



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

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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

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Administration

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

Non obis Domine non nobis sed nomini tuo da gloriam: : "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to your name give glory." This is found in Psalm 115 of the Vulgate version, a translation of the Hebrew original. It might also be rendered into English as "Not to us, not to us only, but to thy name be the glory is given." The phrase is part of a Hymn sung by deacons at mass during the Advent Season. <https://www.universal-translation-services.com/catholic-latin-phrases-and-their-meanings/>

Question of the week:

For Adults: Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you experience his presence most?

For Children: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

"GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY!
Psalm 47

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9.

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea.

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

May 29: MEMORIAL DAY

May 31: Marriage Prep at St. Raphael's (Wed) 6-7:30 PM





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 - 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.

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!*

-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!

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

1. **Pick up bottle.**
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: This week we have a really special feast—the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension reminds us that we are now the physical body of Christ on earth. Jesus could physically leave because he trusted us to be his hands and feet, his ears and voice, his heart, his very being for those who need an encounter with him. We are the Body of Christ on earth. Your challenge this week is to enter into the Sunday Eucharist more deeply, remembering that when you consume the host, Christ is dwelling in you in a very intimate way. Then when you leave Mass, find someone who needs an encounter with Christ, someone who needs to know they are loved unconditionally. Reach out and give a hug or a listening ear or a helping hand. Be Christ in the world!

Connecting the Gospel...

...to the First Reading: Jesus makes clear in his words to his disciples before the ascension that, far from abandoning them, he will send the Holy Spirit to empower them to be witnesses to his saving work.

...to experience: We mistakenly think that the ascension pertains only to Jesus. The liturgy communicates the ascension’s significance for us: “he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before” (Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord). <https://liturgy.slu.edu> **Why did**





Jesus ascend into Heaven?

Did you know that the Ascension was not only good—but necessary?

Dr. Scott Hahn once noted that the Ascension is “one of the most underrated feasts in the liturgical year.”

Indeed, the Ascension seems almost formulaic. Jesus ascended because it was simply natural that He do so, correct? He came from Heaven and must go back there, right? Are we simply saying “goodbye” to Jesus on this feast, like we would any visitor who’s leaving to go back home?

There’s quite a bit more to it than that.

Jesus’ Ascension into Heaven is the completion of His mission on earth. He came not only to save us through His Passion, death, and Resurrection, but also to establish Himself as our continual intercessor. He did this by ascending into Heaven and taking His place at the right hand of His Father.



Giotto's fresco of the Ascension

He is forever united to human nature and, having taken His seat in Heaven, continues to act as the Mediator between God and man.

It’s beautiful to think that even in His glorified Body, Jesus carries His wounds with Him—

the glorious marks of His great sacrifice for humankind. These wounds plead for us, as the saints have said: they are always before the eyes of the Father, reminding Him of the suffering His Son endured for men, and begging Him for mercy, for the sake of that suffering.

From His place in Heaven, Jesus continually reaches down to earth in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the priest, who acts in His person, He offers to His Father the perfect and priceless Sacrifice of Himself for us sinners—all over the world, at every hour of every day.

So the Ascension is the celebration of the completion of our redemption, the triumphant arrival of our King in His kingdom, and His intercession for us. What a cause for celebration indeed!

Of course, Jesus also ascended to show us where—if we live in imitation of Him—we too are destined. We are meant to be with Him in Heaven if we love Him and follow His commandments.

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AS THEY COMMENCE NEW JOBS OR EDUCATION.

Looking to the Sky



In the past, I have been guilty of being a little depressed by the Ascension. Looking at it from a certain angle, it has the feel of a party that’s coming to an end. The important guests have gone home and now it’s time to turn the lights back on, switch off the music and start cleaning up.

Of course, if I view the Ascension in this light, I’m not really paying attention. I’m lingering on the mountain, staring at the sky, wondering where God went and when He’s coming back.

Christ, of course, is very much the “main event” of the Gospels, and so when he is no longer a physical, visible presence on earth — teaching, preaching, curing, dying, rising — we can be forgiven for feeling a little deflated. But the life of Christ is not a season of our favorite show. It’s not a chapter in a book. It doesn’t exist for consumption and entertainment, and it certainly doesn’t come to an end.

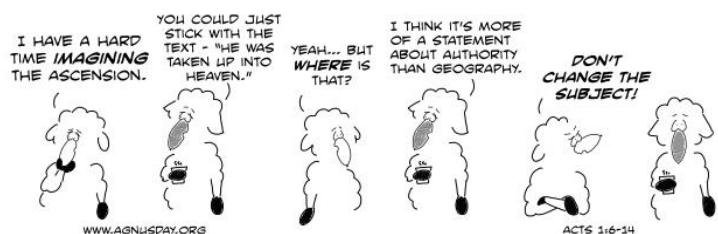
It’s easy to think of Christ at Mass when he is there before me in the Eucharist. It’s easy to be about the work of God during Lent or Easter. But what about the dreaded “Ordinary Time”? As full as the sky is of clouds, so the world is full of distractions: work, finances, health, politics. I struggle to see where God has gone in the midst of it all.

In reality, He is still here. He is here in the person I choose to love or to abandon. He is here in the truth I choose to embrace or to reject. He is here, waiting for me in the sacraments I all too often take for granted.

“Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”
— Matthew 28:20

Colleen Jurkiewicz ~May 19, 2023©Lpi

Happy Ascension of Our Lord!
May we merit, by his grace, to attain joys
unspeakable and glories untold!



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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“I am praying for them...” John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection May 14 will be posted next Sunday.

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.stmarksuaaf.org

Prayer of the Faithful: That we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends and those that may not treat us well.



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; Diocese Fairbanks priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, religious, and laity, working to support Catholic churches and education in our Diocese.

Pray for: Individual receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday (5/28). Families of children finishing the present school year this past week.

Pray for: Individuals who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick, and their caregivers and family members.

Pray for: The strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit.

Pray for: Our young who have graduated this month and commence their adult lives.

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.

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

May 31 - Session 5: Mark and Marie Martin

June 7 - Session 6: Mark and Marie Martin

National Maritime Day is commemorated on May 22 as an opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women of the U.S. Merchant Marine, seafarers, fishers, port personnel, and all who work or travel on the high seas for the vital services they provide in support of our nation's economic well-being and national security.



Pope Francis teaches us: *“The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult. Sometimes they are victims of forced labor or are left behind in distant ports ... Without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve. Let us pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.”* Join with Catholics around the globe in praying for seafarers!

Thanksgiving for Seafarers

God of Love, we give thanks for all those who work at sea. We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport. We recognize that they are sometimes in danger and their long absences often involve sacrifices in their family life. Help us to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
(Fr. Thomas Grufferty)

Pray for all our fishermen participating in this season harvest off the shores of Alaska.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Solidarity%20with%20Seafarers%20oResource%20Packet%20New.pdf>

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NOW HIRING!

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Mission Engagement and Construction Project Manager**. 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** and **Lay Pastoral Minister** For more information 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>.

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>