



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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023



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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:

substantia ~ Transubstantiation is a word we Catholics have historically used to refer to how the substance of the bread and wine is wholly changed over into the substance of Christ's body and blood, while retaining the appearance of bread and wine. An important related word is consubstantial, which we now use in the revised text of the creed to affirm that Christ was of the same substance as the Father. All three words—transubstantiation, consubstantial, and substance—are Latinate. The original word is *substantia*, meaning quite simply *nature, substance*. This word, in turn, is the result of combining *sub, under* (also meaning *within*) with the *verb stare, to stand, stand firm, remain, rest*. We can see in this second part of the word how it assumed its meaning. <https://catholicexchange.com>

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

Responsorial: Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Are you not aware that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Feb 19: St. Mark – Rite of Sending for CSA member.

Feb 17-19: Engaged Encounter Weekend

Feb 21: Adult Confirmation Class -6-7:30 PM at SHC

**Feb 22: ASH WEDNESDAY – SHC Mass Schedule
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:00 PM**

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

Feb 26: Rite of Election – 4:00 PM @ SHC

Feb 24–Mar 7: Lenten Fridays at SHC - 5:30 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Stations, followed with 6:30 PM Soup.

Mar 3-5: "Answer the Call" Men's Retreat

Blessed Palms from this past year can be brought in and put into the basket (in front of the offices) at the entrance of the church.



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 3-4:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC).

Altar Serving Training –Open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. Next training TBA.

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 evenings 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.

Catholic Student Association – **Thursday** Mass - 12 PM. **Weekly Club Meeting Thursday** – 7 PM. Mass & meetings held at UAF Lathrop Building in Room 112. Contact club at UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – **Fridays at ICC**- 6PM

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

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. 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 .

Knights of Columbus –**2nd Thursday** of the month 6:30 pm.

ICC Faith-Film-Food – **Every 3rd Friday** –at ICC”

Saint Louis Martin Men’s Group – **Every other Thursday (2/23)** for men of All ages! at 6:45 pm at ICC (TBA). For men of all ages!

Saint Zelig Martin Women’s Group – **Every other Wednesday (2/15)** 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

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ELECTION 2023

The Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at **Sacred Heart Cathedral** on Sunday, **February 26th at 4:00 PM.**

Candidates should arrive AT LEAST 20 minutes early. We encourage parishioners attend to support those who receive the Sacraments at Easter and we as the faithful should do our best to encourage and support them. St. Mark Parish will be welcoming a member our CSA.

Adult Confirmation Class for 21 and older.

Sacred Heart Cathedral is offering an Adult Confirmation Class for those 21 and older who have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Penance but have not been confirmed. It is intended for adults who regularly practice their faith, have a valid marriage or are living as a chaste single person.

Formation Sessions will be in person beginning February 21 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Contact Fr Ross Tozzi to register at (907) 474-9032 or rector@cbna.org

Answer The Call: What Does It Mean To Be A Catholic Man?

A Men’s Retreat organized by the Diocese of Fairbanks
When: March 3-5, 2023

Cost: \$40

To Register or for more info contact Benjamin Colwell at (907) 374-9526 or email bcowell@cbna.org
Included in retreat: Meals, reflections, prayer, fraternity.



Justice Challenge: This Sunday’s Gospel challenges us to think differently about revenge and about hating our enemies. While the Old Testament supports the death penalty, it is clear that Jesus is advocating for a different approach when he tells us to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. Your challenge this week is to google Bud Welch, whose daughter was killed by Timothy McVeigh in the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Read about Bud’s view of the death penalty and of his daughter’s killer, then examine your own stance and ask God for guidance on where you are called to stand on this controversial issue. Ask the Spirit to be with you as you strive to live out Jesus’ teaching about meeting violence with nonviolence.

LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from Sacred Heart Cathedral on February 19th. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



The Catholic Company presents

GET FED
Bite-Sized Faith

The famous American hero you've never heard of...

Devout Catholic father of seven, Prisoner of War, Navy Commander, naval pilot, U.S. Senator.

July 18th, 1965. South China Sea near North Vietnam. Heat wavering in the air on the flightdeck. Captain Jeremiah Denton strapped himself into his plane and took off, leading an air strike into Vietnam.

He never returned to that ship.

Shot out of the air, Jeremiah crash-landed in the Mã River and was immediately captured by the North Vietnamese. The next eight years, he said, were “hell in session.”

Horribly tortured, starved, psychologically manipulated, and subjected to long periods of solitary confinement, Jeremiah astounded and enraged his captors by his strength. They could not break him. They could not stop his influence on the other POWs. When they tidied him up and put him on TV for an interview to convince the USA that they were treating POWs well, Denton—at the risk of his life—managed to blink (in Morse code) the word “TORTURE” *at the same time* he was answering their innocuous questions. And American authorities learned that things were truly bad for their imprisoned men.

The North Vietnamese simply could not control Denton.

Nor could they figure him out. What sustained Jeremiah against all their abusive tactics?

