



# 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)

**Mass:** 5:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

*Sacrament of Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Cathedral*

*Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM or by Appt.*

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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 by arrangement with pastor.

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage,

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

Sacraments of 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:**

**Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa**

**(may-uh-cull-pah...may-uh-moxi-muh...)**

My fault, my fault, my most grievous fault

"In God's will, there is great peace."

~ Josephine Bakhita

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C November 6, 2022**



### **First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14**

Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15**

The just person will live in God's presence.

### **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians and asks for their prayers.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38**

Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

*Please use envelopes at entrance of Church for this collection.*

**Nov 7:** SHC Book Club 12:30-2:30pm downstairs at SHC

**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 at SHC – 7–9 pm

**Nov 11: Veterans Day**

*"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 6-12, 2022 . Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN – JOSH MILLER**

## Today begins Vocation Awareness Week

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.

During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation “Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.”

~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER IN ALASKA**

Come for a night of Adoration with a reflection led by one of the National Eucharistic Preachers

Sacred Heart Cathedral	Nov 10 7-9pm
Young Adult Night	Nov 11 7-9pm
Healy	Nov 12 7-9pm
Nenana	Nov 13 3-5pm
Delta Junction	Nov 14 6-8pm
Saint Raphael's	Nov 15 7-9pm
Saint Nick's	Nov 16 7-9pm

To our winners for the 2022-23 school year scholarships/awards

*Congratulations from St. Mark Parish!*

Dean Adelgran -Strom Award (\$500).

Elisabeth Hennemann - St. Mark Life & Leadership Award (\$1,000 - \$500/semester).

*Keep up with your hard work and studies!*



**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. his is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith.

**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. Contact: Fr. Welcome at [wchipiro@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu) for more information.



**Justice Challenge:** November 11 marks the celebration of Veterans Day. We honor those who have fought to defend our country and its citizens, including those who paid the ultimate price and sacrificed their lives. Many of today’s veterans suffer from mental or physical illnesses, stress, and financial difficulties. Our Church has a long tradition of supporting our Armed Forces while always looking for the most peaceful resolution to conflict and the denial of human rights. Your challenge this week is to look for ways to honor a veteran in your community. Is there a homeless shelter where you can serve, seeking out a veteran who is present? Is there a veteran in your neighborhood whom you can thank—through a card or a personal greeting—for his/her service to our country? Take time to reach out to someone who has served faithfully. Give veterans the human dignity and respect they deserve.

### 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?

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” ~Clare of Assisi



## Why do priests burn incense at Mass and Adoration?

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Love the scent or hate it, incense is a valuable part of Catholic worship.

So why do Catholics use it so often?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” Also, in Revelation, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.

Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church.



We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we’re reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person’s body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Incense powerfully represents what really happens at the Mass, Adoration, and Benediction. The next time you see incense in Church, think about how in this moment, your prayers are rising to God, and He is descending to earth to make His presence real before you in the Eucharist. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

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



## Everyday Stewardship

### Do We Watch Jesus From A Distance?



It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus’ teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: “Get down. I am coming to your house today.”

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I’m wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don’t want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God’s desire to make us “worthy of His calling.” To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I’ll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** In no uncertain terms, Jesus affirms resurrection and eternal life. This “hope God gives of being raised up by him” (*First Reading*) fortifies us to remain faithful to God even when the price in this life is ultimate (an extreme example of which is the death of the seven brothers). We can give our life because God gives us new life.



... **to experience:** In the ordinariness and busyness of our everyday living, we rarely think about either the end times or eternal life. Nearing the conclusion of the liturgical year, the Lectionary readings invite us to reflect on the reality of the end of the world and God’s promise and gift of fullness of life.

“Charity enters heaven when humility opens the door.”  
~ Maria Natividad Venegas de la Torre

### National Vocation Awareness Week Nov 6-12



“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God.” Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart 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).

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 30 - \$ 650.72

Collection for October 2022: \$4,436.72

3% of October Donations - \$135 - went toward World Mission Sunday

Collection for Fiscal Year 7/1/22-6/30/: \$ 17,177.09

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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

3% of November's collection will go Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection.

Funds donated are split between the Diocese of Pankshin and Maiduguri in Nigeria and Mutare in Zimbabwe. We have seven priests serving us in Northern AK who call these Dioceses' home.



### Pope Francis' November Intentions:

**Children Who Suffer** - We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**Please Pray For...** Pope Francis; Diocese of Fairbanks Apostolic Administrator – Archbishop Andrew Bellisario; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; priests and religious in our Diocese. St. Mark Parishioners. Our students at UAF, area schools, and homeschoolers. The Deceased of our parish. Active Military. Fallen Away Catholics to return to the sacraments. All who live in areas of unrest.

**Pray for our Men and Women in the Military** – Lord, bless ALL the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Keep them safe, especially those in harm's way.

### 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*

### ? Which is the Sabbath day?

~ Saturday is the Sabbath day.

### ? Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

~ We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

~ Rev. Peter Geiermann C.S.S.R., *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, p.50

### Men's & Women's Groups at ICC for all Catholics Interested in Joining!

#### Saint Zelie Martin – Women's Group

**When:** 7:15 pm every other Wed. starting Nov. 9th.

**Where:** Downstairs in the ICC Hall

*Optional 5:30pm Holy Mass, 6:00-7:00pm Adoration*

**Who:** Women of ALL ages (Young Adults, Moms, Empty Nesters, Retired.

**What:** Formation, Fellowship, & refreshments.



#### Saint Louis Martin – Men's

**When:** Every other Thursday starting Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Where:** 6:45pm Adoration in church followed by 8:00pm meet downstairs in the ICC Hall

**Who:** Men of ALL ages (Young Adults, Empty Nesters, Retired.)

**What:** Fellowship and refreshments.

### 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.



#iGiveCatholic is the first-every day of Catholic GIVING in our nation. Join US and show your support for our Catholic schools! Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. You can donate online or with an offline gift of check, cash, or donate by credit card. Give us a call at 907-313-3062 OR give online at <https://www.cahtolic-schools.org/donate.html>.

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

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



Extra unused Xmas Cards taking up space around the house? St. Mark's will host an exchange November 23<sup>rd</sup> for those who want to participate. Bring in your extra cards from years past and put them on the table to share with others. Feel free to take ones you need! We will donate any leftover cards to Pioneer Home.

### Bring Christ into your home at Advent!

November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> St. Mark's will have Advent items available for donations. We'll have a selection of Advent Calendars, Jesse Tree Calendars, bookmarks, 2023 Liturgical Calendars, and Diocesan ornaments and cards.

### 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](mailto:amenard@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop-abuse-reporting>.