



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

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A January 15, 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

Responsorial: Psalm: 40:2, 4, 7-10

God desires obedience.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 17: UAF First Day of Class

Jan 18: St. Zelig Martin Women's Group- *every other Wednesday*. 5:30 PM Holy Mass - 6 - 7 PM Adoration. 7:15 PM fellowship downstairs in hall at ICC.

Jan 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 19-27: 9 Days for Life www.9daysforlife.com

Jan 20: Fairbanks Right to Life March on Cushman Bridge 5-6 PM. Murphy Hall @ ICC will be open for warm up, refreshments, and conversation. *Signs will be provided. Dress for the weather.* **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at ICC during March - 5-6pm

Jan 21: Family Formation Night- 6-7:30 PM at ICC

6PM Rosary, 6:30 PM Formation Talk, 7 PM Potluck

Jan 29-Feb 4: National Catholic Schools Week

Jan 28 - Mar 11, 2023: Marriage Class Winter '23 at SHC ~ 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Preparing for Mass

We should plan our schedule around Mass, not Mass around our schedule. +Arriving early allows us to read the Scriptures ahead of time and spend some time in prayer. +Going to Confession before Mass. For those unable to go on Saturday at SHC (3-4 PM), Fr. Ross Tozzi or Fr. Piotr Oprych can be found at SHC 30 minutes prior to Mass near the office door in the entrance (*Narthex*). +Putting our hands (palms together) together during Mass is a way to focus on God, surrender to him, and submit to his will. A reminder that we are not in control, but God is.

Clergy

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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, 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:

trinitatem ~ term for "the number of three"

Latin has also given us one the chief words we use to describe to Whom we pray: the Trinity. Largely for its first two centuries, Trinity as a term describing God was unknown to the Christian world. It was first coined by the Latin Father Tertullian, writing in the early part of the third century.



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3-4:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) or by arrangement with Fr. Ross Tozzi or Fr. Piotr Oprych by calling SHC – 907-474-9032

Oratory Religious Education Classes meet at SHC on **Saturday** afternoons – downstairs.

- 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– **Thursday** 6 - 7 PM at SHC downstairs followed by **Youth Group** 7 to 8:45 PM

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

Sacraments of Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or Ph. 907-374-9504

SHC Book Club – 1st Monday of the month. For more info contact Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com .

Catholic Student Association – Weekly meeting and Mass in UAF Lathrop Building Room 112. Contact club at UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for times.

Homeschool Group – 1st & 3rd Friday in Murphy Hall at ICC after 12:10pm Mass.

ICC Faith-Film-Food – *Every 3rd Friday* - 6:30pm potluck ~ 7:00 movie. All held at ICC, downstairs in Murphy Hall.

Marriage Preparations – 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.

Funerals – Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032

INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

Entering our parish church is like walking into our home. Let's revisit the meaning of each of the objects, the surroundings history, and purpose:

Sanctuary –the area, often raised, in the front of the church where the altar, the ambo, the celebrant's chair and, in many churches, the tabernacle are located. Separated from the nave, this is the place reminiscent of the Holy of the Holies, that is, the inner sanctuary of the temple described in the Old Testament. Interestingly, the altar and tabernacle were centuries apart in their introduction into the Church.

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



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.



Justice Challenge: The First Reading for Sunday is from the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah writes, “I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6) The early Church had to grow into the realization that the “Chosen People” now includes everyone—including people as far away as the ends of the earth! Your challenge this week is to examine your own world. Do you interact with people who are different from you? Does your circle of friends include people of different ages, ethnicity, economic levels, or education? Reflect on how well you bring the good news of Jesus to people beyond your family and friends. How universal is your reach as an evangelizer?

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...”Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** As God formed Isaiah from his mother's womb to be his prophet and a “light to the nations,” so are we called from our baptism to be that same “light to the nations,” revealing the Christ in us to all those we meet.



... **to experience:** We sometimes hear limited and even trite descriptions of who Jesus is, for example, “Jesus is the answer” or WWJD. But the richness of the mystery of Christ encompasses a breadth and depth that cannot be exhausted in quick answers or pithy statements. Nor can it be exhausted even in a life faithfully lived.

Which future pope spent time as a POW?

The Ratzinger family had always stood against the Nazis.

Joseph knew he'd be in trouble if someone found out he'd deserted.