In a 1974 interview, Jeremiah related a profound spiritual experience which occurred during one of his torture sessions, saying:

“I was once in a rig which was inducing considerable pain, and I finally just said words to the effect of, ‘God, you’ve got it, I can’t take it anymore. I can’t handle it. I’m just putting it entirely in Your Hands.’ And from the instant I phrased that, I can tell you that I felt absolutely no pain, in fact I felt the greatest sense of comfort, not only physical comfort but psychological warmth and comfort, that I have ever felt in my life before or since.”

This was the boundless source of Jeremiah’s strength: his faith in Christ.

Through those *eight* interminable years of hellish imprisonment, Jeremiah’s faith grew stronger. His belief in God and country were unshakeable. Finally, he returned home in 1973 when the United States left the Vietnam War and negotiated the release of all American POWs. After retirement he spent a term in the Senate, defending the family and national security against the attacks of the culture. He remained active on several college and foundation boards until his death in 2014.

<https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>

The Hardness of Holiness



Want to know the words I find hardest to say?

“Lord, give me the strength.”

The world tells us to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone if we’re training for a marathon or applying for a job — but if we’re talking about God, everything is supposed to be easy. If it comes “naturally” or without struggle it’s supposed to be right.

Only God is perfect, the world tells us. *What’s the use of trying so hard?*

I’m really good at finding excuses for myself, especially when it comes to holiness. Holiness, often (not always, but often), is about choosing the hard, but right, thing. The invitation to holiness is whispered in the hardest moments of my day when I am the most hopelessly human. After the kids’ bedtime, when I really just want to watch *Dateline* and eat too much ice cream instead of saying the Rosary. When I’ve committed to helping someone, but it suddenly becomes incredibly inconvenient. When I see a social media post that’s just begging for a snarky reply. When the conversation becomes gossip and I’m dying to make myself feel superior to someone.

The reason it’s so difficult for me to mutter these five simple words is because I know that if I say them and I mean them, they form a prayer that God will always answer in the affirmative. He will give me the strength I ask for, and then I will have no excuse.

It’s not unlike my kids claiming they’re too tired to clean up the playroom. If they would just ask me for help, it would all be so doable. But where would that leave them?

With a job to do, that’s where.

*“Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.” —
Leviticus 19:2*

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Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: law ... fulfill, until all things have taken place, kingdom of heaven, righteousness surpasses

To the point: What does it mean for Jesus to fulfill the law? Jesus sees in the law the means to the fulfillment of time (“until all things have taken place”), when the law will be replaced by righteous relationships within the kingdom of heaven. The fundamental law is gift of self to others. When self-giving is lacking in any act of keeping the law, the law in fact is not kept. We are to keep the law as the way to enter a manner of caring for and relating to others that leads to fullness of Life. Our model for so doing is Jesus. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT –
“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy. “When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Cooperate with the Holy Spirit to discern God’s will. Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org



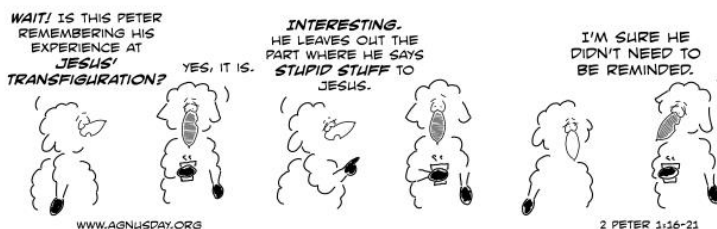
PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 12, 2023 - \$ 670.00
 Collection for Fiscal Year
 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 33,214.09
Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



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 Catholic. The sick, their loved ones, and caregivers. Our beloved faithful departed. For laws and culture that recognize the centrality and integrity of marriage for children and society.
Remember Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Victims of conflict between Ukraine and Russia. Victims of violence and environmental accidents.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don’t always treat as well.



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
NOW HIRING!

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position.

• Construction Project Manager

The Project Manager provides oversight and management of the planning and construction process for facility changes, major repairs, and new construction within the Diocese of Fairbanks. The Project Manager also works with parishes to prioritize maintenance and assist in obtaining materials and labor. This position includes travel to remote villages in small aircraft or via snow machine or boat. BS/BA in engineering, building construction, or relevant field preferred. Project management certification or at least seven (7) years of experience in a related field required. Full-time exempt position with benefits. Salary DOE. For more information, to request a formal job description, or to submit your cover letter and résumé please contact humanresources@cbna.org.

St. Raphael Parish has immediate opening for two positions:

- **Office Manager** ~ Tues-Fri, 10 AM 3 PM with additional hours as needed (up to 25 hrs/wk). *Duties include:* bulletin, scheduling, parishioner needs, coordination with volunteer recruitment and pastor and parish, some bookkeeping duties, and other parish responsibilities.
- **Lay Pastoral Minister** ~ Part-time position 15-20 hrs/wk and involves liturgy collaboration with Fr. Jingbe to include on Sunday and occasionally Saturday masses, holy days, and holy seasons; volunteer recruitment and coordination; communication with parishioners; facilitating ongoing religious education for all in the parish; pastoral care, and administration.

If interested, contact Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424 or email sjingbe@cbna.org or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org

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>

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>

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven” – St. Rose of Lima