesus, however, challenges us to be anything but timid. With bold calculation and conviction we are to embrace the cross. This is the way of discipleship.



**... to experience:** Jesus in this Gospel is not negating meals with family and friends! He is teaching us that our generosity must extend beyond our immediate circle to include everyone—especially those in need—whom we might meet.

**Which saint has a feast day for his birth AND his death? This saint was no “reed shaken by the wind”**

Besides Our Lord and Our Lady, **St. John the Baptist** is the only person in the liturgical calendar who gets a feast day for both his entrance into the world (June 24th) and his entrance into heaven (today, August 29th, the feast of his martyrdom). Most saints are celebrated only on or near the day of their death.



Detail of St. John the Baptist from the Ghent Altarpiece by Jan van Eyck

St. John the Baptist was special, though. He was both our Lord’s blood relative and His appointed herald. Both his birth and his martyrdom are recounted in the Gospels; both are interwoven with Our Lord’s own early life and public ministry.

St. John is a saint who can give us some serious inspiration for our spiritual lives. He was tough. He was courageous. He epitomized hair-shirt penances and meatless fasts. He was not afraid of speaking the truth, even when it could—and eventually did—result in his imprisonment and death.

When John was cast into prison for chastising Herod for his illicit relationship, Jesus explicitly praises His cousin’s courage to the listening crowd:

*What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. - Matthew 11:7-9*

Though not all of us are called to the hardcore desert life of St. John, we enjoy a good excursion into the wilderness to renew our minds, spirits, and bodies. Just don’t leave home without some inspiration in your pocket. [www.catholiccompany.com](http://www.catholiccompany.com)



## Everyday Stewardship Humility and Stewardship



Some people have “the rich relation” in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy’s latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard’s pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:13*

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
Please consider giving online.  
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. Donations may also be dropped in the basket at the entrance of the church.

**Thank you for your continued support**



**POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTION:**

***Abolition of the Death Penalty:***

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



**Please Pray For...**

Pope Francis; Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks Chad Zielinski; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese. Our young who are returning to school. Our elderly, and homebound. Protection of the unborn. The return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Our dearly departed (Don Billings) and those they have left behind (Maria and family).



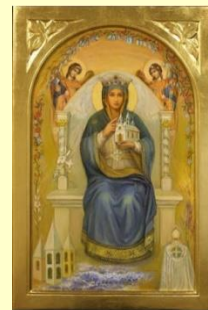
The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows (Seven Sorrows of Mary), whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15.  
(Meditate on the Seven Sorrows of Mary with [www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.com))

"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Are you being called to discipleship 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).



**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.*

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A warm welcome to our returning students and families for the school year!

**FAIRBANKS & NORTH POLE AREA MASSES**

**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  
Sunday Mass 5:30 pm ~ **St. Mark University Parish**  
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/>  
<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 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 9:00 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