



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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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.

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.

Clergy

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org

Deacon Warren Lucero

Administration

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger: Ph.907-374-9564

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Office hours: 10am – 12noon

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291

Music: George Stefan: Ph. 907-687-0077

CSA Advisor: Devan Larson: UAF-catholic-Club@alasks.edu

Pastoral Council

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

St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Sursum Corda: "Lift your hearts" or "Lift your soul's". It's Latin translation is 'call to worship'.

<https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 23, 2023



First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Apr 30: World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Apr 30: 3:00 PM Easter Concert at SHC

May 1: 5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving at SHC

May 1: Last Day of UAF Instruction

May 3: Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Training at SHC 7-8:00 PM in Church Sanctuary

May 2-5: UAF Final Examinations

May 6: UAF Commencement

May 13: 10 AM- 12 PM Altar Server Training

May 13: 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM St. Raphael Grief Retreat

May 13-14: SHC Hospitality Bake Sale after all weekend masses.

Mass of Thanksgiving

Join the diocese in congratulating
Sr. Unionis on her profession of perpetual vows.



There will be a Mass in
celebration
and thanksgiving
at Sacred Heart Cathedral
on Monday May 1st
at 5:30pm



followed by a festive dinner in the hall!



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – TBA. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarks@uaf.org> under “Parish News” 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: Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi for information at Sacred Heart Cathedral 907-474-9032 or St. Mark’s office at 907-374-9564.

Oratory Religious Education Classes 1:30 – 4:15 PM Saturday downstairs at SHC.

Confirmation Class: Thursday 6-7 PM/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 (CSA) – 12Noon Thursday Mass/7 PM Meeting at Lathrop Hall Room 112. Topic to be announced. Contact Ben Colwell @ bcolwell@cbna.org or UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00 PM at ICC on Friday’s ~ 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): At St. Raphael’s - **Apr 26-Jun 7** 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 – 8:00 PM.

Legion of Mary, Mary Queen of Peace Meeting – 6 PM @ 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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed April 30, 2023, also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday.**" The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

The Annual Ladies' Tea sponsored by SHC Hospitality Committee has been **CANCELLED** this year. They are planning a **bake sale** at all Masses the weekend of **May 13-14**. If you could donate baked goods, please contact Mary Pat Boger after Mass or email stmark@cbna.org so that we can let the committee know in advance. Please support their work by coming that weekend to buy some baked goods for Mother’s Day! Thank You!



ST. RAPHAEL'S GRIEF RETREAT
Saturday – May 13th at 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
An introductory seminar on grief. The keynote speaker will be Deacon Gregg J. Miller. Handouts available with location counseling services. Register and additional details at St. Raphael’s website <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/> Snacks and lunch will be provided. Cost \$ FREE \$



Justice Challenge: Sunday’s Gospel has Jesus saying, “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.” (John 10:9) We are called to salvation through Jesus. If he is the gate, then we need to live as he did, to follow his teaching, to be his disciples in the world. Jesus always stood for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. And he told us we would be judged by how we treated the least of our brothers and sisters. Your challenge this week is to find a brother or sister who is ignored by others but in real need of help. Reach out and practice the works of mercy. If they need food, clothing, or shelter, help them find it. If they need someone to listen to their story, lend an ear. Be the face of Christ for them.

Connecting the Gospel ...
...in the Second Reading: The shepherd “walks ahead” (*Gospel*) of the sheep who are to “follow in his footsteps” (*Second Reading*). Following Jesus leads to insult, suffering, judgement, and the cross. But it also leads us even further—to abundant Life.
...to experience: We encounter gates in many areas of our lives. There are gated communities, entry gates for theater and sporting events, toll gates. These gates separate, close off, and keep out. Jesus is the Gate who excludes no one, calls each by name, offers abundant Life. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Just as the Good Shepherd finds His lost **sheep**, if you will only **lift up your heart** to the Savior of the world, **He will find you.**
-Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Why is a lion the symbol of St. Mark's Gospel?

This gospel contains certain lion-like attributes.

St. Mark's Gospel is known as "the one that begins with a roar."

The other gospels begin quietly: a genealogy, a tale of a barren woman and her husband, a sublime introduction to the Word...

