



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: Saturday from 3 to 4 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment
WEDNESDAY 11:00AM EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR at SHC followed by 12Noon 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 .

CLERGY

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Administration

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

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Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett: Ph. 907-590-9291 (*Marilis is out during July. Contact Mary Pat or Fr. Ross if you have any questions.*)

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

St. Mark Parish News: Next meeting TBA

Welcome to St. Mark University Parish!

Please visit our parish website at

www.stmarksuaf.org for more information.

Common Catholic Latin Phrases:

Absolutio ad cautelam – "Absolution due to doubt (Ecclesiastical term – Canon Law – When a priest is excommunicated and appeals, he needs to obtain an *Ad cautelam* to continue to celebrate mass).

Latin-phrases.dechile.net



We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023



First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial: Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive I God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42
Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Parish & Chancery Offices will be closed July 3rd & 4th.

We welcome **Atticus Oliver Harvey** into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to his parents Harlee & Alexander Harvey, and godparents Harmonie & Roger Peters. We pray Atticus will find love and happiness as he grows his faith in the Lord. He joins his sister- Harper and brothers - Asher, Alexander, and Ambrose.



Join us downstairs in the Social Hall after the 5:30pm Mass to celebrate as a community with the Harvey family.



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: Three-session class at SHC: 6:30pm on **July 11th**. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032 if interested.

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: Next classes TBA. Open to all engaged couples.

Voice of Hope Prayer Group – Meets on Tuesday evenings downstairs at SHC 6-8:30PM. Meeting begins with light potluck, followed by contemplative prayer meeting.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SHC – In the church daily between 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

SHC Book Club – Summer novel: *The Quiet Light: A Novel* about St. Thomas Aquinas by Louis de Wohl c. 1950. Meetings will begin in September. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com.

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: For more information, contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

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.

Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph – Contact Patty Walter at pattywalter@hotmail.com for more information. Meetings are currently quarterly. They have been active since 1987.

Little Flower Ministries – **Radio KQHE 92.7 FM**. For more information contact: Robin Barrett at 479-5283 or Cherie Kelly at 378-7047. KQHE Studio - 451-4868. Check out their scheduled programming at <https://kqhe.org/schedule>

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.

Question of the Week:

Adults: When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

Children: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?
<https://pastoral.center/>.

**Celebrate July 4th the Catholic way!
Honor the Catholic Contribution to the Declaration of Independence.**



Thomas Jefferson's phrase "*all men are created equal*" was inspired by an Italian Catholic named Philip Mazzei who wrote to Jefferson that "*all men are by nature equally free and independent.*" Charles Carroll (1737-1832) was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence who also happened to be the only Catholic signatory. He was also the wealthiest, which means he had the most to lose in this risky venture.

Honor American Saints – Mother Cabrini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, or Jesuit North American Martyrs. Junipero Serra, Katharine Drexel, Marianne Coper, Theodore Guerin, Isaac Jogues, Jozef De Veuster, Stanley Francis Rother, and Vincent Robert Capodanno.

Honor the Holy Popes. An old optional feast falls on the 4th known as **Commemoration of All Holy Popes**. At least 80 out of the 266 Popes in history are canonized saints.

SUMMER YOUTH FEST

Ages 11-17
August 25th-27th
Overnight at Camp Bingle
(on Harding Lake)
\$25 per child
Ages 11-17

Look for registration packet in vestibule!
Contact servidoras@cbna.org or 907-987-9598 with any questions.

Justice Challenge: We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom, and happiness?

Connecting the Gospel...
... **to the First Reading:** The Shunammite woman served the prophet Elisha and provided for his needs; by so serving she received in turn the gift of life.
... **to experience:** We all experience the impulse to express our love concretely, for example, by sending cards, flowers, inviting the beloved to dinner, etc. We concretely express our love for Jesus by serving others. <https://Liturgy.slu.edu>



How can I be a good godparent? *Being a godparent is a joy---and a big responsibility.*

When a friend asks you to be the godparent of their new baby, you likely feel a sense of great honor. As you should—choosing a godparent isn't a decision that Catholic parents take lightly! The godparent has a huge role to play in this child's life.

