



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

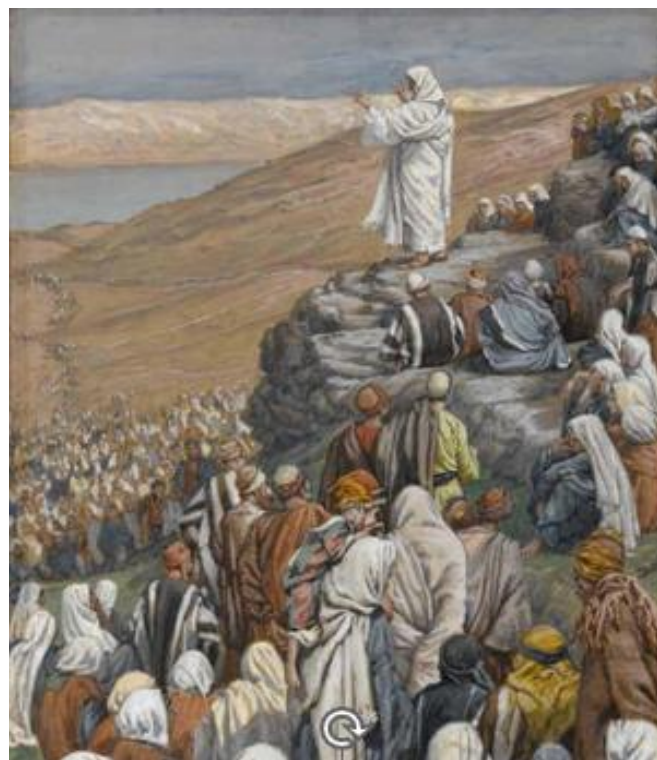
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR-11AM & MASS-NOON

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Blessed Are We

January 22, 2023



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:

incarnare: *And the Word was made flesh...*

In the Greek text of the New Testament this reads *Kai ho Logos sarx egeneto*, but the word we mostly commonly use to describe what happened to the second person of the Trinity—Incarnation—is not taken from these Greek words. Instead it's from the Latin *incarnare*, to make flesh. This verb is built off the noun **caro**, meat, flesh.

<https://catholicexchange.com>

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial: Psalm: 146:6-10

The Lord is faithful forever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Cathedral:

11:00 Am Holy Hour followed by Noon Mass.

Jan 29-Feb 4: Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Jan 28 – Mar 11, 2023: Marriage Class Winter '23

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

Feb 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Feb 2: CSA 12N Mass - Lathrop Hall Rm 112 **New time*

Feb 2: CSA 7pm Meeting – Lathrop Hall

Feb 2: World Day for Consecrated Life

1st & 3rd Friday: Homeschool Group meets in Murphy

Hall at ICC after 12:10pm ICC Mass

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday



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

Altar Serving Training – Feb 4 (Sat). Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults.

Oratory Religious Education Classes meet at SHC on **Saturday** afternoons – downstairs. 1:30 PM – 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

Marriage Preparations – Please contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding. Contact rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

Marriage Class (Winter '23) – 9-10:30 AM at SHC Social Hall. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 & 11)

Engaged Encounter Weekend (Winter '23) – Feb 17-19 at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole.

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

Catholic Student Association – Weekday Mass - 12 PM Thursday. Meetings held every Thursday – 7 PM. Club events held at UAF Lathrop Building Room 112. Contact club at UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

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.

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

The generous will be blessed, or they share their food with the poor. – Proverbs 17:9

INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

Tabernacle – a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass, protecting the sacrament. Canon Law spells out the rules for the tabernacle's location: "The tabernacle in which the Blessed Eucharist is reserved should be sited in a distinguished place in the church or oratory, a place which is conspicuous, suitable adorned and conducive to prayer" (No. 938.2). As authorized by Church law, and approved by the local bishop, some churches use a separate chapel to house the tabernacle. The tendency today is to keep the tabernacle in proximity to the altar. **Wherever located, the tabernacle is always locked and immovable in order to protect the Eucharist.*

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

Marriage Class-Winter '23

Sacred Heart Cathedral

9:00 – 10:30 AM downstairs in Social Hall.

Classes began at SHC January 28th and will continue to meet for the next 5 weeks (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 & 11) No session on the weekend of Engaged Encounter. 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.

Catholic Engaged Encounter. Please register NOW! For couples interested in or preparing for marriage the next Engaged Encounter Weekend will take place February 17-19 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in North Pole.

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



Justice Challenge: Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

National Catholic Schools Week

"Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish

Monday: Celebrating our Community

Tuesday: Celebrating our Students

Wednesday: Celebrating our Nation

Thursday: Celebrating Vocations

Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers

Saturday: Celebrating Families

<https://www.catholic-schools.org>



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.



“Catholics added seven books to the Bible.”

What’s the truth behind the Deuterocanonical books?

Your Protestant friend is having coffee with you again, and he’s brought another big question with him.

He takes a sip of coffee, pauses, and says, “The Deuterocanonical books are really just apocrypha added by Catholics in 1546. The Bible has 66 books, not 73.”

Good question. But you don’t need to worry—you’re ready for this. You’ve been getting a steady diet of Get Fed and can answer this question easily!

The claim that the Deuterocanon (the seven books of Tobias, Judith, Baruch, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, and Maccabees I and II) was added in 1546 is a myth that arose during the Protestant Revolution to justify removing books from Sacred Scripture that went against incorrect Protestant teachings.

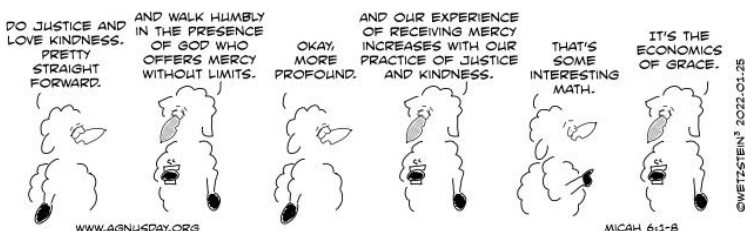
The Deuterocanon was *not* added in 1546. The oldest complete form of the Old Testament, a Greek translation called the Septuagint, contained these seven books (which were originally in Greek).

When the Church finalized the Old and New Testament books that made up the Bible in 382 A.D., she declared the Septuagint to be the official Old Testament. This decision was ratified in subsequent Church councils, with the last ratification taking place at Trent in...1546. The Church was not adding any new books—she was simply affirming the books that had been there all along.



This 73-book version of the Bible remained predominant up to and through the Protestant Revolution. In fact, the King James Version of 1611 contained all seven of the Deuterocanonical books!
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

“We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.” -- POPE FRANCIS



The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven’s sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren’t something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29
“Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters...” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 22 - \$ 361.00
Collection for Fiscal Year
7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 29,488.09

Thank you all for your support of St. Mark’s mission!

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. Pray for all our Catholic Schools – the educators, students, families, & community.

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.

“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”
-- St. Thomas Aquinas

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.

Prayer of the Faithful: The others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress and talk.

Catholic Schools is hiring Full and Part-Time Child Care Specialists for their After School Program 2-6 pm M-F* (*Specific days of the week can be accommodated.) **Qualifications:** 18+ years old; Will work with successful candidate to obtain the training necessary. Contact: Ms. Beach Child Coordinator at 907-519-6316; email cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org or check website <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>



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



Looking for ways to help others?

Contact SHC (907-374-0572) to help with food box distribution on Friday’s.

Contact Regional Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can help (volunteer call Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at (907) 452-3533 or visit <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>