



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)

Clergy

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UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu

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 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:

**Caritas (carry-tahs) or
caritatis (carry-tah-tease)**

Charity/Love

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C October 2, 2022



First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

Sing joyfully to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sep 30-Oct 2: Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress ends with 5:30pm St. Mark Mass. For schedule see

<https://stmarksuaf.org> or <https://www.sacredheart.org>

Oct 1- Catechist Training 9-11 AM at Chancery

Oct 2: World Mission Sunday – *We celebrate our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all!*

Oct 4-Nov 15: Beloved Series Fall 2022 Marriage Prep. Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Oct 8: 53rd Annual HIPOW Dinner/Auction

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

Oct 14-16: Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church – North Pole.

HIPOW HELP NEEDED: Waitstaff (5-10pm)

and Helpers* (7-9:30pm) during live auction to

help with the Fairbanks Catholic Schools

Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th.

Held this year at Shoppers Forum on 1255 Airport Way.

Must be 21 or older. Dress requirement - black slacks & white shirt; apron and bowtie will be provided. Need not be Catholic, so ask a friend to come along and help! **Contact**

Marilis Bennett at 907-590-9291. *Helpers serve as

spotters & runners during the live auction. Help make this another SUCCESSFUL fundraising event supporting Catholic education!





Oratory Religious Education Classes meet at SHC on Saturday afternoons.-

- 1:30 PM – ORATORY
- 2:45 pm - Good afternoon talk by a priest or sister
- 3:00 PM – Break with snacks.
- 3:15 PM – Catechism Class.
- 4:15 PM – Parents pick children up to either take them to the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass or return home.

Confirmation and Youth Group meet Thursday evenings
 6:00 PM – Class
 7:15 PM – Break
 7:30-8:45 PM - Youth Group

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
 7:30 – 8:45 PM - at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This is the formal process for entering into the Catholic Church, or those interested in attending to understand and become familiar with the Catholic Faith.

Marriage Prep: “Beloved- Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” program is held quarterly. Classes offered quarterly. Fall classes will be held at St. Nicholas in North Pole on Tuesday Evenings - Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Nov. 8, 15, 2022. *Schedule an appointment with your pastor 6 months prior to the wedding.*

Retrouaille 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

Catholic Student Association – Meetings Thursday’s at 7pm in Lathrop Building Room 112 (subject to change). Topics of interest regarding the Church (sacraments, teachings, etc.) Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is actively seeking individuals for the following full and/or part-time positions!

- Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator (15-30 hours/week)
- Payroll Technician (20 hours/month)
- Director of Annual Giving (40 hours/week)

Please visit <https://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings> to learn more. If you have any questions or are ready to submit a résumé, please email hr@cbna.org. Part-time Religion teacher for 8th grade Sacraments and 9th grade Church History needed at **Monroe Catholic High School** in Fairbanks. If interested, please contact Patrick Riggs at priggscf@catholic-schools.org.

From the Apostolic Nuncio comes the appointment of the Apostolic Administrator to the Fairbanks Catholic Diocese:

“ I write to inform you the Holy See has appointed the Most Reverend Andrew Bellisario, Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks, effective 27 September 2022.”

ED & ANNE GRAYKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is very excited to announce the new Ed and Anne Graykowski Memorial Scholarship Fund! This fund will offer five scholarships twice a year for Alaska Native students that are active members of the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Five scholarships will be awarded two times per year with a \$1,000 minimum award:

- One (1) award for a student attending a Catholic elementary/junior high school (K-8) in Alaska
- One (1) award for a student attending a Catholic senior high school (9-12) in Alaska
- Two (2) awards for a student attending any accredited college or university
- One (1) award for a student attending a vocational program.

Scholarships will be awarded for the spring and fall semesters. For 2022 only, spring semester applications will be accepted thru 15 November 2022. Please visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/diocesan-scholarships> for more information!



Justice Challenge: October is the Month of the Rosary. We honor our Blessed Mother and focus on her role in the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, reminds us of how Mary, even when she carried the Son of God in her womb, was still mindful of others. She went in haste to visit and support her cousin Elizabeth, who in her old age was pregnant with John the Baptist. Your challenge this week is to pray this decade of the Rosary, then discuss who needs you to visit and support them. Then do it! At the end of the week, pray the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-56) and, like Mary, praise God for lifting up the meek and the lowly.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”² Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?



“Catholics give too much honor to Mary.”

Titles, prayers, feast days...isn't that excessive?

Your Protestant friend puts down his coffee mug. He has that look on his face...like he's about to ask you a big question...and he says: *"I think Catholics give too much honor to Mary."*

You let out a sigh of relief. This one's easy because you've been reading Get Fed!

Our Protestant brethren say that we Catholics honor Mary too much, as though she were a goddess.



Well—do we?