He and his brother Georg had no interest in fighting for the German cause, and their family was firmly anti-Nazi. But like so many other young men in Germany at that time, the two brothers were drafted into the army. Joseph was only eighteen. He never saw combat, and as the war was clearly drawing to a close with the Americans on their way through Germany, he deserted from his unit and returned to his family's farmhouse in Traunstein.

It was a dangerous move. Deserters could be executed on the spot. But the soldiers who stopped him were sympathetic and sent him on his way.



Joseph Ratzinger, many years later as Pope Benedict XVI

The Americans came soon after Joseph arrived home and they established headquarters in the farmhouse. Finding out Joseph was a soldier, they marched him along with thousands of others to a POW camp. Providentially, the future Pope Benedict XVI was released with the ending of the war in the summer. He and his brother entered seminary that fall and were ordained in 1951.

This was only the beginning of Joseph Ratzinger's incredible, courageous, unforgettable life. As we mourn his loss, we also give thanks to God for everything He gave us through Joseph's ministry as a priest, bishop, cardinal, and pope. He stands as one of the greatest theologians and scholars of his time, and his thought and legacy will continue to shape and guide the Church even as she endures his passing. Please join us in praying for the peaceful repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI:

O God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Pope Benedict should be numbered among the high priests, grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen. —Prayer for a deceased pope, from the Roman Missal.

<https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may faithfully live as God's stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb.



Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

**"God dwells in our midst,
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."
~ St. Maximilian Kolbe**

ISAIAH SEEMS REALLY DOWN IN THE DUMPS. "I HAVE SPENT MY STRENGTH FOR NOTHING?"



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

HE WAS DOING HIS BEST WORK AND SEEING NOTHING IN RESULT!



THIS CAN TEMPT US TO DESPAIR AS WELL. - WE DO WHAT WE CAN TO SHARE JESUS AND YET HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.



ARE YOU KIDDING? HAVE YOU SEEN OUR "LIKES"?



ISAIAH 49:1-7

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15

To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

2023 Basic Starter Resolutions

from Fr. Ignatius Kuziemski:

Every day, make time for prayer.

Every week, make time for Mass.

Every month, make time for Confession.

<https://www.ncregister.com>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 8 - \$ 740.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 27,154.09

Thank you parishioners of St. Mark's for your generous support this past year!

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; those in our community who volunteer to help others; the homebound and ailing under medical care; the unborn and elders; and for our deceased loved ones and their families and friends.

Please Pray For Those who serve our country in the Armed Forces that they may be kept safe as the world strives for more peaceful solutions to world conflicts.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOW HIRING!

The Diocese of Fairbanks is hiring for the following positions.

- Director of Annual Giving (Full-time)
- Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator (15-30 hrs./week)

Learn more at dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings! To apply, submit a résumé and cover letter to humanresources@cbna.org.

“The more a man uses moderation in his life, the more he is at peace, for he is not full of cares of many things.”

~ St. Anthony the Great

SHC Book Club Reading List

February – Reclaiming Vatican II: What It Really Said What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church by Fr. Blake Britton c. 2021

March – Awesome Glory: Resurrection in Scripture, Liturgy and Theology by Jeromy Driscoll c. 2019

April – Overcoming the Evil Within: The Reality of Sin and the Transforming Power of God's Grace and Mercy by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM c. 2020

May – Encounters With Angels: The Invisible Companions of Our Spiritual Life by Odile Haumonte c. 2021

June - End of year Potluck

July – (Summer Novel) The Quiet Light: A Novel About St. Thomas Aquinas by Louis de Wohl c. 1950

Looking for ways to help this New Year?

Contact SHC (907-374-0572) to help with food box distribution on Friday's or check out ICC soup kitchen's needs <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> .

ICC FAITH-FILM-FOOD

Eucharistic Revival ~ Jan/Feb/Apr we will be showing several documentaries from the life of Pope St. John Paul II. (March will be a celebration of St. Patrick's Day with the Irish American community.)

January will be JP II in Ireland and in the Americas. This great saint had an extraordinary devotion to the Eucharist and influenced the world by the example of his holiness. *Bring a meatless dish to share* -potluck begins at 6:30 PM, movie at 7 PM in Murphy Hall at ICC, 2 Doyon Place (*Little White Church by the River*) on Friday, Jan 20, 2023.

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*

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, Jenny Michaelson by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse> .

Noveritis – also called the “*Epiphany Proclamation*” or the “*Announcement of Easter and the Movable Feasts*” – announces the important liturgical dates of the coming year. <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/noveritis-epiphany-proclamation>