



# 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:** Saturday from 3 to 4 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment  
**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** 11 am **Wednesday** at SHC followed by 12N Mass. Join our priests as we pray for the next Bishop of Fairbanks  
**ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC on Thursday 8 -11 AM in the church.

## CLERGY

Fr. Ross Tozzi: [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph:907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto:poprych@cbna.org)

Deacon Warren Lucero

## Administration

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

[stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org)

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](mailto: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:

Abrenuntio – "I Renounce":  
(Ecclesiastical term)

## Snack Items Needed for Summer Oratory (5/30-6/9).

Expecting 60-100 children and need daily snacks: granola bars, small bags of chips or pretzels, carrots, cheese sticks, crackers and cheese, or cookies. Donations can be dropped off at the SHC office during the week. Thank you so much!

## Questions of the Week:

**Adult:** We live within the Trinity whenever we live in love. How does this mystery connect to your daily life?

**Child:** How do you choose to live as a more loving person?  
<https://pastoral.center/>

Life with God is not immunity from difficulties.  
but peace in difficulties. ~C.S. Lewis~

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023



### First Reading: *Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9*

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt Sinai.

### Responsorial: *Daniel 3:52-56.*

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.  
**Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13.***  
Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

### Gospel Reading: *John 3:16-18*

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

**May 30-Jun 9:** Summer Oratory at SHC – 9am-4pm

**Jun 11:** Corpus Christi Procession from SHC to ICC from 2:30-4:30 pm.

**Jun 18:** Happy Father's Day

**Jun 22-29:** Religious Freedom Week

**Jun 24:** World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests.

thank  
you!

To *Sacred Heart Hospitality* for hosting the Confirmation Reception last Sunday! Also to *M. Salvation & Sr. Unionis* for preparing our children and young adults in Religious education for the sacraments!



## -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 Flag Collection Day is June 14** – After all weekend Masses Jun 3/4 and Jun 10/11 will gather worn-out flags.

**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.

**PARISH MEETINGS** – TBA. Summary of meetings can be found at <https://www.stmarksuaf.org> under “Parish News” tab.

**Baptism Instruction:** Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi for information at SHC at 907-474-9032 or St. Mark’s office at 907-374-9564.

**Marriage Preparations** – Please contact Fr. Ross **six (6) months prior to wedding**. Contact [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk.

**Marriage Class (Spring '23):** At St. Raphael’s **on Wednesday, 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 – Monday-June 12<sup>th</sup>:** End of year potluck and discussion on book on angels. Summer novel: *The Quiet Light: A Novel about St. Thomas Aquinas* by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com).

**Knights of Columbus** – **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Sacraments of Vocations**– contact Fr. Robert Fath at [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) or Ph. 907-374-9504

**Funerals** – Contact Parish Office at SHC – 907-474-9032.

**ICC Soup Kitchen** - 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](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org). *Prayers are always needed for this important work!*

One of the most recognizable aspects of the **Feast of Corpus Christi** is the solemn procession. These processions date back to the 13th century and



involve the public display of the Blessed Sacrament. The procession moves through the streets, from one church to another allowing the faithful to express their devotion and bear witness to their faith in the real presence of Christ. During the procession, the Eucharist is placed in a monstrance and enshrined beneath a canopy. This symbolizes Christ's presence among His people and His reign over all creation. As the procession advances, the faithful offer prayers, sing hymns, and meditate on the significance of the Eucharist in their lives. The streets become a visible manifestation of faith, with believers joining together to honor and adore Christ.

**Please save the date for a Corpus Christi Procession on June 11 from 2:30-4:30 pm, from Sacred Heart Cathedral to Immaculate Conception Church.**



**Justice Challenge:** Today we celebrate a mystery—the mystery that is the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons yet one God. The Trinity exists in perfect communion and community as Father, Son, and Spirit.

God doesn’t just give perfect love—God is Love, and that love reveals itself in the relationship of Father, Son, and Spirit. Your challenge this week is to make the connection between love and justice. As Pope Benedict wrote in *Caritas in Veritate*, “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth.” Reflect this week on the following questions (as individuals and as families): “How does God’s love for us compel us to take action to fight injustice? Who needs our love the most this week—in the family, in our community, and in our world? How can we share our love? Is it through service, advocacy, financial support, or something else?” Select one way of living justice through the lens of love—and do it!

### **Connecting the Gospel...**

**...to the Second Reading:** The Second Reading describes the life of those who choose to believe in the triune God’s gift of divine Presence: “rejoice,” “mend your ways,” “encourage one another,” “agree with one another,” “live in peace,” “greet one another with a holy kiss.”



**...to experience:** Contemporary society values individualism, personal rights, and self-gratification. This solemnity invites us to live not for ourselves but in communion with one another as does the Holy Trinity. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

“The truth is not always the same as the majority decision.” ~ St. John Paul II



## Mary, Mother of the Church: What is the significance of today's (5/29) feast?

The feast of Pentecost was possible because of our Blessed Mother.

Yesterday, we celebrated the "birthday" of the Church, as Pentecost is traditionally called.

Today, in complementary fashion, we honor Mary in her title of Mother of the Church. Although this feast is a new one—created in 2018 by Pope Francis—this title is one of the Blessed Mother's oldest titles.



