



# 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 Appointment

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

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

### Clergy

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### Administration

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### Pastoral Council

Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick,  
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### 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](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:**

**gratia** ~ Grace

– it's what we all need and what none of us can earn through our own efforts apart from God. This most simple and fundamental words in our vocabulary of faith has its origins in the Latin word *gratia*. Those readers who have ever said the Hail Mary in Latin may be familiar with the phrase *plena gratia—full of grace*. In Latin, *gratia* has the primary meaning of *favor, goodwill, kindness, and friendship*.

## The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2023



**First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

God gives a blessing for the Israelites.

**Responsorial: Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8**

All the people sing praises to God.

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

God sent his Son to make us children of God.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wednesdays** – Holy Hour at 11 AM followed by Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Jan 1** – World Day of Peace

**Jan 7** – Epiphany

**Jan 17** – UAF Spring Semester first day of class.

### **New Year's Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Vigil Mass: Sat, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30 PM

Mass on the Day: Sunday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

~ 8:00 am, 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

St. Mark University Parish 5:30 pm @ SHC

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Vigil Mass: Sat, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:30 PM

Mass on the Day: Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

~ 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

St. Mar University Parish 5:30 PM @ SHC

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*New Year remind us that God is giving us just another chance to have another year to do our best and make the most of it!*

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**  
Thank you for joining us at Mass.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday** 3-4:00pm at SHC (none on 12/24) or by arrangement with Fr. Ross Tozzi or Fr. Piotr Oprych by calling SHC – 907-474-9032.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** meets 7:30 – 8:45 PM – **Wednesday** evenings at SHC.

**Oratory Religious Education** – Meets from 1:30 – 4:15 PM on **Saturday**, downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Confirmation** – **Thursday** 6:00 to 7:00 PM downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Youth Group** – **Thursday** 7:00 to 8:45 PM downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**Marriage Preparation** – **Saturday** morning – Jan 28 to Mar 11 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding. In preparation of marriage, engaged couples are invited and asked to attend Beloved Classes (once a week for 6 weeks), and Engaged Encounter weekend.

**SHC Book Club** – **January Book:** The Ascent to God: Divine Theosis Revealed and Realized in the Teaching of John Paul II by Thomas P. Kuffel and Nancy Carol James. The Forward is by Chad Zielinski.

**Catholic Student Association** – Is on break until January 17, 2023 (Tuesday). Meetings and Masses will start up again in January. Contact [UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu) or [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) for more information.

**Sacrament of Vocations**– contact Fr. Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504.

**Funerals** – Contact Parish office at SHC – 907-474-9032



**Justice Challenge:** The first week of January is National Migration Week. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were refugees when they fled to Egypt to escape the persecution by Herod. They know what it is like to be strangers in another land. Your challenge this week is to honor those who migrate by educating yourself on the reality and reasons for migration. Go to the United States Bishops' website <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/> and learn about migration through the lens of faith. Then choose one concrete action recommended on the Bishops' website which you can do to stand with refugees in today's world. Or, if you have migrants or refugees in your own community, determine one thing you as a family can do to support them.

**Three Theological Virtues** ~ Faith, Hope, and Love.  
**Four Cardinal Virtues** ~ Justice, Prudence, Temperance, and Fortitude (Courage).



## Marriage Class-Winter '23

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
 January 28 – March 11, 2023  
 9:00 am – 10:30 am

The Cathedral is offering a city-wide marriage preparation course using the Beloved Series on six Saturday Mornings this winter. We invite all those interested - engaged or thinking about marriage - to learn the ABC's of how to have a healthy, happy, and holy relationship.

Sessions will take place in the Cathedral Social Hall on Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, and 11. (There will not be a session on the weekend of the Catholic Engaged Encounter 17-19 February)



**Contact:** Fr. Ross Tozzi at [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call (907) 347-3005.

### Connecting the Gospel ...

... *to the Second Reading:* Mary reflects “in her heart” on the mystery unfolding within and around her.

This mystery is fully revealed when God pours “the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,” making us children of God.



... *to experience:* Once we are beyond the Christmas season, we tend to forget about the import of the incarnation for our daily living. Mary teaches us that continued active reflection on this mystery is how we are drawn more deeply into its fullness and able more perfectly to live the grace of being children and heirs of God.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” LUKE 2:19*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



## The 10 principal virtues of Mary

Check our bulletin insert for Part I of discussion on Our Lady's ten principal virtues.

The first five of the ten principal virtues of Our Lady, as they are listed by St. Louis de Montfort in his beloved work *True Devotion to Mary*: profound humility, lively faith, blind obedience, continual prayer, and universal mortification – can be found in the bulletin insert.

Today, we will finish with the latter five: divine purity, ardent charity, heroic patience, angelic sweetness, and divine wisdom.

**Divine purity.** To be pure of heart means that everything in your heart is of God and in accordance with His will. “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God...” Mary saw God more clearly than any other human because nothing blurred her vision of Him.