Not so St. Mark. Instead, St. John the Baptist leaps out of the first paragraph, crying, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Come and seek baptism in repentance, that your sins may be forgiven!"

Immediately after John, Jesus Christ appears. St. Mark does not call Jesus the "Son of Man"; he immediately tells us that Jesus is the "Son of God."



St. Mark the Evangelist by Emmanuel Tzanes

Throughout his account, St. Mark focuses on Jesus' divine power and mission. He relates countless miracles of healing. He tells of harrowing exorcisms, when the expelled demons scream that here is God's Holy One. He tells us of Jesus' power over creation, walking on water and calming storms. He recounts Jesus' preaching in words that reveal His divine authority and kingship.

St. Mark wants us to know very clearly that Jesus is the long-expected Messiah, the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." He carries on John's work of announcing the Lord's coming and the need for repentance so that we can receive Him properly.

The lion has represented kingship since time immemorial due to its strength and ferocity, its fearlessness and golden majesty. St. Mark's Gospel is portrayed by this beast because the account emphasizes the kingship and power of Jesus, the Messiah—and don't forget the fierce cries of St. John the Baptist.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

Cut to the Heart



Everyone who has been married know this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You're really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

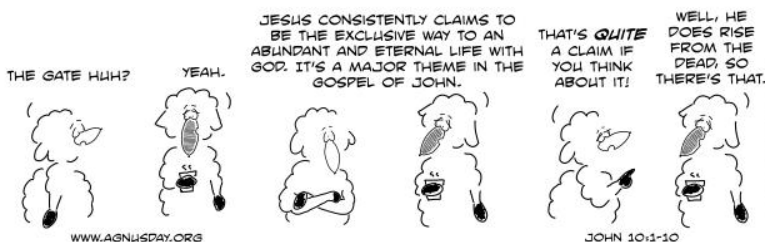
Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

— Acts 2:38 Colleen Jurkiewicz ~April 21, 2023©LPi

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 a website list. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

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>



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’
ACTS 2:38**

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

April 23, 2023 - \$ 990.00

Total for Fiscal Year -

7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023: \$52,188.58

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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



Prayer of the Faithful: That as we struggle to live a faith-filled life, we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.

Pope Francis' April Intentions:

For church movements and groups.

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Deacon Warren Lucero; all serving in our Diocese; St. Mark’s parishioners. Fallen away Catholics. Newly parishioners married Devan (CSA Advisor) & Sydney Larson. Those who are sick, facing chronic illnesses, or hospitalized.

Pray for all our students who facing exams and graduating from school this week.

Pray for our dearly departed.

Pray for Vocations:

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.



Please sign up for the following: **Ministers of the Cup** at Mass. With trained ministers, we can add distribution of the cup at

Communion. Background check and training is necessary per Diocesan guidelines. **Lectors.** A list of readers would help in sharing the readings. **Choir:** Voices and instruments welcome ~ “*he who sings, prays twice.*” With students (high school & college) graduating and moving on we need to plan ahead to keep the music at mass!

“He leads me along the right path: he is true to his name...Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.”



Beloved Series Spring Marriage Preparation Classes are being held at St. Raphael’s on Wednesday’s from 6:00 – 7:30PM. Couples should

register ahead by contacting Elizabeth Hiker at elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org or Fr. Jingbe at (907) 328-9424. Class dates and presenters are as follows:

- May 3 - Session 2: George and Wanda Bowder
- May 10 - Session 3: George and Wanda Bowder
- May 17 - Session 4: Marc and Ann Lee
- May 31 - Session 5: Mark and Marie Martin
- June 7 - Session 6: Mark and Marie Martin

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOW HIRING!

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position.

• Director of Mission Engagement

The Director of Mission Engagement oversees the annual fundraising program of the Diocese. This includes the planning and implementation of a strategy plan for the annual giving program, analyzing data for individual solicitations, and fostering relationships between donors and the Diocese.

• 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 a cover letter and resume please contact humanresources@cbna.org. Listings found on website at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

Sacred Heart Cathedral is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. The position is 7-10 hours per week with flexible work schedule. To apply please submit a 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.).
- **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 2:00-6:00 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>.