



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.

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Pastoral Council

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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:

Sanctus: *Saint* has its origins in the Latin *sanctus*, meaning *consecrated, sacred, holy*. *Sanctus* is also a version (technically, the perfect passive participle) of the verb *sancire*, which has a range of meanings of which the most relevant here are to *confirm, sanction, fulfill, ordain, or dedicate*. <https://catholicexchange.com>



The **LEGION of MARY** will hold its annual **ACIES** ceremony at 10:15am Saturday, March 25 at Immaculate Conception Church. All Active & Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Please bring your Legion prayer leaflet (Tessera). *This is the most important annual function of the Legion of Mary, renewing their fidelity "to Jesus through Mary" and re-dedicating themselves to another year of service and prayer.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

March 19, 2023

Laetare is the first word — meaning “rejoice” — in the Latin text. On **LAETARE SUNDAY** the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.



First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 20-23: PRIEST CONVOCATION IN ANCHORAGE

No masses on these days. Call SHC for Friday Mass schedules: (907) 474-9032

Mar 25: Feast of the Annunciation: Legion of Mary Mass & Annual ACIES Ceremony Event – 10:15 AM at ICC

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

Apr 21-23: Diocese of Fairbanks Woman's Retreat

Wednesdays during Lent: 11:00 AM SHC Holy Hour w/Adoration; 12:00 Noon Mass

Fridays during Lent: Lenten Mass, Stations of the Cross, followed by simple Potluck Supper (~6:30pm).

Experience the joy of forgiveness....

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



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.

Baptism Instruction: Mar 26, Apr 16 & 23 after 11AM SHC Mass (about 12:15 PM). Show up after Mass and meet with Fr. Piotr Oprych. Paperwork at www.sacredheartak.org

Oratory Religious Education Classes 1:30 – 3:15 PM Saturday downstairs at SHC.

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 – No Mass this Thursday. There will be the 7:00 PM Thursday Meeting. 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): Apr 26-Jun 7 at St. Raphael's from 6:00 -7:30 PM. Call St. Raphael Catholic Church to register at (907) 457-6603. Open to all engaged couples.

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.

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: Sunday's Gospel addresses the story of the man born blind. The Jews blamed his parents and their sins for his condition, but Jesus taught a different message—that God doesn't punish people for things which aren't their fault. Your challenge this week is to look at how you judge others and yourself. Do you look at people's actions through the lens of a loving God? Do you give others the benefit of the doubt? And are you gentle with yourself? Do you forgive yourself when you mess up, trusting in a God who forgives infinitely? God is the arbiter of justice, and we are called to trust in God's judgment, which ultimately is so much more merciful than human judgment. Place the world in God's hands this week and stop yourself from judging.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

SHARING SUCCESS ~ Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others?



Visit <https://crsricebowl.org> to learn more.

INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE ~ Baptismal Font

Baptism is the door to all the Church's sacraments. The baptistry or baptismal font is part of every Catholic Church and located so that the congregation can participate in the baptismal ceremony. Some fonts are large pools with free-flowing water and normally found as you enter the nave; others are smaller and placed in different locations.



The early converts to Christianity were baptized in rivers, streams, public baths, some even in the catacombs. For the most part, it wasn't until the fourth century with the construction of churches that baptisms were brought indoors.

Over the centuries, even until recently, the receptacle used for baptisms has been continuously reduced in size. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' document "Built on Living Stones" says for each parish that, "One font that will accommodate the baptism of both infants and adults symbolizes the one faith and one baptism that Christians share."



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





Who made the first Way of the Cross?

The Stations as we know them were born of tradition nearly as old as the Church. Who do we thank for this beautiful devotion? An Apostle? Or a saint?

Actually, we owe our thanks to the Blessed Mother. According to an ancient tradition, it was she who made the first Way of the Cross. Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, one of the Church's modern mystics and visionaries, relates to us some of the details, as they were revealed to her, of how this devotion came about.

After the Ascension, Our Lady immersed herself in the contemplation and remembrance of the Passion. Blessed Anne tells us that she went out daily and traced the route of the Cross through Jerusalem.

The Blessed Mother, relates Bl. Anne, was grave and shed "tears of compassion" as she walked the Way.



When the Blessed Mother moved from Jerusalem to Ephesus, she quickly marked a space for replicating the Way. Blessed Anne Catherine describes the new Way, saying:

Soon after her arrival at her new home [in Ephesus] the way up the hill behind her house to carry out this devotion. At first she went by herself, measuring the number of steps, places of Our Lord's different sufferings. At each of these places she put up a stone, or, if there was already a tree there, she made a mark upon it. The way led into a wood, and upon a hill in this wood she had marked the place of Calvary, and the grave of Christ in a little cave in another hill.

Bl. Anne goes on to explain that at first, the Blessed Mother made this Way alone. Later, she brought her maidservant with her to meditate on the Passion and praise Our Lord for it. After her Assumption, the site became well-known by Christians. They made access to the Way easier, beautifying it with both material and spiritual attentions.

Our Lady, in making the first Way, gave us a tremendous gift. The Stations of the Cross that are erected in every Catholic Church, and which are traditionally prayed by Christians on Fridays—especially during Lent—are a spiritual heritage given to us directly from Our Blessed Mother!

This Lent, consider joining Our Blessed Mother in her daily contemplation of the Passion.

<https://www.catholiccompany/getfed>



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS - If you would like to help out in the Soup Kitchen, please contact us by phone or email at 907-452-3533 ext. 1003 or at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org. Help others by donating items during lent. Food is being collected in donation boxes at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Let's help meet the goal of 1000 pounds of food collected during Lent! *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

Not As Man Sees



I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently works with my schedule. That means that, quite by accident, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr. Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner.

"Not as man sees does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Focusing the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: made clay with the saliva, smeared the clay on his eyes, I am, Jesus ... anointed my eyes, You are that man's disciple, I do believe



To the point: In making clay from his own saliva and smearing it on the blind man's eyes, Jesus re-creates the man by transferring something of his own being to the man. The man is anointed by Jesus as "I am" and comes to be a stalwart, believing disciple. Not even the powerful Pharisees can sway him from his testimony to the work of Jesus in him. In baptism we, too, encounter Jesus and become a new creation in him. Are we as stalwart and believing as the blind man? <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Prayer of the Faithful: That we are less concerned about our outward appearance and more concerned with our interior conversion of heart.

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. + Pope Francis

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7**

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 12, 2023 - \$1,206.00

Total for Fiscal Year - 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 38,346.09

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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; Remember all who are gathering for the Priestly Convocation in Anchorage this week. Fallen away Catholic; and those preparing to receive sacraments at Easter. Pray for the sick and their caregivers; our beloved faithful departed (Sharon Strick – acting parish administrator in McGrath).

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - "...if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

And so Pilate...handed Him over to be crucified.



Reflection: The Passion of Christ was far more horrible than our crucifixes portray. He suffered to rescue the human life He had created, to snatch it from the kingdom of death and bring it into His kingdom of life.

Let us remember this Lent that Jesus endured His Passion for every unborn child in the womb, He endured every pain that the unborn might be saved as well as the born.

Prayer: Lord, lessen my fear and increase my courage, that I may suffer with You for the sake of life.

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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. 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, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM with additional hours as needed (up to 25 hrs./wk.). *Duties includes office responsibilities, bulletin, scheduling, parishioner needs, volunteer recruitment and coordination, coordination with pastor and parish, some book-keeping duties, and other parish responsibilities.*
- **Lay Pastoral Minister** ~ Part-time position is 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.*)

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>

What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

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>