



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

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Pastoral Council

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

St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Parce Domine: The words *parce Domine* (*Latin for spare, O Lord*) are found in many English hymns. Originally written by Thomas Aquinas as a plea to God to stop attacking a city, it has become an expression of repentance. It is a phrase used as part of Masses on Good Friday. <https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Cycle A

May 14, 2023



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial: Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20.

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Support Hospitality by getting something for your mom!

May 13-Jun 18: Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive

May 28: SHC, ICC, & St. Mark Confirmation at St. Mark's 5:30 PM Mass (SHC). Reception following.

May 29: MEMORIAL DAY



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY AND THANK YOU!

WELCOME A NEW PRIEST: Fr. Francis Gandhi

Kakara, ALCP/OSS arrived in Fairbanks from India. Please give him a warm welcome and take a moment to introduce yourself when you see him. Fr. Francis will be assisting in the Fairbanks area for at least six months before transitioning to a parish. He is also a member of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests, like **Fr. Bosco** who arrived last month. There are now 22 priests in active ministry serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks. Please keep all our priests in your prayers and continue to pray for vocations for the Diocese of Fairbanks.



UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – TBA. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarksuaf.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. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 or St. Mark’s office at 907-374-9564.

Baptism Instruction: Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi for information at SHC at 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 907-474-9032.

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 **on** 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 downstairs @ SHC.

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 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

It is understandable to be nervous, but volunteering is a beautiful way to share our faith and gifts. Our Mass is enhanced by your participation!

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

1. **Pick up bottle** after Mass on Mother’s Day.
2. **Fill the bottle** with spare change, dollars or checks until Father’s Day.
3. **Return filled bottles** to the Knights of Columbus on Father’s Day.
4. Proceeds benefit FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center.



Find out more about FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center at <https://fyndoutfree.com/>



Justice Challenge: On May 15 in 1891, Pope Leo XIII shared his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* with Catholics across the world. In this letter, which is considered the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching, Pope Leo defended the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Your challenge this week is to do something special for someone whose job you may be taking for granted or whose job isn’t valued the way it should be. How can you honor this person and his/her work? How can you show your gratitude for the service which this person does in your life? Perhaps a thank you note, a plate of home-made cookies, or a simple “thank you” will let the person know his/her work matters.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: keep my commandments, Spirit of truth, world ... neither sees nor knows, you will see me, you will live, one who loves me, loved by my Father



To the point: In John’s gospel, “world” refers to everything opposed to God and being obedient to Jesus’ commandments. The world sees neither Jesus nor the “Spirit of truth;” faithful disciples do. The world does not love; faithful disciples do. The world does not have life; faithful disciples do. Faithful disciples see, love, and live because of the Father’s gift of the Spirit dwelling within them. This divine indwelling is God’s very love. We are to be God’s love made visible, that the world may see Jesus, come to the truth, and choose to live in faithful love. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

“Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood. She brings God to man by preparing the flesh in which the soul will be implanted; she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator....she is nature’s constant challenge to death, the bearer of cosmic plenitude, the herald of eternal realities, God’s great cooperator.”

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen ~



Why do we call Mary our Blessed Mother?

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Today, as we honor our mothers, it’s the perfect time to show extra love to our Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God.

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In Sacred Scripture, after the angel Gabriel visits Mary in her home to tell her that she will bear the Savior of the world at the Annunciation, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who calls Mary “the mother of my Lord” (Luke 1:43).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that because Mary is the mother of Jesus—and Jesus is God—she has the beautiful privilege of being called “the Mother of God.” She is not just the mother of His human nature; she is the mother of the whole Person of Christ, and Christ has two natures: human and divine. The Catechism explains:

“In fact, the One whom [Mary] conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly the ‘Mother of God’ (*Theotokos*)” (CCC 495).

We call Mary the Blessed Mother because of Sacred Scripture. When Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out, “**Blessed** are you among women, and **blessed** is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1:42). And in her Song of Praise, popularly known as the Magnificat, Mary replied, “Behold, henceforth all generations will call me **blessed**” (Luke 1:48).

And why do we call Mary our Mother, even though she is not our biological mother?

Since Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ, and we are all members of His Body, she therefore brought us spiritually into being as sons and daughters of God. This fundamental truth is also why we have high regard for Mary. Before she said “yes” to God, we were not able to enter heaven. Her role in salvation history is crucial.

Mothers guide, nurture, and teach their children. The Blessed Mother guides, nurtures, and teaches us to become faithful followers of her Son, Jesus Christ.

As we honor our mothers today, thanking them for sacrificing for us on a daily basis, let’s also honor our Blessed Mother for her yes to God, and for giving us our Savior, Jesus Christ. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

Weirdly Christian



For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don’t know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it’s two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one’s clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady’s “scapular promise:” Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don’t wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don’t go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I’m a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it’s okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn’t, all I’ve lost is the esteem of others, which isn’t worth that much to begin with.

I’ve always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you’re just a little bit weird.

“...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.” — John 14:17
Colleen Jurkiewicz ~May 12, 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. *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

A Mother’s Day Prayer –

Dear Lord, Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven...and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother’s Day and every day.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says, “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated, or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured; God has a better plan in store for you.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection May 7 - \$ 1,115.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$53,904.83

Thank you so much for all your financial support!

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

Prayer of the Faithful: That we recognize that things don’t always go the way we plan, and God has a better plan in store for us.

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; all our priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, religious, and laity working to support the Catholic Schools and churches in our Diocese.

Pray for: Teens preparing for Confirmation in May.

Pray For: The homebound, sick, and their caregivers and family members.

Pray for: All our biological, spiritual, and expectant mothers.

Pray for: All our dearly departed.

Pray for Vocations:

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.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>

“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.” ~ St. John Vianney

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 17 - Session 4: Marc and Ann Lee
- May 31 - Session 5: Mark and Marie Martin
- June 7 - Session 6: Mark and Marie Martin

KEEP 2023 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES
IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION
AS THEY COMMENCE NEW JOBS OR EDUCATION.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOW HIRING!

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

Director of Mission Engagement - Oversees the annual fundraising program of the Diocese, including 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 - 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>

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 recruit-ment 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>.

