



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)

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES (Nov 1 – Tues)

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES (Nov 2-Wed)

7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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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:

Fiat mihi secundum verbum

(Fee-aht-me-he-say-coon-doom-ver-boom)

Be it done unto me according to Thy Word

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C October 30, 2022



First Reading: Wisdom 11:22–12:2

God is merciful because all things were created by God.

Responsorial: Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14

Sing praise to God, who is faithful.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2

Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 30: Hallow's Eve Blessing & Bags for students

Nov 1: All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

Nov 2: All Souls Day

Nov 4-7: St. Ignatian Retreat for Men at Lost Lake Boy Scout Camp. Contact servidoras@cbna.org

Nov 6: FALL BACK – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 6-12: National Vocation Awareness Week

Nov 6, 13, 20: Baptism Class after SHC 11:00 AM Mass at SHC. Call 907-474-9032 to register.

Nov 6: National Collection for Military Diocese

Nov 10: National Eucharistic Preacher in Alaska – Adoration with reflection at SHC - 7–9 pm

Nov 11: National Eucharistic Preacher in Alaska - Young Adult Night – 7–9 pm



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 meets **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 – **Wednesday evening** 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. This is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who:

- Just wants to learn more about their Catholic faith
- Desires to become Catholic
- Might be interested, but unsure
- Wants to be baptized as a teen or an adult
- Wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation, 1st Eucharist).

Marriage Prep: “Beloved- Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” classes offered quarterly. Fall classes will be held at St. Nicholas in North Pole on **Tuesday Evening** - 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 Student Association – Thursday Meeting 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. **November Book:** *Our Lady of Kibeho: Mary Speaks to the World From the Heart of Africa* by Immaculee Ilibagiza c.2008

REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

For more information or to help out, visit the webpage at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or you can call Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at 907-452-3533.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES:

A wonderful way of remembering our departed loved ones! Sacred Heart Cathedral creates a special prayer space during the month of November in remembrance of the souls of our faithful departed. *Envelopes may be found on the credenza between the offices at the back of the church.* You may drop your envelopes in the collection basket at Mass or place them in the Payment Envelope Box located on the door to the office manager's office. Mass Stipends are for the pastor's discretionary fund which goes wherever the pastor decides. *Please make the check out to: Sacred Heart Cathedral and in the memo put “All Soul’s Mass Intention.”*



THE TRIDUUM OF HALLOWTIDE		
All Hallows' Eve <i>Violet Vestments</i> <i>The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them.</i>	All Saints Day <i>White Vestments</i> <i>Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.</i>	All Souls Day <i>Black Vestments</i> <i>May eternal light shine upon them forever, O Lord, with Thy saints forever, for Thou art kind.</i>



Justice Challenge: : This week we celebrate both All Saints and All Souls Days. On November 1, we honor the Communion of Saints. Many of the saints found their path to holiness by serving God's most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to choose a saint whose life modeled justice, compassion, and love for those in need. Use a book on the lives of the saints (we recommend All Saints—Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time from Crossroads Publishing) to find a saint who inspires your whole family/household. Read the life of this saint, then discuss one thing you can do to emulate the saint in his/her outreach to those in need. Then commit to doing it—at least once. But also challenge yourselves to make this an ongoing action for your family.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: The Book of Wisdom poetically describes the same dynamic dramatically depicted in the Gospel that takes place between Jesus and Zacchaeus: changed behavior is called forth, God loves and spares all things, God desires conversion and grants salvation.



... to experience: Some people we meet have a lasting effect on us. For example, John Paul II's effect on the young people gathered for world youth days, a respected teacher's influence on a youngster's choice of career, a beloved grand- parent's impact on a youngster's behavior. The challenge of the gospel is to allow Jesus to come close enough to us to have lasting effect.



What are the Catholic origins of Halloween?

Though it is often hijacked by the pagan, demonic, and secular, All Hallows' Eve has a treasured place in Catholic tradition...

...but you'd never know it when walking down the street in October, seeing houses gaudily strewn with fake spiderwebs, skeletons, and repulsive cadavers. Some Christians have considered withdrawing totally from this "holiday," since it seems like the domain of the devil.

But the *proper* celebration of Halloween is very much a part of Catholic tradition.



