



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.

Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

March 5, 2023



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Marilis Bennett, John Fox, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker

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:

redimere: This is what we believe Christ did on the cross - redeemed not only all of humanity, but all of created life. The Latin root word sheds light on what is meant by redemption. It is *redimere*, meaning to *buy back, recover, replace by purchase, ransom*. This is what Christ did: pay the price for our sins and ransom us back from Satan. <https://catholicexchange.com>

Fr. Ross Tozzi's Homilies can be read or listened to by going to <https://sacredheartak.org/chs>

Fr. Michal Ulaski's utube on life in Nome with talks from Fr. Piotr Oprych

<https://youtube.com/user/michaluszy>

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Through God's grace we are call to holiness.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 4 & 11: Marriage Class Winter '23

Fridays in Lent: Lenten Fridays at SHC - 5:30 PM

Mass, 6:00 PM Stations, followed with 6:30 PM Soup.

Mar 11: Latin Mass at SHC 6:30 PM

Mar 13-17: UAF & FNSBSD SPRING BREAK

Mar 14: **MASS OF CHRISM** at SHC 7:00 PM

LENLEN PENANCE SERVICE

Mar 24: St. Nicholas (North Pole) 6:00-8:00 PM

Mar 28: SHC & ICC @ Sacred Heart Cathedral 6-8 PM

Mar 30: St. Raphael 7:00 PM

The **Mass of Chrism** is a special liturgy where Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM will consecrate the *Oils of the Catechumens, the Sick, and the Holy Chrism* to be distributed to each church in our diocese, to be used during the liturgical year. Priests will renew their commitment to their priestly vows. To learn more about what happens at Chrism Mass <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/roman-missal-and-the-chrism-mass> .





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 *alternate between* ICC (3/9 & 30) and SHC (3/ 23).
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 – Ages 18-35. **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. **March 4 & 11**

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 (3/9)** 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 (3/15)** 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

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



Justice Challenge: Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the Second Week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Catholic Relief Services offers a great resource to parishes and families for praying, fasting and charitable giving—all in one simple project. What is so great about this project, known as Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), is that it makes all the right connections. When you put the money you would have spent on a CD or that mocha latte you crave into your Rice Bowl box, you participate in Jesus' sacrifice. CRS provides prayers to accompany your giving. And it uses the money you would have spent on yourself to help people in need across the world. Participating in ORB is an act of solidarity—standing with your brothers and sisters as one human family. Your challenge this week is to adopt Operation Rice Bowl (go to CRS RiceBowl.org if your parish doesn't do ORB). Give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie, or trip to the mall. Put the money in your Rice Bowl, knowing it will be sent to CRS. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT -

SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

Celebrants' Chair - During the Mass, the priest represents Our Lord Jesus, persona Christi, and thus the priest's chair always is distinguishable from other seats in the church. "The chair of the priest celebrant must signify his office of presiding over the gathering and directing the prayer" (GIRM, No. 310). * In a cathedral, the chair is known as the cathedra. This chair is from which the bishop exercises both his teaching authority and role as a successor of the apostles.

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

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH. If you are interested in getting on our email list, please email stmark@cbna.org



Why can't Catholics eat meat on Fridays in Lent?

When did the tradition start?

Have you ever accidentally eaten a piece of meat on a Friday in Lent and thought, "Darn! I forgot it's Friday!"

It's not easy to avoid meat on Fridays in Lent. Not to mention, it is also inconvenient. Have you ever wondered why we have this rule in place?

Well, the rule used to be that Catholics couldn't eat meat on any Friday of the year. However, through the 1983 revised *Code of Canon Law*, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops were given authority to require American Catholics to abstain from meat on only Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Fridays during Lent.

It is important to note that Catholics are still urged to offer a sacrifice on all Fridays, but it does not need to be abstaining from meat.

Jesus suffered and died on a Friday, so Christians have always honored Jesus' sacrifice on Fridays in some form or capacity.

During Lent, we especially remember how Christ sacrificed his flesh for us. To offer penance for our sins on the day that Jesus died to save us from sin, we abstain from "flesh meat" which is meat from mammals and poultry, what the USCCB considers "land animals." The Latin word for meat is *carnis*, which has only applied to meat derived from land animal flesh.

So, how come we ARE allowed to eat fish on Fridays?

The USCCB explains how fish are cold-blooded animals and do not come from the land, so fish is not the same as *carnis* meat. Also, historically, meat was more expensive and eaten mainly at celebrations and festivities, while people ate fish on a daily basis. So, the Early Church was asking people to sacrifice something celebratory during Lent.

Whenever we have to say no to meat on Fridays, as hard as that can be, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us and remember the purpose of Lent. Some people choose to abstain from meat on Fridays all year round. While this practice is not required in the Church, it is a good opportunity to remember how Christ suffered and died for us on a weekly basis throughout the year.

<https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>

The Long Walk



The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33

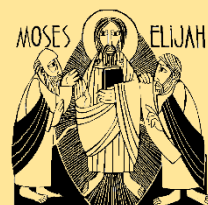
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Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the Second Reading:** God commanded Abram to leave the homeland he knew and to seek an unknown homeland that God would show him. "Abram went as the Lord directed him," and for this he was greatly blessed.

Jesus' transfiguration bids us to let go of where we are (the "homeland" we know) to climb a high mountain (an unknown "homeland") that leads to new, risen, transfigured, Easter Life

... **to experience:** No matter how insightful or imaginative, all human vision is limited by the boundaries of human experience. The vision of Jesus' transfiguration explodes the boundaries of human experience yet is very real and attainable. Jesus shows us the glory that is ours to come, a glory attainable because it is God's gift to those who are faithful.



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS – During Lent we ask parishioners to help out by donating needed items at the Soup Kitchen - granola/protein bars, hot cocoa mix, canned vegetables, eggs, snack-size Ziplocs, and gloves. Items can be dropped off in the donation box at SHC. You can go to their website for more information on how to help: <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 26, 2023 - \$ 1,086.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 35,414.09

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

You can give online at <https://www.stmarksuaaf.org/donations>



Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; those serving in our Diocese; Fallen away Catholic; and those preparing to receive sacraments at Easter. Pray for the sick and their caregivers. Our beloved faithful departed. Remember our UAF students and St. Mark households during Lent.

Remember Victims of the illness, natural disasters, and ongoing armed conflict.

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - “He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design...” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Life with God is not *immunity* from difficulties, but *peace* in DIFFICULTIES. ~ C.S. Lewis

Pope Francis' March Intentions:

For Victims of Abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 siingbe@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 collaborate 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>