



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.

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Pastoral Council

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:

salvare: This word refers to what we are all, with the *gratia* of God, hoping to achieve. Our English word salvation comes from the Latin *salvare, to save*. This word in turn is related to the adjective *salvus—well, unharmed, sound, alive; safe, saved*.

<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>

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A March 12, 2023



First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

Responsorial: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Christ died for us while we were still sinners

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 12: Daylight Saving Time – spring forward an hour.

Mar 13-17: UAF & FNSBSD SPRING BREAK

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

Mar 20-23: Priest Convocation in Anchorage

Mar 26: St. Mark Community Mtg after 5:30 PM Mass in SHC Social Hall. Open to All.

LENTEN 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 – 9:00 PM

At **Mass of Chrism** (3/14) 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 also renew their commitment to their priestly vows.



SPRING BREAK

Faithful Father, we thank You for our children and youth. We thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes through our children and youth during their spring break activities. Thank You for blessing our children and youth with a chance to rest and relax. Loving Father, we bless Your Holy Name.

Support Fairbanks Catholic Schools and participate in their St. Patrick Day Auction <https://www.catholic-schools.org/stpats.html>



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – March 26 after 5:30 PM St. Mark Sunday Mass. All are invited to participate!

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 1:30 – 3:15 PM Saturday at SHC. 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: 6:00 – 7:00 PM **Thursday evenings alternate between** ICC (3/30) and SHC (3/ 23).
Youth Group 7:00 to 8:45 PM at SHC.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) meets 7:30 – 8:45 PM – **Wednesday evenings** at SHC.

Catholic Student Association – 12:10 PM Thursday Mass and 7:00 PM Thursday Meeting *canceled during Spring Break*. Contact club at UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00 PM at ICC on Fridays ~ Ages 18-35.

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

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 (Spring '23)– TBA

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 – 6:45 PM at ICC every other Thursday for men of All ages!

Saint Zelig Martin Women's Group –7:15 PM at ICC every other Wednesday for women of All ages!

Sacraments of Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or Ph. 907-374-9504

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



Justice Challenge: The Samaritan woman, also known as the woman at the well, is featured in Sunday's Gospel. She was a member of a tribe with which the Jews did not interact, she was a woman, and she had a fairly bad reputation after being married several times. Even with these three strikes against her, Jesus made her the first evangelizer of her village. Your challenge this week is to identify someone in your life who is not from your immediate circle of family and friends, someone you might consider an outsider, and listen to or closely observe that person. See if you can learn something about Jesus from the way he or she lives and speaks. Show appreciation for this "outsider" in any way you can.

THIRDD WEEK OF LENT



FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE

Images, Statues and Relics -

Statues and pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Mother and the saints adorn nearly every church. Catholics don't pray to or worship statues; rather we venerate, we admire, respect, and seek to imitate the individual emulated in the statue. We worship our living Lord, Jesus Christ, not his statue. The saints depicted in our churches lived lives of heroic virtue and are now in heaven, where they can intercede for us before God.

The statues, pictures, even the stained-glass windows, tell about Jesus and the Scriptures. These images have long been an important educational tool, especially in the first 1,500 years of Christianity when few people were literate.

Relics are treated in a similar way, as best explained by St. Jerome (340-420): "We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyr in order the better to adore him whose martyrs they are."



* *The Second Council of Nicea and the Council of Trent reiterated that the faithful venerate the person represented by the image and not the image itself.*

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

Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?



Your prayer intention has a matching Psalm! Did you know?

Let's look at the four basic types of Psalms.

Aside from the beloved classic Psalm 23, the Book of Psalms is something of a mystery to us. Many of us read very little of it, and the parts we do come in contact with seem repetitive or highly-worded or just long.

Maybe this is because we're just *read-ing* them...when they're meant to be *prayed*.

The Jews prayed the Psalms daily; certain Psalms were linked to certain times of the day or events. That is why Our Lord and the Apostles frequented Gethsemane at night: they went there to pray the evening Psalms together.



The Psalms are an excellent way for us to enrich our prayer. Their words express with eloquence and profundity those thoughts we may struggle to convey in prayer.

Best of all, you can always find a Psalm that fits your needs perfectly! There are several varied lists of the types of Psalms, but let's look at a basic division of their kinds:

1. **Supplication:** These Psalms cry out to the Lord from a distressed heart, asking for deliverance from the soul's enemies. An early example is Psalm 5: *Give ear to my words, O Lord, give heed to my groaning. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.*

2. **Thanksgiving:** True gratitude bursts forth exultantly from these Psalms! Thankfulness praises God for His gifts and intervention, often bestowed undeserved or unlooked for. *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,* Psalm 9 exclaims. *I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

3. **Repentance:** These express the wretched ache of a heart which knows it has offended God. *I confess my iniquity, I am sorry for my sin,* as Psalm 38 says.

4. **Praise/Adoration:** Psalm 18 is a good example of the thunderous declarations of God's glory and majesty. Every word of the Psalms of praise breath forth the Creator's infinite power.

These are the most basic types of Psalms, but every Psalm has its own distinct—even if subtle—mood.

Next time you pray, take the Psalms with you. They are a treasury of prayers which will profoundly deepen your prayer life. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

"Don't be anxious about what you have,
but about what you are."

Pope St. Gregory the Great (540-604)



The Messiah Before You



If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unawares that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess Him.

"We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5

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Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to the Second Reading:** The Second Reading spells out explicitly what the "gift of God" is: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." The Holy Spirit empowers us to recognize Jesus for who he is and be changed by him.



... **to experience:** How often in daily life do we simply "talk at" one another! Genuine conversation is harder work, but it opens up encounter with the other and brings life-giving transformation. In fact, transforming encounters with others are encounters with Jesus. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS – This past week they served an impressive 402 meals with the help of 64 hours from volunteers helping. If you are interested in finding out how you can help or volunteer call 907-452-3533 ext. 1003 or at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. Safe Environment training is needed. Prayers of support are always appreciated during serving times: 11am-1pm Wed-Sun.

During Lent help out the Soup Kitchen by donating items needed (*Food for Families/Cans for Christ*). ~ granola or protein bars, hot cocoa mix, canned vegetables, snack-size Ziplocs, gloves, hand/toe warmers, and toothbrushes. Items can be dropped off in the donation box at SHC.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 5, 2023 - \$ 1,745.00

Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 37,159.09

We appreciate your support!

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

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.



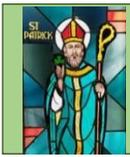
Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; those serving in our Diocese; Fallen away Catholic; and those preparing to receive sacraments at Easter. Pray for the sick and their caregivers. Our beloved faithful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

Remember Victims of 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.

“When you communicate, desire all the love that any soul has ever had for Me, and I will accept your love in proportion to the fervor with which you wished for it.”

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - “But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you 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.



“It is always the same with those who do evil: they labor long only to yield death as their everlasting punishment.”
~ Saint Patrick

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.

Sacred Heart Cathedral ~ looking for a part-time bookkeeper. The position is 7-10 hours per week with flexible work schedule. Requirements include high school diploma or GED, three years work experience in an office or customer service setting involving financial record keeping and database management. Experience using Quickbooks, Microsoft Office and database software. Salary dependent on education and experience. To apply please submit cover letter and resume listing three professional references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1300 Peger Road, Fairbanks, AK. 99709 or via email to rector@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 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>