The responsibilities of godparents are quite lost in today's society and, since we live *in* society, it's easy even for us Catholics to forget what a godparent is really for. The modern world seems to consider it just a sentimental gesture, a nice way to pay tribute to a family friend.



For the Church, however, the godparent is much more. In fact, at least one godparent is *required* for the Sacrament of Baptism.

So what does a godparent do that is so important? Well, in short, it is his or her job to make sure the child is raised in the Faith.

While this, of course, is primarily the parents' responsibility, a godparent provides surety for the child's faith if the parents are unable or are struggling to form their child in the Faith. Even if the parents are doing fine in this department, a godparent still offers everyday guidance and assistance. Additionally, a good godparent is an extra source of support for the child in other arenas—offering advice and encouragement throughout the child's life.

The handy little book [*Becoming A Great Godparent*](#) offers some insights from Catholics regarding their relationship with their godparents. Some say that their godparents were deeply involved in their lives and were an invaluable support through thick and thin. Others say that their godparents weren't involved at all. Of course, we all want to be the former, not the latter! But how?

It starts, of course, with a godparent's presence at the Baptism and with prayer. No matter what happens, we as godparents can and should *always* pray for our godchildren. We should also try to be present—as far as possible—at their reception of the Sacraments as they grow older. And for all the time in between, we should strive to keep up communication with our godchildren, encourage them in their faith practices, teach the Faith when necessary, and offer support, especially in times of difficulty.

It's a lifelong commitment. We won't always do it perfectly, but if we accept the role and its responsibilities, the rewards for us and our godchildren will be eternal.

www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

"I pledge the allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

A PROPHET'S REWARD



"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross. *"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."* MATTHEW 10:38**

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." Comfort puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for June 25 - \$ 1,081.50

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/22 – 6/30/23: \$ 61,390.73

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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

Be A Sign of Mercy ~ Peter's Pence Collection

Supporting the works of the Holy Father

The Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. St. Mark gave 3% of our June collection to support the cause. Visit www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html to learn more about this collection.



Prayer of the Faithful:

That we use our gifts in the way that God intended for us.

Pope Francis' July Intentions:



For the Eucharistic Life:

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Pray For: Pope Francis; Archbishop Andrew Bellisario - Apostolic Administrator; Fr. Ross Tozzi & Fr. Piotr Oprych; Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons, Religious, and Laity, working to support Catholic churches and education in our Diocese. Pray for all parishioners of St. Mark Parish.

Remember those who have passed away. For those in the parish who are suffering from illness or injury, those serving in the armed forces, and all who are asking to be remembered in our prayers.

Pray for all celebrating the 4th of July that they have a safe and happy celebration.

*"Do not neglect prayer,
however busy you may be."
Bl Sebastian Valfré (1629-1710)*

Pray for Vocations:

"He that shall lose his life for me, shall find it." Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, 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>

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12*

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING!

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring a **part time Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include:

- Stephen Ministry – train and supervise lay volunteers to function as Stephen Ministers for home visits and services at the Denali Center, the Pioneer Home, and the Correctional Center.
- Outreach – train and support volunteers to help with the Loving Families program in conjunction with Love Inc. and food box distribution through the Food Bank.
- Safe Environment – ensures all volunteers are vetted and trained to work with children and/or vulnerable adults.
- Emergency contact for citywide callout of priests to respond to people in danger of death or in special need of pastoral visits.

Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and 3 references along with any questions to Rev Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral, rector@cbna.org.

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Director of Schools – Catholic Schools of Fairbanks**, Fundraising Development Officer, and Construction Project Manager. For more info on these and other positions contact humanresources@cbna.org. Listings at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>.

Catholic Schools of Fairbanks is hiring teachers for the following positions: **Full-time Religion Teacher** (grades 7-12); **Chemistry; Math-Computer Science; English;** and **Substitute Teachers**, and **High School After School Attendant**. For more information, contact Patrick Riggs at priggscsf@catholic-schools.org or call the school office at (907)-313-3062.

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

