



# 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.

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A**

**March 26, 2023**



### **Clergy**

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### **Administration**

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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:**

**Ora et Labora:** This Latin term by St. Benedict's famous saying means, *Pray and work*. It emphasizes that prayer should be united with activity; when we combine our efforts, they are multiplied. Most often, ora et labora is said about monasticism; it emphasizes how prayer ([oratio](http://www.universal-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/catholic)) helps one perfect their work (labor). [www.universal-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/catholic](http://www.universal-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/catholic)

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday**, the beginning of Holy Week. Lent has been preparing us for the Sacred Triduum, celebrating the sacrifice, death, and resurrection of our Savior. For your final preparation, please attend one of the Reconciliation Services scheduled for this week (March 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-8:00 PM @ SHC).

**Palms** blessed next Sunday are **sacramentals**. Under no circumstance should blessed palms – or any blessed article – be thrown in the garbage or treated with irreverence. If you have questions, contact our office or SHC @ (907) 474-9032.

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**  
God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-8**

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

**Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45**

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

*Experience the joy of forgiveness....*

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**Mar 28:** SHC & ICC @ Sacred Heart 6:00-8:00 PM

**Mar 30:** St. Raphael 7:00 – 9:00 PM

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Mar 25:** Legion of Mary ACIES @ ICC 10:15 AM

**Mar 26, Apr 16 + 23:** Baptismal Instruction @ SHC

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

**Mar 31:** Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5-8:30PM @ ICC

**HOLY WEEK April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Apr 7: Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

**Apr 9:** Please bring in CRS Rice Bowl Donations.

**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).

If you would like to donate \$20 per name to help decorate the altar with lilies during, please enclose check/money in envelope and drop in the donation basket this weekend. Please include the name(s) of the deceased if you want it included in SHC Memorial Bulletin.





**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 11:00 AM SHC Mass (about 12:15 PM). Show up after Mass and meet with Fr. Piotr Oprych. Paperwork at [www.sacredheartak.org](http://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).

**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 the club at [UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** in Murphy Hall.

**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 (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** –**1<sup>st</sup> Monday** of the month - For more info contact Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com) .

**Knights of Columbus** –**2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Anointing of the Sick** – Contact Parish Office at (907) 374-9564 or Fr. Ross Tozzi (907) 374-3005

**Sacraments of Vocations**– contact Fr. Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

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



**Palm Sunday (4/1)** – 4:30PM

**Palm Sunday (4/2)** – 8:00 & 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM (Spanish)

5:30 PM St. Mark Parish at SHC

**Holy Thursday (4/6)** – 7:00 PM

**Good Friday (4/7)** – 7:00 PM (Stations at 3:00 PM)

**Easter Vigil (4/8)** - 8:00 PM

**Easter Sunday (4/9)** – 8:00 & 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM (Spanish)

5:30 PM St. Mark Parish at SHC



**Justice Challenge:** The Gospel Sunday recounts the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It is eloquent to read that Jesus wept when he saw how devastated Lazarus' friends and relatives were about his friend's death. Jesus showed such compassion and human emotion. The word compassion is from the Latin words com (meaning with) and pati (to suffer). Compassion, then, is suffering with others who are hurting. Your challenge this week is to show compassion to someone who is suffering. You might donate money to CRS or another organization helping hurting people. Or you might give a sandwich to a homeless person in your community. Whatever you do, remember that compassion means entering into that person's human condition, not with condescension, but with a genuine sense of walking with them in their experience.

#### FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

#### THE POWER OF SACRIFICE



Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

#### INSIDE OUR SACRED SPACE ~ Easter Candle

The Easter (or Paschal) candle is located near the baptismal font, the exception being during the Easter season when it is placed next to the ambo. Originating around the fourth century, this large candle represents the light of Christ, and a new Paschal candle is blessed during each Easter Vigil. It is lit for every baptism, and the flame, the light of Christ, is transferred to a candle given to the baptized individual or to an adult family member when an infant is baptized. \*The Easter candle is also lit during a funeral, recognizing that the deceased shared in the death and resurrection of Jesus at their baptism. <https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/inside-our-sacred-space/>





## Do you know what “intercessory prayer” really means?

When you need the help of the saints, intercessory prayer is your go-to.

