



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)

***Please sign up in advance to be a Reader/Lector*

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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 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:

Veritas (very-tahs) or veritatis (very-tah-tease)
truth

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C October 9, 2022



First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve
the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's
glory.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns
to give thanks.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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.

Join us for HIPOW's Roaring Return

Saturday, October 8, at Shopper's Forum

Dinner and Auction to support the
Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

5pm Social Hour / 6pm Dinner

7pm live Auction / 9:30-11pm Dancing

Purchase dinner tickets (\$150/per person) and raffle
tickets at hipowauktion.com

Or call the Monroe Foundation Office

at 907-313-3062

Raffle tickets are for:

2022 Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4(\$100 each)
TWO roundtrip tickets anywhere Alaska Airlines
flies (\$25 each.)

Black Tie and Theme Dress Encouraged



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. Contact: Fr. Welcome at wchipiro@cbna.org or call 907-488-2595, Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018, or Betsy Jones at 907-347-6618 for more information. *Schedule an appointment with your pastor 6 months prior to the wedding.*

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend – October 14-16

To be held at Saint Nicholas Church, 707 St. Nicholas Dr The Engaged Encounter Weekend is required for those preparing through the Beloved Classes and encouraged to use CatholicMarriagePrep.com. *For more information please contact ceeak@hotmail.com or call 907-488-2462*

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.

SHC Book Club – Meets first Monday of the Month from 12:30 to 2:30 PM in the SHC downstairs Community Room.

For Adults: Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?

For Children: When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?

Apostolic Nuncio Christophe Pierre announced the appointment of **Most Reverend Andrew Bellisario**, Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau, as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fairbanks, effective 27 September 2022. Keep him in your prayers as we continue to pray for a new bishop for our diocese.



From the Diocese of Fairbanks comes the news that **Fr. Cezary Ejsymont** from the Diocese of Elblag, Poland arrived in Fairbanks early Friday, October 7, 2022! He will be assisting in Fairbanks area while he adjusts to our climate as we head into winter! Please give him a warm welcome and introduce yourself when you see him. This brings us to 20 priests serving our diocese! Continue to pray for vocations to answer our needs!

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.



Sacred Heart Cathedral Hospitality Committee will host their Christmas Bazaar to support the parish activities/projects on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 Am to 6 PM. We would appreciate any of your creations that you could donate for sale, including but not limited to homemade crafts, ornaments, artwork, baked goods, frozen casseroles, etc. Items will be accepted at the church two weeks prior to the bazaar. The exact date will be announced soon. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates. If you have any questions, contact Katerina at 907-451-1015 or email k_placha@yahoo.com. Thank you!

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN NEWS: 690 meals were served by volunteers giving 68 hours to make this happen. To see how you can help, call 907-452-3533. Lunches are served Wed – Sunday from 11 AM – 1 PM.

ITEMS NEEDED: Jelly, eggs (fresh or hard boiled), Fruit/Applesauce cups, granola bars, potato chips and used plastic shopping bags.

CLOTHING NEEDED: socks, winter gear (no boots). Other items can be taken to Salvation Army, Value Village, or blue FRA donation bins in town.



What happened on October 5th, 1582? *This was a truly unique time in history. What happened?*

Nothing.

Absolutely nothing.

Nothing happened on October 5th, 1582—or October 6th through the 14th, for that matter—because **those days never happened.**

They are pure historical fiction. They never existed! *Why, you ask?*

Those days were “deleted” from the calendar as part of the implementation of the Gregorian Calendar, which replaced the very faulty Julian Calendar. The old calendar on paper didn’t match up to the actual solar year—it was off by about 11 minutes and 14 seconds. Over time, this was adding up to a big problem.

The old calendar didn’t match the solar year, and it was causing problems.

The biggest issue this caused had to do with the calculation of the date of Easter, which is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. The gap between the actual equinox and Easter grew increasingly large as the years wore on. The problem was known for many centuries, but it



wasn’t until the Council of Trent that we nailed down an action plan. Trent decreed that a new calendar should be implemented, and after copious work, study, and research, the new calendar was promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII. The primary geniuses involved in the design of the calendar were Italian scientist Aloysius Lilius and the German Jesuit priest, mathematician, and astronomer Fr. Christopher Clavius.

According to our research, those particular days in October were selected for removal (in order to initiate the big “calendar fix”) because there were no big feast days during that time.

And just like that, they disappeared. The Catholic world leapt from October 4th to October 15th.

Protestants and Orthodox regions didn’t like taking orders from the pope, so they lagged behind in the adoption of the new calendar—but eventually everyone got on board, and today, the “Gregorian Calendar” is nearly universal. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

“See everything, overlook a great deal, and correct a little.” ~ St. John XXIII



Justice Challenge: Sunday’s Gospel tells the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), only one of whom returned to thank Jesus for being healing. Lepers were considered outcasts in Jewish society, sometimes being forced to wear bells around their necks to warn others of their approach so people could avoid them completely. How starved for human contact they must have been! Jesus’ healing of the lepers was more than a cure for a skin disease. He gave back to them the precious gift of interaction, of connection, of touch. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who has been rejected by others. It might be the kid at school whom everyone picks on, or the co-worker who messes up all the time, or the family on the block who doesn’t keep their yard as tidy as the neighbors think they should. It might be a whole immigrant community. Whoever you choose, spend some time with this person or group, learning something about them which reminds you that they, too, are created in God’s own image and likeness. They, too, deserve respect and dignity. Keep them in your prayers.

Everyday Stewardship – The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.” Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It’s not that they are naive. It’s not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It’s simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let’s ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God’s grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don’t despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and unnoticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“On his deathbed, Pope John said: “It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead.”

“Good Pope John” died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.” <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

September 25 – \$ 1,555.00

October 2 - \$ 1,545.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$ 14,375.37

Thank you for your generous support!

Donations can be made in person or on our website:

<https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>



3% of October's collection will be given to World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday supports the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which assists Mission work throughout our Diocese.



"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you?
Consider giving thanks as a priest,

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

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.

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.

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.

I GUESS NAAMAN WAS LOOKING FOR MORE OF A SHOW.

YES.

AND ELISHA DOESN'T EVEN COME OUT TO SPEAK WITH HIM.

I GUESS I THINK ELISHA COULD HAVE REALLY **BUILT SOMETHING** IF HE'D PAID MORE ATTENTION TO **PRESENTATION.**



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2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15

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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

"Continuously ask for guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

~ Blessed Carlo Acutis

*"When we pray we speak to God;
But when we read, God speaks to us."*

~ St. Jerome