



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 to 4 PM or by Appointment

WEDNESDAYS @ SHC Eucharistic Holy Hour-

11AM followed by 12N Mass Join our priests as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks

THURSDAY (SHC): Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
8:00-11:00 AM in the church.

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:

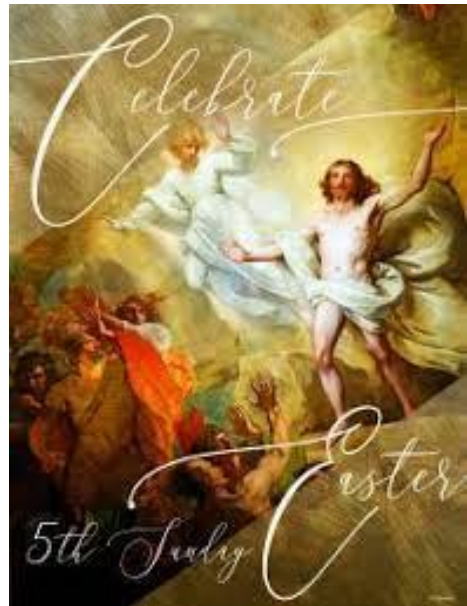
Gloria Patri: means “*Glory to the Father. It appears in English and Latin versions of all four official prayers (The Our Father, The Apostles’ Creed, The Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.)*. Before Vatican II (1962-65), it was common for Catholics to say or sing Gloria Patri after each Mass. <https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>



Harper Harvey celebrates her First Communion at Sacred Heart Cathedral at the Saturday Vigil Service this weekend (May 6). She is the daughter of Harley and Alex Harvey, alumni of CSA/UAF.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Cycle A

May 7, 2023



First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciple, “I am the way and the truth and the life.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 10-Jun 7: Marriage Spring Class on Wednesdays at St. Raphael’s from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

May 13: 10 AM- 12 PM Altar Server Training

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

May 13: 1:00 PM at ICC Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Recitation at the Marian Grotto.

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

May 14: HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

May 28: Confirmations at St. Mark’s 5:30 PM Mass (SHC).

May 29: MEMORIAL DAY



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.

Summer Oratory – May 30th – Jun 9th at SHC for Ages 6-17 from 9:00am–4:00pm at SHC. Please find registration packets in vestibule of SHC or contact parish office at 907-374-9564.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at ICC will include public recitation of the Rosary at the ICC Marian Grotto at 1:00pm, Saturday, May 13, 2023. To Jesus through Mary! *For more information contact 907-388-1825.*

Catholic Student Association (CSA) – Mass and meetings will resume with the start of Fall ’23 Semester at UAF.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00 PM on May 26th at ICC on Friday’s ~ Ages 18-35. Starts again in September.

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 -Wednesdays, **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 – For the summer title to read on your own, 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 – Meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM @ ICC.

Saint Louis Martin Men’s Group – 6:45 PM at ICC May 18th (Thu) for men of All ages! Starts up again in September.

Saint Zelig Martin Women’s Group –7:15 PM at ICC May 10th & 24th (Wed) for women of All ages! Starts up again in September.

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

-SUMMER ORATORY-



May 30th-June 9th
9:00am-4:00pm
at Sacred Heart Cathedral
For ages 6-17

Find registration packets in the vestibule of the church.
Or ask your parish secretary!



Justice Challenge: St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus’ example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact –the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person’s reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive.

Connecting the Gospel ...

...in the Second Reading: Peter can confidently invite people to “Come to [Christ]” and name them “a people of [Christ’s] own” because he is writing from an Easter faith; he has encountered the risen Lord. He has made the leap that the troubled and anxious disciples in the gospel have not yet made.

...to experience: Being troubled and anxious is a fact of our stress-filled lives. “Do not be troubled” the surgeon says to someone before major surgery; “Do not be troubled” a parent says to a child wakened by a nightmare; “Do not be troubled” ...The only way we can truly not be troubled. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



“The problem of disbelieving in God is not that a man ends up believing nothing. Alas, it is much worse. He ends up believing anything.”

-- G.K. Chesterson



Who is the patron saint of First Communicants?

Blessed Imelda Lambertini had one lifelong desire: to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Little Imelda was just five years old when, one day in 1327, she went to her parents and expressed her greatest desire: to receive her First Holy Communion immediately.

You can imagine the joy and surprise Imelda’s parents felt upon hearing such a request from so young a child. But Imelda had to wait. At that time, laity received communion only on special occasions, and children made their First Communion after their twelfth year.



For the next few years, Imelda spent most of her time contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist and the ecstasy of one day receiving Him into her soul. Periodically, she asked again to make her First Communion. Even though the answer was always the same, she never stopped asking.

When Imelda was nine, she was permitted to enter the Dominican order as a postulant. Her thoughts and prayers still centered on Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist.

Two years later, on the Feast of the Ascension, she made her request again. The answer came back the same: “No, Imelda, not yet. Soon, but not yet.”

After Mass, all the sisters left the chapel. Soon they found that Imelda was not with them and hurried back to find her. There she was kneeling before the tabernacle and gazing with sparkling eyes upon a Eucharistic host miraculously suspended above her. Seeing this, the priest gave her her First Holy Communion.

Imelda received Jesus with keen joy and adoration. Her communion with Him was so complete that He called her soul to be in heaven with Him immediately.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

PARTICIPATING IN MASS – Join us in participating in helping during Mass by assisting as extraordinary ministers, lectors, choir, altar servers, and collection/bringing up the gifts at mass. For more information contact Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org or sign up in our book at the entrance of church. Training is provided.



Building the Cornerstone



Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term vernacular architecture like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing – ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5

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!*

“May the perfect grace and eternal Love of Christ our Lord be our ever-failing protection and help.”
St. Ignatius

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

CRS: 3% of Lenten Donation - \$220

Good Friday: 3% of Easter Sunday Donation - \$218

April 30, 2023 - \$ 601.25

Total for Fiscal Year - 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$52,789.83

Thank You for Your Generosity!

For giving online, visit our website: www.stmarksuaf.org

Prayer of the Faithful: That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

Pope Francis' May 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. St. Mark Parish members – Gail Reidman, John & Sheila Fox, Tracy Bradshaw, Ben Orr, Jim Radigan, Paulette Booth, Cynthia Klepaski caring for her brother after his surgery, and those names not mentioned who are recovering from injuries & illnesses.

Pray for: Harper Harley as she receives her First Communion this weekend.

Pray for all our dearly departed.

Pray for Vocations:

“If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org.

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. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Register and additional details at St. Raphael’s website <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/>

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>



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 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>.

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IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION.**