



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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A (Sunday of the Word of God)

January 22, 2023



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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: persona ~ "mask"

Person is a crucial word not just in our theological vocabulary, but also in Western culture. Again, without Latin, we would not have this word. It's lifted straight out of the ancient language, from *persona*. This originally referred to the masks characters would wear in a dramatic performance on stage. Then it came to refer to the characters themselves. It later came to have a much more substantial meaning and was used by the early Church Fathers to describe God as three persons, one in being.

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial: Psalm: 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

*Every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral:
11:00 Am Holy Hour followed by Noon Mass.*

Jan 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

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

Jan 26: CSA Meeting @ 7 pm UAF Lathrop Hall

Jan 26: St. Louis Martin Men's Group @ ICC – 6:45pm

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

Feb 1: St. Zelig Martin Women's Group @ ICC – 5:30pm

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3-4:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) or by arrangement with Fr. Ross Tozzi or Fr. Piotr Opyrch 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.

Saint Louis Martin Men’s Group – Every other Thursday at 6:45 pm at ICC (next group Jan 26th). For men of all ages! 6:45 pm Adoration/8:00 pm Meet in the hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Saint Zelig Martin Women’s Group – Every other Wednesday at 7:15 pm at ICC. (next group Feb 1st). For women of all ages! 5:30pm Holy Mass; -6-7pm Adoration; 7:15 meet in the hall or formation, fellowship, and refreshments.

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

Altar – The altar is the centerpiece, the most important part of the church to which everything else is subservient. Every Catholic church is built for the altar. Altars have been part of religious services going back to antiquity, even before churches were built; the name altar is derived from a Hebrew word meaning “place of sacrifice.” The top of the altar, called the *mensa*, a Latin word for table -“the table of the Lord and center of the church.”

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



On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16)

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. (No session on the weekend of the Catholic Engaged Encounter Feb 17-19.

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



Justice Challenge: The Gospel for Sunday includes Jesus’ call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be his apostles. Scripture tells us that they dropped their nets and immediately responded to his invitation. Your challenge

this week is to listen to Jesus’ call to you. What is he asking you to do this week, particularly for those who are in need of healing. Just as Jesus cured those who were sick as he proclaimed the Kingdom of God, how can you help to heal someone who has an injured heart or soul? How can you bring them Jesus’ message of God’s boundless love and desire that all people live in dignity and hope?

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”

Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.





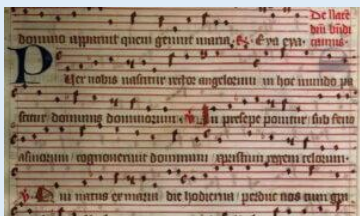
Why is Latin the language of the Church?

Before the dawn of the Church, Latin was a language spoken by everyone—from kings to servants.

The Roman Empire spanned all of Europe, from Great Britain down to north Africa and over to Palestine in the East. For six hundred years, Roman law, military, and language ruled supreme.

The birth of Our Lord occurred right in the middle of that time. The empire did not begin crumbling until around St. Augustine's time, and then the breakdown of Roman civilization and culture was gradual.

At the time of the birth and propagation of the Holy Church, Latin was the common language for those living under Roman rule. Church leaders spoke and wrote primarily in Greek, but around the 3rd century Latin began to increase in predominance, since that was the language of the faithful.



Despite the fall of the Roman empire, the Church retained Latin as her common language, and even built up her own form of the language which came to be known as ecclesiastical Latin.

Although Latin has faded from common use, it's making a comeback in prayer and liturgy. Many Catholics want to experience the ancient language of the Church. Do you want to introduce the traditional Latin prayers into your prayer life, too? [*Oremus: A Treasury of Latin Prayers*](#) is the perfect guide for you. Complete with literal English translations next to each cherished Latin prayer and a pronunciation key, this book will enrich your prayer life, whether at home, at Mass, in private, or in a group. <https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may faithfully follow Jesus, wherever and whenever He calls.

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. +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.

They left their nets and followed him.

~ Matthew 4:20



The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17

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Sister Andre Randon, a French nun and the oldest person in the world (11 February 1904 – 17 January 2023) passed away at the age of 118. Born Ales, France, she converted from Protestantism to Catholicism at the age of 19. She became a nun at the age of 40 – joining the Daughters of Charity – founded by St. Vincent de Paul. She retired from full time work at 75 and continued caring for the elderly until she was 100. At the age of 116, she shared her “recipe for a happy life” – prayer and a cup of hot cocoa every day. www.thecatholictelegraph.com

Meet the Six Newest Venerable Servants of God in the Catholic Church - <https://www.ncregister.com/cna/meet-the-six-newest-venerable-servants-of-god-in-the-catholic-church>

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22

“Repent! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister, or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 15 - \$ 1,973.00
Collection for Fiscal Year
7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 29127.09

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

2022 Tax Statements

2022 Contribution Statements for the IRS have been mailed out. Please contact Mary Pat Boger 907-374-9564 or stmark@cbna.org if you have any questions.



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.”

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; all serving in our Diocese; Fallen away Catholics; the homebound and ailing under medical care; the unborn and elders; deceased loved ones and their families and friends. Please pray for all students and educators as they begin a new semester.

Remember Those serving our country in the Armed Forces that they may be kept safe as the world strives for more peaceful solutions to world conflicts.

There is an incredible and a growing opportunity for grandparents to teach their grandchildren the faith. Often, you will be the only ones doing so.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOW HIRING!

The Diocese of Fairbanks is hiring for the following positions.

- Director of Annual Giving (Full-time)
- Construction Project Manager (Full-time)

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

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>

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 others?

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> .

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER

O God, our eyes behold
the beauty of your creation,
and our ears catch the sounds of your power.
We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.
Bring us to greater awareness of the
Sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times
we have ignored or offended it.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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> .

“God freely created us that we might know, love, and serve him in this life and be happy with him forever. God’s purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with him in heaven.”

~ St. Ignatius Loyola