



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)

Friday: 2:30 pm @ UAF Lathrop Hall Rm 112 CSA

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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 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:

Ite, missa est
(e-tay-me-sah-est)
Go, it is the dismissal



"This is my body given for you."
Luke 22:19

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C September 18, 2022



First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial: Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8

Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 18: Safe Sunday/Catechetical Sunday

Sept 23-Oct 1: Novena in Honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

Sept 24: 1:30-3:15 pm Oratory at SHC (ages 4-17).

Sept 24: 3:30 pm Seven Sisters Apostolate information meeting at SHC (downstairs)

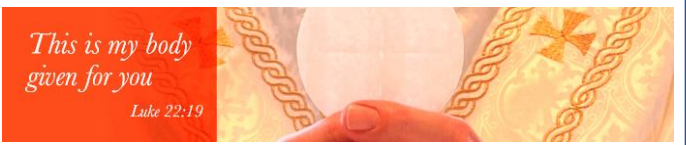
Sept 25: Priesthood Sunday

Sept 25: CSA Social after 5:30pm Mass SHC

Sept 27: Installation of Bishop Chad Zielinski to the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



“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 24th.** There will be games, workshops, crafts, talks, and choir. Please see

the flyer within the bulletin and on our webpage <https://stmarksuaaf.org>. Contact the Sisters for more info servidoras@cbna.org. Register online at www.sacredheartak.org or in person.



Justice Challenge: The Responsorial Psalm this Sunday is: “Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor” (Psalm 113). Numerous psalms praise God for caring for the poorest and most vulnerable in our world. They also invite us to be part of God’s plan for bringing justice to all. Your challenge this week is to peruse the psalms until you find one which speaks to your family of God’s compassion for the poor. (You can also use Psalm 113.) Every day this week, pray at least part of your chosen psalm as a family or household on behalf of a person or community struggling with poverty, hunger, or lack of shelter. Start on Sunday with someone in your neighborhood or local community. Each day stretch your prayer further afield so that you are praying for global needs by the end of the week.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much...” ~ Luke 16:10

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God, and money run “neck and neck” as top priority. Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The First Reading presents the same scenario about the future as does the gospel. God will hold accountable those who serve themselves for personal gain and will never forget “a thing they have done.”



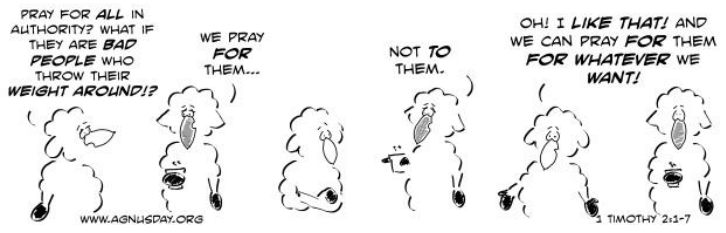
... **to experience:** In the everyday humdrum of life, we rarely think about the ultimate future. Life itself pressures us into shortsighted choices for living. Discipleship, on the other hand, calls us to live in such a way that our daily choices form patterns of behavior that move us toward God’s promise of life eternal.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Who: Catholic women
What: Commit to a Holy Hour once a week to pray for a specific priest
When: Starting October 1
Why: “In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole Church” – Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.



Did you know that there has been an active Seven Sisters Apostolate group in Fairbanks for the past year? This band of women prays one holy hour each day of the week, each woman having an assigned day. They are also looking for substitute adorers to fill in from time to time if you can’t commit a regularly assigned time. Please join us for an information informational meeting on September 24 (Saturday). Visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org> Contact Alicia Menard at amenard@cbna.org if you have questions.





Why do we exalt the Cross?

September 14th was the glorious Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. But why do we “exalt” the Cross?

From a historical perspective, today’s Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in the 4th century.
2. The dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, built by Constantine soon after the finding of the True Cross.
3. The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in the 7th century by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius, after it had been seized as a trophy by the Persian Emperor Chosroes II.

More than simply a marker of historical events, today’s feast is a *celebration* of the Cross as the triumphant symbol of our salvation. The Cross was the means by which Christ brought us back into the friendship of God. It was His chosen weapon in the battle He waged for our souls. It is a continual reminder of His glorious victory over sin and death.



Just as a victorious king takes down the flag of his enemy and raises his own when he wins a battle, so do we mount the Cross

high on our churches, on our buildings, and in our homes to commemorate and celebrate the triumph of Christ the King. We gather under the Cross as His loyal subjects, the joyful people that He freed from the bondage of the devil.

The Church has an ancient and beautiful hymn to the Holy Cross that captures the joy we feel today. *Vexilla regis prodeunt—The Royal Banner Forward Goes*—was originally written in the 6th century and is principally sung during Passiontide and for today’s feast.

The first verse alone offers us a beautiful meditation for today. Translated from the Latin:

*Abroad the Regal Banners fly,
Now shines the Cross’s mystery;
Upon it Life did death endure,
And yet by death did life procure.*

We should always keep the Cross before our eyes, on this day and always. As Catholics, we are particularly devoted to the crucifix—the Cross with Christ’s Body upon it—as a continual meditation on the sufferings and death our King endured to earn the victory.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
Francis of Assisi

Everyday Stewardship

Fixing the Scales



“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you’re sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way).

There’s a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it’s not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven’t been given half of that*, he thinks, *and I’ve worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father’s indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Vocations: “Who will entrust to you the true riches?” The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org .

Retrouvaille of Alaska – The next weekend experience will be Oct. 7, 2022. For more information call 907-863-8000; email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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3% of our August and September collection will go to Ukraine Eparchy of Mukachevo.

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 4th 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 or 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron at 907-347-6618.

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 Juday 907-479-3765, mbj4837@icloud.com or Jodi Stack 907-322-0227, jsstack86@icloud.com



You are invited to pray (September 23-October 1) the following novena in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux.

“O Lord, who said, unless you become as little children you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, GRANT US, WE BESECH YOU, to so follow in the way of Blessed Therese in humility and simplicity that through her intercession these petitions and those of all our members may be granted as part of the shower of roses she promised to send upon this earth.”



**Pope Francis' September Intenstions:
*Abolition of the Death Penalty***

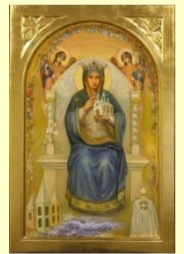
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Please Pray For...

Pope Francis; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese. Our students and their families; Elderly and homebound; Our sick and their caretakers; Protection of the unborn; Return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and their families. For all who have been called to serve the Catholic community as catechists.

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.



LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of the reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies.

Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent.

God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture. ©LPI



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