There are various forms of prayer. The best-known form—and what most people mean when they say “prayer”—is petitionary prayer. That is, petitionary prayer is the act of asking for gifts or graces from God.

This is why our Protestant brethren are scandalized when we say we “pray” to the saints. They say it is wrong to pray to saints, because it treats them as though they were God and had the power to grant gifts or graces.



Put this way, the Protestant argument is correct. It *would* be wrong to “pray” to the saints if we thought that “praying to the saints” meant that a saint was using their own, self-derivative powers to bring about grace...or if prayer was identical with “worship,” which is for God alone.

This is not, however, the sense we are using when we as Catholics pray to the saints. The word prayer simply means “to ask,” not “to worship.” As the *Catholic Encyclopedia* clarifies:

*[W]hen we pray to [the saints], it is to ask for their intercession in our behalf, not to expect that they can bestow gifts on us of their own power or obtain them in virtue of their own merit. —Catholic Encyclopedia*

This is what we mean by intercessory prayer: the saints *intercede* for us. James 5:16 says that “The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.” Since the saints are perfect, and are in heaven with God, their prayers have great efficacy. So we ask them to turn to God *on our behalf* and ask *Him* to bestow the proper graces and gifts upon us.

Though our prayers are far less perfect than those of the saints, we *can* and *should* intercede for each other, as well. This is what is happening when we promise to pray for someone else—we are practicing *intercessory prayer*.

\*picture - Fra Angelico’s Coronation of the Virgin.  
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

**REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN** - If you would like to help out in the Soup Kitchen, please contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator, Nick Shamrell at by phone or email at (907) 452-3533 ext. 1003 or visit the web page at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org). Help others by joining SHC during their Lenten food drive! Food is being collected in boxes in boxes across from the offices. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we open our hearts to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and become “partakers of the divine nature.”

## Offerings



Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It’s a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.

We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today’s Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn’t alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn’t work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence.

They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

*“You are not in the flesh, on the contrary, you are in the spirit.” — Romans 8:9*

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## Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to First Reading:** Ezekiel describes God’s desire to untie Israel from the grave of their captivity and lead them back to the freedom of their land where they can renew their covenantal relationship with God. In the gospel Jesus commands the bystanders concerning the raised Lazarus to “Untie him and let him go [free].”



... **to experience:** Our experiences of living can sometimes limit us. For example, when a friend has hurt us, we can become leery of deep relationships. In other words, “once bitten, twice shy.” But if we never allow Jesus to break open the limits of our human experiences, we can never receive the unexpected gifts of freedom and Life he offers. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

## GET FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG



Take advantage of access to a great online resource we have through Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Opportunity to watch quality Catholic full-length movies, lead small group faith formation, and Scripture study, download books, and listen to CD’s all in one location!

- (1) Log onto: <https://formed.org/signup>
- (2) Type in Fairbanks or Sacred Heart Cathedral
- (3) Click Next, then fill in your name and email address.
- (4) Start accessing content!



**Pontifical Good Friday Collection 2023**  
 Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Please see our website – <https://stmarksuaf.org> for more info.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’”**

**JOHN 11:40**

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren’t going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God’s active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

March 19, 2023 - \$1,178.09  
 Total for Fiscal Year -

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 39,524.18

**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; priests and religious in our diocese; Fallen away Catholic. Remember our sick and their caregivers, especially Gail Riedman, Ben Orr, Tracy Bradshaw, and Jim Radigan. Pray for the living and deceased.

**VOCATIONS:** “Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) if you are considering a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 include 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](mailto:sjingbe@cbna.org) or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email [secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto: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](mailto:cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org) or check website <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>

Christ calls us from death to new life.  
 To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

How does Jesus help you do what is good  
 and avoid what is not?

**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>