The mosaic of Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church) at the Vatican

The early Church Fathers—such as St. Augustine of Hippo—liked to speak of her as the Mother of the Church. It reminds us that Mary is the means by which our Salvation came into the world. She gave birth to Christ so that our souls could be born anew in His Church.

Moreover, after Jesus formed the Church, He gave her into the maternal care of His own Mother.

From the Cross, Jesus entrusted the Blessed Mother and St. John to each other's care. The Church traditionally holds that St. John represented every soul who has ever been and ever will be baptized into the Church.

When Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, behold your son," He gave not only St. John but also His entire Church into her maternal keeping. Since then, she has unfailingly protected us, and in return we take her into our souls and run to her as our perfect, loving Mother.

As devotion to our Blessed Mother grows, the list of her titles lengthens. Currently she has fifty-three titles expressing the honor, supplication, and thanksgiving with which we regard our dear Mother.

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"For to have the fruition of God the Trinity, after whose image we are made, is indeed the fullness of our joy, than which there is no greater  
~St. Augustine ~



## Live The Liturgy



The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That oneness is mirrored for us in the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons. We are a diverse community with different backgrounds, cultures, realities, and gifts, but we are truly one. Unfortunately, we too often forget this and function as a fractioned body. We needlessly compete against one another, judge one another as opposed to help, and sit silent when our brothers and sisters call out for help.

When we take seriously our way of life, we see our lives as not truly belonging to ourselves. We want to offer our very existence to God and the Body of Christ. If we find that we are resistant to that fullness of generosity, or we begin to use our gifts in a way that fractures community, we then actively work in contrast to this mark of the Church.

The Church that was established by Jesus and fortified by the institution of the sacraments cannot be deprived of Her four marks. The human element may be strained and injured, but not even the gates of hell will prevail against this institution alive in the Spirit. Our actions can either bear witness to that reality or it can bring offense. Let us pray that enough of us will choose the holy way so all the world may see that God is real, Jesus is alive, and we are ONE. ©LPi



**June 16: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus dates back to the time of the Apostles. This devotion honors Jesus' burning

love for each of us and also makes reparation for the rejection, persecution, and disdain His Sacred Heart receives from the world.

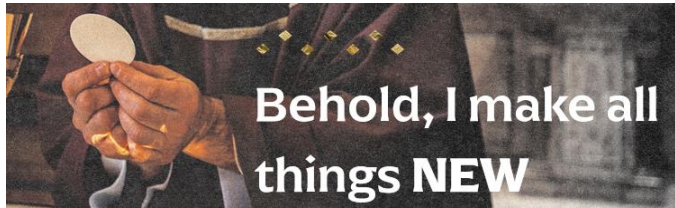
**The Heart itself.** The heart is the symbolic center of feeling and emotion, and it represents Jesus' deep love and affection for us. Red signifies fervent love, and Jesus loves us so much that he laid down his life for us (Jn 15:13).

**The Crown of Thorns.** The heart typically is encircled horizontally with a crown of thorns. The thorns represent the stings caused by our sins.

**The Wound.** Often there is a gash shown on the lower left or lower center of the heart which recalls when the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus' side (Jn 19:34).

**Droplets of Blood.** Some artists show a few droplets flowing from the wound, and in a few instances, they are caught by a chalice below. This recalls the Last Supper when Jesus offered a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28).

**The Flames.** A number of flames are usually shown above the upper, center of the heart, and they represent the intensity of the warmth of Jesus' love. <https://thecatholicspirit.org>



**Behold, I make all things NEW**

**Year of Parish Revival**

**June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024**

The second phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/synod-on-synodality>

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son....” JOHN 3:16**

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Collection for May 28 - \$ 1,224.00**

**Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$56,993.23**

*Thank you so much for all your financial support!*

For giving online, visit our website: [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org)

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we give our love unconditionally, especially to those who are closest to us.



**Pope Francis' May Intentions:**

**For the abolition of torture:**

*We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.*

**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:** The success of the Summer Oratory being held at Sacred Heart Cathedral (5/30-6/9) and for all who are helping. Continue to prayer for the newly confirmed.

**Pray for:** Individuals who are homebound, sick, or hospitalized; remember their families and caregivers; and for strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit.

**Remember** all our dearly departed. Especially Deacon Louie Andrew (retired) of Bethel who lost both his wife and daughter this month.

**Pray for Vocations:**

“God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.” How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504 or email: [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org) .

**DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**NOW HIRING!**

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Schools – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, Director of Mission Engagement, and Construction Project Manager.** For more information on these and other positions contact [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org) for more information. Listings 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](mailto:sjingbe@cbna.org) or Camille Connelly-Terhune via email [secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto:secretary@straphaelfairbanks.org)

**Catholic Schools**  
We are hiring Full and Part-Time Child Care Specialists for our After School Program 2pm-6pm M-F\*  
\*specific days of the week can be accommodated

**Qualifications:**  
\*18+ years old  
\*Must meet licensing requirements  
\*Will work with the successful candidate to obtain the training necessary.  
\*Contact Ms. Beach if interested

(907) 519-6316  
cshabram-beachcsf@catholic-schools.org  
<https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>  
615 Monroe St  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Contact:  
**Ms. Beach**  
Child Care Coordinator

**Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

St. John Fisher, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>