



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 SHC

Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM (*None on 12/24*)

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM followed by Mass

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

Clergy

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph:907-347-3005

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Deacon Warren Lucero

Administration

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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

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022



First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

God's salvation is announced to the world.

Responsorial: Psalm 98: 1-6

A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

God now speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

On behalf of St. Mark Parish ~ We extend



a warm welcome to those traveling, visiting families and friends, and to our members and their guests. May God's peace and blessings always be with you! Thank you & Merry Christmas! Feel free to contact us if you wish to help in any of our ministries or have questions regarding

our parish. St. Mark Office 907-374-9564.

Merry Christmas and may we look forward to the happiest of New Year!

Christmas Mass

Vigil Mass: Saturday, Dec 24th

~ 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM, Midnight
(Music Begins at 11:15PM)

Mass on the Day: Sunday, Dec. 25th

~ 8:00 am, 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (Spanish)

St. Mark University Parish 5:30 pm

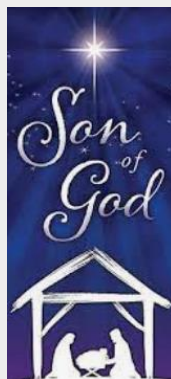
New Year's Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass: Sat, **Dec 31st** ~ 4:30 PM

Mass on the Day: Sunday, **January 1st**
~ 8:00 am, 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

St. Mark University Parish 5:30 pm



Christmas Concert



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
1300 Peger Rd
MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH
3 PM

Come join us to celebrate the birth of Our Lord with a presentation of traditional Christmas Carols, and other pieces prepared by singers of the diocese.
Cookies and hot chocolate to follow!



St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS L



CHRISTMAS is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/christmas>

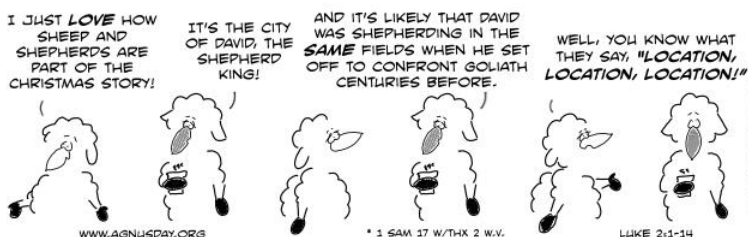
Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: In the beginning, the Word was God, this life was the light, shines in the darkness, From his fullness we have all received



To the point: God's Word is an eternal word, present at the beginning of creation and present to us now. God spoke a creative word "In the beginning," incarnated a glorious Word at that first Christmas, and continues to speak to us a saving Word, the "only Son, God." May this Word be for us the "true light" that leads us to the fullness of grace and truth.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

The Catholic Company presents

GET FED
Bite-Sized Faith

How long is the Christmas season?

Don't ditch your tree on December 26th. Christmas is just getting started!

One of the joys of being Catholic is that we accord our great feasts all the festivity they deserve.

For us, Christmas is not merely a one-day event that is over as soon as it has begun.

In fact, while Christmas Day itself is the 25th, the Feast really lasts a full 8 days: an octave. The Church celebrates her most sacred feasts with octaves. In the current calendar, Christmas and Easter have their own octaves, and in the older calendar, feasts such as Pentecost did as well.

And the season of Christmas doesn't end after the octave. Our celebrations continue through the "Twelve Days of Christmas," which end on the Feast of the Epiphany—January 6th, though it is often transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

And still, we keep celebrating.

According to the current calendar of the Church, the Christmas season doesn't end until the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, which usually occurs on the Sunday following Epiphany.



According to the older calendar, the Christmas season goes all the way through February 2nd, the Feast of Candlemas. Also called the Purification of Our Lady, or the Presentation of Our Lord, this feast commemorates the day Our Lady went to the Temple to fulfill the requirements of the Mosaic Law forty days after Our Lord's birth.

Christmas is a *season*, not just a day. The Church invites us to celebrate this most glorious mystery of our redemption with *weeks* of rejoicing. Another happy effect of this arrangement is that we are able to observe Advent with a certain reserve, penitence, and anticipation—to use it as a true spiritual preparation for Christmas joy and festivities.

Even though the world forgets Christmas on December 26th, we encourage you to keep those decorations up and continue exulting with the angels at the coming of the Savior to earth! <http://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/>



Pope Francis' December Intentions:

Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organizations:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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; the homebound, elderly at home, in the care of family, or in nursing homes. Pray for individuals living in areas of unrest, as well as servicemen, and volunteers working in those areas. For all those recently deceased and their loved ones.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 18 - \$ 707.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 24,296.09

Thank you for your support!

Donations can be made electronically on our website stmarks@uaf.org.

Look for the WeShare Logo.



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.

Marriage Class-Winter '23

Sacred Heart Cathedral

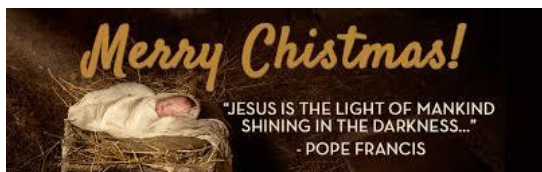
January 28 – March 11, 2023,

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 to register or call (907) 347-3005.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org



"How happy is that guardian angel
who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!"

~ Curé d'Arts, St. John Marie Vianney

Parish Mass Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral (907) 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Latin Rite Mass: 6:30 PM (Call for dates)

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass: 1:00 PM Sunday

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM

Daily Masses:

Mon., Tues, Thurs., Fri. - 7:30 AM

Wed. 12:10 PM

Saint Marks University Parish (907) 374-9504

Sunday: 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Catholic Student Association Weekly Mass will return in January on
UAF campus in Lathrop Hall Room 112. Time to be announced.

Immaculate Conception (907) 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, & 10:00 AM

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Th, 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, Fri: 6:00 PM

Saint Nicholas, North Pole (907) 488-2595

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 12:00 PM

Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Th, Fri: 9:00 AM, Wed 7 PM

Ft. Wainwright Southern Lights Chapel

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Adoration Times

Sacred Heart Cathedral (907) 474-9032

Thursday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday: 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church (907) 452-3533

Tuesday: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturday: 3:00 – 4:00 PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church (907) 457-6603

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Wednesday: 4:30 AM – 5:30 PM

2nd Thursday of the Month: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

St. Nicholas Catholic Church (907) 488-2595

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

*We are eternally gratefully
for those men and women
who have answered their call
to serve Christ.*

Apostolic Administrator

Archbishop
Andrew Bellisario

PRIESTS

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