



# 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

*Experience the joy of forgiveness....*

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

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

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A February 5, 2023**



### **Clergy**

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org)

Deacon Warren Lucero

### **Administration**

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### **Pastoral Council**

Mariliss 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](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:**

**credo:** *trust in, rely on...*

Our profession of belief in the Trinity – three persons in one God – is expressed in our creeds. This word appears in one of the key Latin phrases of Catholicism, *lex orandi, lex credenda*—the law of praying is the law of believing, meaning how we pray (and worship in the liturgy) reflects, or should reflect our belief.

<https://catholicexchange.com>

### **First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

### **Responsorial: Psalm 112:4-9**

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Feb 2:** World Day for Consecrated Life

**Feb 7-14:** National Marriage Week

**Feb 9:** Men's Group at ICC

**Feb 11:** World Day of the Sick

**Feb 12:** World Marriage Day ICC

**Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar 4 & 11:** Marriage Class Winter '23

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday:** Homeschool Group meets at ICC.

**Feb 17-19:** Engaged Encounter Weekend

**Feb 22–Apr 8:** Lent observed beginning with Ash Wed.

**Every Tues:** Voices of Hope Prayer Group at SHC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month – **Knights of Columbus** meeting: 6:30-7:00 PM.



**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** at SHC - **Saturday** afternoons – downstairs. 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM. Parents pick children up to either take them to the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass or return home. \*Ages 4-17 for all children in Diocese.

**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](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

**Marriage Preparations** – Please contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding. Contact [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto: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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. For more info contact Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu) for information.

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

**ICC Faith-Film-Food** – *Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Feb 9). 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 TBA). 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

## World Day for Consecrated Life

will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



The Presentation at the Temple  
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE



married life.

**“Marriage...one flesh, given and received.”** USCCB offers “At Home Marriage Retreat” during National Marriage Week, 2023 ~ Feb. 7-15. Set aside time each day to use this resource to celebration and live the great gift of <https://www.usccb.org/resources>

The Diocese has paired with the **Franciscan University of Steubenville's Catechetical Institute** to offer free online classes available for every parishioner to take. These free classes go at your own pace and available all year. Courses cover different topics including, The Eucharist, Ministering as Parents, Faith in the Home, The Catechism 101, and many more. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about their Catholic faith. To sign up for free classes, go to <https://franciscanathome.com/register>. More information is available on the diocesan website under the Faith Formation Page.



**Justice Challenge:** The First Reading for Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah. We are challenged by God's Word: “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own” (Isaiah 58:7-8). Your challenge this week is to choose one of the following works of mercy to live out God's Word in the world: 1) go through your closets and donate good clothes to a homeless shelter; 2) go grocery shopping and buy several extra foodstuffs, then donate them to the local food bank or Catholic Charities; or 3) volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity build or donate money or resources to a homeless shelter.

## INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

**Sanctuary Lamp** -- A visible lamp or candle burning before the tabernacle. Called the sanctuary lamp, it was first used in the 13th century, and Canon Law 940 requires the lamp to burn continuously. This perpetual light is mentioned in Leviticus 6:6 in discussing the fire for burnt offerings: “*Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continuously; it shall not go out.*” The flame signifies his presence and a sign that our love for the Lord is eternal, never to be extinguished. \* The flame of the tabernacle lamp is purposely transferred from candle to candle beginning with the fire lit at the Easter Vigil Mass. <https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/inside-our-sacred-space/>



### “What is true forgiveness?”

*The saints—for instance, St. Edmund Campion—give us many examples of this difficult virtue.*

For lay Catholics in Elizabethan England, keeping the Faith meant fines, house raids, and imprisonment.

For priests and those who sheltered them, it meant torture and death.

Everyone—Catholics and Anglicans alike—knew this.

Some of the Anglicans, considering Catholics to be traitors to the queen, made a point of helping the police by hunting down Catholic priests themselves.