Halloween is another word for "All Hallows' Eve"—the eve of All Saints' Day. In the old Church calendar, the Vigil of All Saints was a liturgical event. It had its own Mass, where the priest would vest in penitential purple, the usual color for vigils. He would don white in the evening for the First Vespers of All Saints, which marked the beginning of the Church's celebration of this great holy day.

Together, the Vigil (October 31st), the Feast of All Saints (November 1st), and the Commemoration of All Souls (November 2nd) formed a comprehensive picture of the Catholic view of the afterlife.

Then, there are the Vespers of the Dead—sometimes called "Black Vespers," since the priest would vest in black, the color of death and mourning. These Vespers were not officially said on Halloween, but rather after Second Vespers on All Saints' Day, looking toward All Souls' Day. In the Catholic region of Brittany, a devotion developed of saying these Vespers on Halloween itself. It seems these Breton folk were quite solemn on Halloween and kept the importance of praying for the dead at the forefront of their Vigil doings.



In the British Isles, festive All Hallows' Eve traditions arose that will sound familiar to you. Children would go door-to-door begging for a "soul cake" and promising in return to pray for the deceased of the giver's family. The Halloween tradition of dressing up is also

potentially connected with this custom (pictured below: an excellent Halloween/All Saints costume—St. Michael!).

Because of her Protestant leanings, Queen Elizabeth I forbade the traditions associated with All Souls' Day. But these customs escaped her anti-Catholic, anti-fun edicts and have made their way down the centuries to us today. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Everyday Stewardship More Than A Buzzword



If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Will you share in Christ's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.’”

LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 16 - \$ 630.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023: \$ 16,556.37

Thank you for your generous support!

Donations can be made in person or website: <https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>

3% of November's collection will go

towards Archdiocese for the Military and Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection. World Mission Sunday supports the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which assists Mission work throughout our Diocese. Check our website for more details.



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; St. Mark parishioners - especially those who are sick; the protection of the unborn; return of Fallen Away Catholics to the sacraments; people living in countries in conflict; and those in service to our country. Remember the souls of all who have faithfully departed.

5 Reasons To Pray For The Souls In Purgatory

<https://catholicgentleman.com/2014/11/forgotten-church-5-reasons-pray-souls-purgatory/>

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

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.

Monroe Catholic High School seeking **Part-time Religion teacher** for 8th grade Sacraments and 9th grade Church History. If interested, please contact Patrick Riggs at priggscf@catholic-schools.org.

FRANCISCAN NEWS...

The first weekend of November, five people from Fairbanks will go through the Rite of Admission (the first formal step) to become a professed Secular Franciscan. Three people from Our Lady of Angels Fraternity in Deer Park, Washington (near Spokane) will be hosting a three-hour retreat here at **Saint Raphael on Nov. 5th from 2pm-5pm** with Rite of Admission celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 6th at 2pm. The retreat on Nov. 5th is open to **ANYONE** who is **INTERESTED** in becoming a Secular Franciscan. Contact Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com for more information. **Candidates are Gloria Slagle, Deacon George Bowder, Camille Connelly- Terhune, Ronnie Rosenberg and Yoko Collier.** There is another formation group meeting who are not quite ready for the Rite of Admission. Both groups combined make a total of eight people, pursuing a Franciscan vocation in Fairbanks. We are so blessed to be able to form a professed Franciscan presence here in Alaska and are incredibly grateful to the Franciscans from the Northwest Region for working with us. Our local Franciscans: Br. Bob Ruzika, Br. Justin Huber, Sr. Kathy Radich, Fr. Joe Hemmer and Fr. Think Van Tron, have been a great support to our group!



Young Adult Night with Visiting Eucharistic Revival Preacher

Young Adults (18-35ish) are invited to have a night of adoration, reflection, and community on Friday, Nov 11 from 7-9 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The evening will include Adoration, Food, Conversion, and a Reflection all led by our visiting Eucharistic Revival Preacher Fr. Doug Grandon.

Eucharistic Preacher In Town Nov 10-16

The USCCB has prepared a team of priests to dedicate their time during the Eucharistic Revival to go out into the dioceses of the United States and spread the good news of the Eucharist. The diocese of Fairbanks will welcome Fr. Doug Grandon Nov 10-16. During his visit he will have offer nights of adoration and offer a prayerful reflection on the Eucharist during adoration throughout the road system. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.