*Mater Dolorosa by Carlo Dolci*

**Ardent charity.** Mary's heart was the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. She was continually on fire with the love of God, and everything she did, said, and thought was motivated by this boundless love for God and for her neighbor for His sake.

**Heroic patience.** Our Lady encountered difficulties in her life as everyone on earth does. In fact, next to Jesus Himself, she suffered more than any human being who ever lived. But no matter how big or small the trial, she bore it patiently, without sourness, irritability, or despondence. Even the death of her Son was a trial she bore willingly—and *heroically*.

**Angelic sweetness.** We might sometimes wonder what it would have been like to meet Our Lady on the streets of Nazareth. It would have been like meeting an angel. You wouldn't have been the same afterwards. She radiated kindness, generosity, peace to everyone—even the most difficult individuals.

**Divine wisdom.** Mary's ongoing contemplation of divine things caused her to see everything through the lens of the divine—which is a lens of perfect clarity and accuracy. Everything to her gained its proper perspective when viewed as part of God's plan. She therefore possessed the gift of wisdom in the highest degree.

Contemplate Our Lady's virtues often and strive to apply them to your life—but don't do it alone. Our Lady herself is ready and waiting to help you imitate her virtues and guide you in the paths of God. She is our Mother, given to us by Christ Himself, and she loves us more than we can imagine. A beloved image of our Mother is a perfect way to draw your thoughts to her during the day and remind you to talk to her often. <https://www.catholiccompany.com>

## She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart



“What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?”

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history – her “origin story,” as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary, and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him, and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

*Mary kept all of these things in her heart. – Luke 2:19*  
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**Prayer of the Faithful:** That just as Mary reflects the light of Christ, we, too, are called to reflect Christ's light to the world.

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God:** “God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him 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)

“The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it.” – Pope Paul VI, 1968



## INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

**Entering our parish church is like walking into our home.** We are comfortable with our surroundings, but do we remember what each of the objects, the surroundings history, and purpose is?

**Narthex** (in Greek means “giant funnel”) – the gathering space, just inside the front doors of the Church before entering the Worship space where the faithful greet one another before and after Mass.

<https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/inside-our-sacred-space/>

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 25 - \$ 638.00  
Collection for Fiscal Year  
7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 24,834.09

**Thank you for your generosity  
and continued support!**

### 2022 Donations

The accounting system in the Parish Office will not allow us to post donations received after December 31, 2022, to your 2022 contributions. If you would like your contributions to be credited to 2022, they MUST be received by December 31, 2022.

### 2022 Tax Statements

The 2022 Tax Statements will be available at the end of January. Please make sure your address is up to date with the Parish Office.



### Pope Francis' January Intentions:

#### For Educators:

“We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”

**Remember:** Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; all serving in our Diocese; St. Mark Parishioners; Fallen away Catholics; for all who volunteer in our community; homebound and those under medical care; our deceased family members.

## CHALKING THE DOOR

### The Epiphany House Blessing

“Chalking the door” is a centuries-old custom in which Christians gather on the feast of the Epiphany to ask God’s blessing on their home.

“20+C+M+B+23” – “20” and “23” refer to the actual year.

The “+” between letters symbolizes the cross of Christ. The ‘C M B’ initials represent the three Magi, and these initials abbreviate the Latin “*Christus Mansionem Benedict*” (May Christ bless this house).

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) if you would like to get chalk next Sunday (1/7/23).

Riches, both material and spiritual, can choke you if you do not use them fairly.

For not even God can put anything in a heart that is already full.

-- Mother Teresa

## REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN

If you would like to help out in the soup kitchen, please contact us via e-mail or phone to find out more about how you and your family can volunteer at either 907-452-3533 ext. 1003, or at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org). You can donate for lunch bag items (granola/protein bars, hot cocoa mix, snack-size Ziplocs, used plastic shopping bags) or clothing (hand/toe warmers, gloves). Please drop off at the side entrance at ICC during office hours 11AM – 1PM (Wed-Sun) or call/e-mail to arrange a drop off time. Please make sure that the donation is physically handed off to someone at ICC. Please pray for those who support the mission and those we serve. Thank you.



## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who said to Your Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church and deign to give her peace and unity according to Your Will: Who live and reign, God, world without end. Amen.

Let us Pray: For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

## GREET THE NEW YEAR THE CATHOLIC WAY

- \* Be happy with who you are, remembering God made you and loves you.
- \* Choices you make are your responsibility.
- \* Prayer is the most powerful of weapons and can be your greatest ally.
- \* The key to happiness is to give of yourself, not to “get” for yourself.

St. Michael the Archangel will always “defend us in battle.” St. Anthony will help us find lost items. St. Jude will help us through seemingly impossible barricades. Good St. Joseph is ready to help us, and especially to help all men be good fathers and husbands. St. Monica will help moms and St. Dymphna will help those experiencing emotional difficulties or suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. And, of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for all of us. <https://aleteia.org>

*THANK YOU to all our parishioners who volunteer in our Diocese. You and your kind works are greatly appreciated.*