St. Edmund Campion, a priest, was turned in by such a fellow Englishman. The man hunted him down and gave him over to imprisonment and torture.



Then, one day, Campion’s betrayer came to visit him in the Tower.

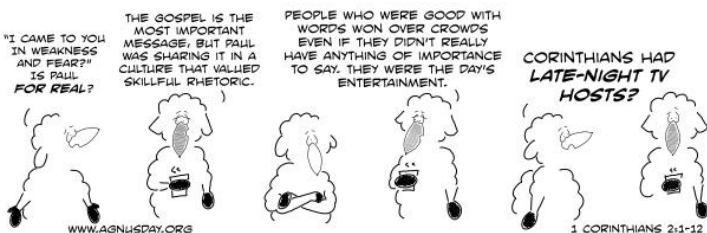
What did the betrayed and tortured priest do? Reject him? Rebuke him?

No. He forgave him.

He forgave him, and then proceeded to urge the man to leave England, where he was no longer safe. He told him of a Catholic nobleman in Germany who would help him and gave him a letter of introduction to present.

St. Edmund Campion’s forgiveness—as well as that of many other saints—went beyond a mere “Forgive and forget” attitude. Such forgiveness, sincere and entire, is *difficult*. Deep hurt and tough questions hold us back: *Why do I have to forgive when I’ve been wronged? What if they do it again? What if I’m just enabling them?* Good Catholic’s new series [How to Forgive](https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed) answers all these tough questions. You’ll learn what true forgiveness is, how forgiveness heals and frees you from past hurts, and much more. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Looking for ways to help others? Contact **SHC Food Box Distribution** (907-374-0572) to help on Fridays. Contact **Regional Soup Kitchen** for more information on how you can help contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at (907) 452-3533 or visit <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>. \*granola/protein bars, hot cocoa mix, and snack size zip lock bags are needed this week.



### If....

It’s a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word “if” to explain away my own flaws. “If I wasn’t so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren’t always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn’t so hard.”

If, if, if.

I don’t always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can’t someone else season the dish? Sometimes it’s more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It’s so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

“If” can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” — Matthew 5:14*  
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!

### Connecting the Gospel ...

**... to the First Reading:** The First Reading makes concrete the “good works” disciples are to do. It also makes concrete who disciples are: “light [that] shall break forth like the dawn.” Armed with light and good works, disciples dispel the darkness of the world and shine forth God’s saving works.



**... to experience:** When the food served is bland, we salt it. When day fades into night, we turn on a light. Simple resolutions for everyday needs. Even these simple resolutions, however, involve a choice and require an action on our part.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5

“Let your light shine before others” Shine your light on those closest to you, especially your spouse and family!” Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 29 - \$ 1,675.00  
Collection for Fiscal Year  
7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 31,163.09

**Thank you for your faithful giving!**



Pope Francis' February Intentions:

### For Parishes:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**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, their families, and friends. Pray for laws and culture that recognize the centrality and integrity of marriage for children and society.

**Remember** Pray for men and women discerning a consecrated vocation with the global Catholic Church. Remember our religious sisters, brothers, and priests as they continue in their missions with courage.

## 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](https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings)! To apply, submit a résumé and cover letter to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org).

## How to Prepare for Lent – Before It Arrives

<https://www.goodcatholic.com/how-to-prepare-for-lent>

## Starting the Day Well

“Our morning prayer should be that in the Imitation: *Da hodie perfecte incipere* - grant me to make an unflawed beginning today, for I have done nothing yet.” – The Weight of Glory, “A Slip of the Tongue”

-- C.S. Lewis

**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](mailto:cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org) or check website <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>



“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, It is not the gospel you believe but yourself.”  
-- St. Augustine

## 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

## 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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

“The Creator alone is the true savior of humanity and is only by trusting the Creator that we find ourselves on the path to saving the world, mankind, and all things.

~ Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)  
From his book *The Divine Project*