



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.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

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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 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:

Medi terra (med-e-tehr-a)

“middle earth” for all you Tolkien fans, myself included, literally is where we get the name for the Mediterranean Sea. It was the sea in the middle of the empire of Rome. Fun stuff.

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

November 13, 2022



First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9

Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 12: 12:30pm at SHC Rehearsals start for Christmas Concert date TBA.

Nov 14-28: #iGiveCatholic is the first-ever day of Catholic GIVING in our nation. Check Fairbanks Catholic Schools for more information.

Nov 17: Saint Louis Martin – Men's @ ICC

Nov 18: ICC Faith-Film-Food 6:30pm Potluck/7pm Film

Nov 20: St. Mark Christmas Card Exchange

Nov 20 & 27: Advent Items available for homes.

Nov 23: Saint Zelig Martin – Women's Group @ ICC

Nov 24: Thanksgiving (*UAF Break 23-27*)

Nov 27: 1st Sunday in Advent

Dec 3: 9am-6pm SHC Christmas Bazaar

Dec 10: UAF Last Day of Instructions

Dec 12-17: UAF Final Examinations

Chancery Job Openings

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)

Visit: <https://www.dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>



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 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.



Justice Challenge: The Sunday Gospel describes the end times and has Jesus challenging the apostles to live faithfully and persevere through the turmoil. Throughout Luke’s Gospel, Jesus paints a picture of his ultimate goal for the future—the realization of his Father’s Kingdom here on earth. The Reign of God brings a kingdom of peace and equality, a world in which everyone has what he/she needs to live a life of dignity and hope. It is a world in which love rules over hate. Your challenge this week is to discuss as a family or household one step you can take to bring the reign of God one step closer to being realized. What act of love or kindness, of justice or equality, can you do to make Jesus’ dream for humanity a reality?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead in November?
November is traditionally the time we pray for those who have died. It could be related that the Liturgical Year is coming to an end and a new year begins starting with the First Sunday in Advent- the period of preparation before Christmas.

FAITH-FILM-FOOD is showing “*Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*” narrated by Jim Caviezel, in Murphy Hall at IC Church, 2 Doyon Place, Fairbanks, on Nov 18. Potluck begins at 6:30pm, movie at 7:00. We are showing this in anticipation of the Feast on December 12. Please join us for this fascinating film!



Extra unused Xmas Cards taking up space around the house? Bring your extra cards next Sunday (Nov 20) and put them on the table at the entrance to share with others. Feel free to take ones you need! Leftover cards will be donated to Pioneer Home.



Bring Christ into your home at Advent!

November 20th & 27th St. Mark’s will have Advent items available for a small donation. Advent Calendars, Jesse Tree Calendars, bookmarks, 2023 Liturgical Calendars, and Diocesan ornaments and cards.



As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to the 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.

Last week was **National Vocation Awareness Week**. As we move forward, be encouraging to the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. Anyone wishing for more information about religious vocations can visit: <https://dicoeseoffairbanks.org/vocations>.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.”
2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don’t go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody’s Business

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for

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



What did Tolkien call “the one great thing to love on earth”?

It’s our true refuge in the trials of life.

The famous Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien was referring to the Blessed Sacrament.

In a letter to his son, Michael, he wrote:

Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that...



When we think of Tolkien, perhaps we don’t think of anything else but the fact that he was a great writer. If we’re not fantasy readers, we probably don’t think about him at all, though most of us have heard of his classic works *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

But there’s much more to Tolkien than his books. His life—much like ours—was *no* fairy tale. His faith—in which his extraordinary imagination was rooted—was tried and tested by unbelievable trials.

He lost his father and mother early. Most of his friends who were with him in the trenches of World War I were killed. He saw the world go from one global conflict to another, and surely was grieved by the loss of faith in an increasingly secular and modern world.

But his faith was his guiding light. He was deeply devoted to the Holy Eucharist, finding in it a place of refuge from the inevitable trials of this world. More than that, he found that everything— even suffering—was transformed by the Eucharist, gaining an eternal meaning in the context of Christ’s love made present on the altar.

So whatever the challenges in your life, the Eucharist is your anchor. Frequent and devout reception of Holy Communion is essential to our spiritual lives. We should also work into our schedules some regular Adoration, where we will find peace and refreshment amidst all our difficulties. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>

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



Everyday Stewardship THE GOD OF THE LIVING



“Sic transit gloria mundi,” is what they used to say at papal coronations. “So passes earthly glory.” Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they’ve been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today’s Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week’s readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn’t die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever. Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability - these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living - and these are the things that last an eternity. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the First Reading:** The First Reading describes the day when evil will be destroyed and those who fear God will walk in the light of God’s justice. On this day, the end will come because God’s purpose will have been accomplished.



... **to experience:** There are billboards and doomsday criers who point to catastrophes and evil as signs of the end times. What happens when we change our perspective and realize that the end times will be upon us only when goodness and justice reign?

“The important thing is to do charity, not to talk about charity. We must understand the work with very poor people as a God’s chosen mission.”

Irmã Dulce Lopes Pontes

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 6 - \$ 1,643.00

Collection for Fiscal Year 7/1/22-6/30/: \$ 19,089.09

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. Active Military. Fallen Away Catholics to return to the sacraments. All who live in areas of unrest. Pray for our loved ones who have died.



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



ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER THEE THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THY DIVING SON, JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, FOR SINNERS EVERYWHERE, FOR SINNERS IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, THOSE IN MY OWN HOME AND WITHIN MY FAMILY. AMEN.

~ St. Gertrude's Prayer For the Souls In Purgatory

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. For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/bishop-abuse-reporting>.

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 Group

When: Every other Thursday starting Nov. 3rd

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-ever day of Catholic GIVING in our nation. Join US and show your support for our Catholic schools! Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 14th – Monday, November 28th. 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.catholic-schools.org/donate.html>.



The sisters are organizing a Christmas Concert! Anyone is invited to come participate.
Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Starting November 12th.

Rehearsals:

12:30pm

Saturdays

@ Sacred Heart Cathedral

Contact Sr. New Eve with any questions!

907-987-9598

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The concert will be the week following Christmas.
Time and date TBD



Check out Catholic Mom to help prepare your children for Sunday Mass – Mass worksheets, puzzles, and more!

<https://www.catholicmom.com/sunday-mass-activities>

*The FACT that
OUR HEARTS
YEARNs for SOMETHING
EARTH can't SUPPLY
Is PROOF that HEAVEN
MUST BE our HOME.*

C.S. Lewis