



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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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.

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

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](https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/)) helps one perfect their work (labor). <https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>

“No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.” – William Penn



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 2, 2023



Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11 - Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts “Hosanna!”

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Apr 1: Triduum Choir practice at SHC after 4:30PM Mass

Apr 2: Easter Memorial envelopes for Lilies due at SHC.

\$20 per name or single-family name for 1 lily plant.

Apr 3: SHC Book Club 12:30 PM in SHC Community Room

HOLY WEEK April 2nd - 9th

Apr 7: Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Apr 7 – 16: Divine Mercy Novena

Apr 9: Please bring in CRS Rice Bowl Donations.

Apr 15: St. Mark Parish Meeting after Mass.

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



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 15 – after St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarks@uaf.org> under "Ordinary Time" tab.

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: 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.

Youth Group Thu evenings 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 – CSA students will attend Holy Week services at SHC. Contact Ben Colwell @ bcowell@cbna.org or 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

Sacred Heart Book Club meets Monday, April 3rd at 12:30 downstairs in the SHC Community Room to discuss *Awesome Glory: Resurrection in Scripture Liturgy and Theology* by Jeremy Driscoll c. 2019. Jeremy Driscoll is Abbot of Mount Angel Abbey in St. Benedict, Oregon. Fr. Robert and Bishop Chad both attended this seminary.

Justice Challenge: The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Isaiah (50:4-7) and contains one of several powerful images of the Suffering Servant found in this book of the Bible. While the author was describing the nation of Israel when he wrote, the passages about the suffering servant took on new meaning after the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see how Jesus embodied the traits of Isaiah's suffering servant, one of which was his peaceful approach to conflict. Jesus exemplified non-violence, even when he was attacked, spat upon, mocked, and scourged. He met violence by turning the other cheek. And he asks us to do the same. Your challenge this week is to examine your conscience for any signs of violence in your life—in your actions, but also in your words. Make a commitment to responding to violence against your person be it bullying or being yelled at or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response.



Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?



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/>

The washing of the feet and the sacrament of the Eucharist: two expressions of one and the same mystery of love entrusted to the disciples, so that, Jesus says, "as I have done... so also must you do" (Jn 13: 15).

– St. John Paul II



Why do we receive palms on Palm Sunday?

We know Palm Sunday is the day we bring home a palm from Mass, but have you ever thought about the deeper meaning behind this tradition?

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent, exactly a week before Easter Sunday. On this day, the priest blesses palms for us at the beginning of Mass. This tradition is derived from the Gospel, when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem and people celebrated His coming by laying cloaks and branches on the ground for Him. Palm Sunday is one of the only Sundays of the year you get a souvenir from Mass!

However, Palm Sunday is about so much more than just bringing home a palm.

In his book *A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery*, Christopher Carstens explains the deeper meaning behind the Palm Sunday Mass and what makes it so distinct.

Palm Sunday Mass begins with a procession of the palms, often taking place outside the church. The priest begins the procession and blessing by reminding us of why we have been praying and fasting and says, **“On this**



day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.” We then participate in a procession and follow the Lord in the Gospel by accompany Jesus into Jerusalem as He completes His paschal bridge.

For the rest of Holy Week, we are supposed to follow God closely and faithfully, just like those who greeted Jesus in the Gospel did on Palm Sunday. Christopher Carstens notes,

As the priest blesses the Sunday branches, for example, he asks God to “sanctify + these branches with [his] blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exaltation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.” Similarly, St. Athanasius (d. 373) teaches that “if we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast.

As you attend Palm Sunday Mass today, instead of focusing on how to fold your palm into the perfect cross, imagine you are one of Jesus’s welcoming who walk with Him into the week that altered the course of our salvation.

Palm Sunday begins the holiest week of the year. Take this day to reflect on the Gospel readings as you welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and your heart and prepare for the sacrifice He will make later in the week.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Making Way for God



As Christ reclined at the Passover meal and his impending betrayal, I have to imagine at least one of the disciples thought to himself, incredulously and perhaps even indignantly: *And you’re not going to do anything about it?*

So often we expect God to behave like the frantic parent of a teenager, banging down the closed door of a bedroom filled with loud music. We expect him to be overbearing, snooping in our diary, and waiting to ground us the minute we break curfew, desperate to keep us within the family fold, ready and willing to use judgment and force to do so.

It’s true that God greatly desires us to stay in friendship with him. But to accomplish it, he does not come to us as a meddler or an overlord. He comes in the same way he does on Palm Sunday. He waits for us to make way.

He may not be overbearing, but he is still devoted, and unfailingly patient. As the Palm Sundays of our lives — the moments of our devotion and piety — give way to the Holy Thursdays, when we inevitably deny him, God does not abandon us. The sacrifice on the cross is still there, waiting for us to accept it.

Say to daughter Zion, “Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden .” — Matthew 21:5

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“While the world changes, the Cross stands firm.” ~ St. Bruno

Connecting the Gospel ...

... **to First Reading:** The selection from the third Suffering Servant song in Isaiah poignantly underscores Jesus’ conscious and active choice to remain faithful to his saving mission no matter what the cost: “I have not ... turned back” and “I gave my back to those who beat me.”



... **to experience:** The more something costs us, the greater the demand on our resources and personal commitment. The cost of our salvation was Jesus’ very life; he did not shy away from the demands or cost or personal commitment. And remains even now so committed to us. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Spend time this week recalling the great love of Jesus for us. Next week we will claim his Easter victory as our own through renewal of baptism.

What Is The Significance Of The Paschal Candle?

LIGHT – The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

FIRE – It represents Christ’s resurrection.

ALPHA AND OMEGA – Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

CROSS – I represents Christ and his eternal light.





STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.”

Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



March 26, 2023 -

\$903.00

Total for Fiscal Year - 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$ 40,427.18

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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

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 food items and clothing on website list. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

Pope Francis' April Intentions:

For a culture of peace and non-violence:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; those serving in our Diocese; UAF Catholic students; St. Mark’s parishioners. For Fallen away Catholics, those preparing to receive sacraments at Easter – especially Leo Kennedy (CSA). Pray for the sick and their caregivers – especially Gail Riedman, Benn Orr, Tracy Bradshaw, and those not mentioned. Pray for our dearly departed, especially Betty Johnson (St. Raphael Parishioner)

Pray for Vocations:

“Truly, this was the Son of God!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother, or sister? If you think this may be so, contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.



What happened at the Last Supper?

Jesus washed the feet of his apostles on the evening before his death; he instituted the Eucharist and founded the priesthood of the New Covenant. Jesus showed his consummate love in three ways: He washed his disciples' feet and showed that he is among us as one who serves (cf. Lk 22:27). He symbolically anticipated his redeeming Passion by speaking these words over the gifts of bread and wine: "This is my body which is given for you" (Lk 22:19ff). In this way he instituted the Holy Eucharist. When Jesus commanded the apostles, "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24b), he made them priests of the New Covenant. (YOUCAT question 99). (Dig deeper in CCC section 610-611).

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>

Check out <https://www.usccb.org> for current Catholic news from the United Conference of Catholic Bishops and Rome.