The answer is, of course, no. But why?

Our Lady's relation to God is arguably the greatest stumbling block for non-Catholics. Most of them are unwilling to hold that Mary is indeed the mother of Jesus who is *God* as well as *Man*.

But this unique motherhood is precisely why she has merited to receive honor.

As the Church teaches us in the Catechism:

The Church rightly honors “the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of ‘Mother of God,’ to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs ... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.”

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 971

In fact, in previous centuries, Protestants who had broken away from the Church acknowledged the profound honor that God gave to Mary. John Calvin, a major leader in the Protestant Revolt, said, “It cannot be denied that God in choosing and destining Mary to be the Mother of His Son, granted her the highest honor... Elizabeth calls Mary the Mother of the Lord, because the unity of the person in the two natures of Christ was such that she could have said that *the mortal man engendered in the womb of Mary was at the same time the eternal God.*”

Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli (the other two “Pillars of the Reformation”) say similar things of Our Lady, acknowledging that she is indeed the *Mother of God*, and therefore is set apart from all other creatures.

Think about it: a frail, mortal creature is chosen by her eternal Creator to enflesh Him, nurture Him in her womb, and bring Him into the world (which *He* created). This is an immense, miraculous honor!

This, of course, is just one of the reasons why we give Mary such great honor. What else does the Church teach about Mary, and are these dogmas found in the Bible? How do we know that she was immaculately conceived? How do we know that she was assumed into heaven? In [Behold Your Mother: A Biblical and Historical Defense of the Marian Doctrines](#), Catholic apologist Tim Staples explains all the Marian doctrines and their biblical roots. This clear and thorough guide will strengthen your understanding of—and love for—the Mother of God. www.catholiccompany.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase “Be careful what you wish for.” In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Turn all your thoughts and aspirations to heaven.
Work hard to secure for yourself
a place there forever.” ~ St. Damian



“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

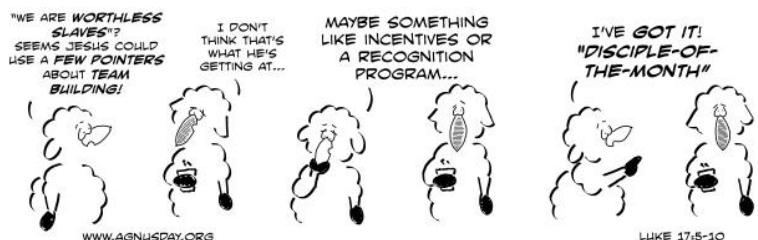
“Contemplating the face of Jesus with Mary.”

This is how St. John Paul II described the Rosary in his apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae http://www.scborromeo.org/docs/apos_ltr_rosary.pdf



October: Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generous support!

For the month of October St. Mark will designate 3% of donations to give to World Mission Sunday Collection.

World Mission Sunday Supports Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which assists Mission work throughout our Diocese.



"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"
[ACTS 4:20]

"No podemos dejar de hablar de lo que hemos visto y oído"
[LUC 4:20]

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Pope Francis' October Intentions: *A Church Open to Everyone*



We pray for the Church; ever faithful to , and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Please Pray For... Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks; Fr. Ross Tozzi and Fr. Piotr Oprych, priests, sisters, and deacons in our diocese, and sick; Protection of the unborn; Return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments. Remember our dearly departed and their families. For those recovering from storms in Alaska and elsewhere in the United States.

"Don not let your troubles disturb your trust in God."
~ St. Mary MacKillop

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.

Please pray for the people of Western Alaska and lower 48 states who are experiencing the devastating aftereffects of large storms. Villages are flooding and experienced severe damage.

Lift Up Those Who Have Fallen

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire, or flood.

By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through You, our rock and redeemer.

- Author Unknown

Fairbanks & North Pole Weekend Mass Times **Sacred Heart Cathedral**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Latin Rite Mass 6:30 PM (Oct 1 & 29)
Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 AM
Spanish Mass 1:00 PM
St. Mark Mass at SHC 5:30 PM

Immaculate Conception (907) 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 12:10 PM, Wed 5:30 PM
Saint Raphael (907) 457-6603
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM
Weekday: Tue, Th: 9:30 AM, Wed 5:30 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole (907) 488-2595

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM
Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00 AM, Wed 7:00 PM

Ft. Wainwright Southern Lights Chapel

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Mass Intention Requests

Mass intentions may be offered for family, loved ones (living or deceased) by calling Mary Pat Boger at (907) 374-9564 or email: mboger@cbna.org.

Safe Environment

Our diocese is committed to creating a safe environment for everyone. If you are aware of abuse you are encouraged to report the abuse to local law enforcement agencies and to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Alicia Menard, by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing amenard@cbna.org

"It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God."

~ C.S. Lewis