



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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral or by Appointment

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 AM Eucharistic Holy Hour followed by 12:00 noon Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

THURSDAY: 8:00 – 11:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Cathedral

CLERGY

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph:907-347-3005

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Deacon Warren Lucero

Administration

Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger

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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.*)

Music: George Stefan: Ph. 907-687-0077

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

Interested in serving in a ministry?

Liturgical Ministry-If you feel called to serve as an Extra-Ordinary Minister or Lector for our Sunday liturgy, please contact Mary Pat Boger to learn more about training. mboger@cbna.org

Music Ministry -We could use more members in our choir to help fill out our numbers. Please see George Stefan after Mass or text him at 907-687-0077.

COMING EVENTS:

Aug 8-10: Diocesan Priestly Formation Days

Aug 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 16: First day of Instruction of Catholic Schools.

Aug 25-27: Summer Youth Fest at Camp Bingle

Aug 26: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

Aug 28: UAF First Day of Instruction

Oct 11: 7pm Solemn Vespers at SHC

Oct 12: 10am Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP.

Fr. Joe Hemmer's Mass was held early - August 2nd to celebrate his 35 years of service to the people of the Diocese, retiring at 95. He has returned to the lower 48. Please keep him in your prayers.

August 6, 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord



First Reading: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

Responsorial Psalm **97:1-2, 5-6, 9**

A Song of Praise to God our King.

Second Reading: **2 Peter 1:16-19**

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



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.

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

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.

Oratory: Starting Saturday, September 24th at Sacred Heart Cathedral. 1:30 – 3:15 pm for ages 4-17. For all children in the Diocese. Registration has begun. Go to <https://sacredheartak.org> to register. For more information contact servidoras@cbna.org.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group meets at 6pm on Fridays starting up in September.

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.

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 – 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.

Women's Group every other Wednesday at 7:15 pm & **Men's Group** at 6:45 pm every other Thursday *starts again at ICC in September*.

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.

Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Is there a time that you were chosen to witness something amazing?

For Children: What do you think God's voice sounds like? www.pastoralcenter.com



Justice Challenge: On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. Our U.S. Bishops have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church's teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the bishops have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons. Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone?

Focusing the Gospel...

Key words and phrases: high mountain, shone like the sun, white as light, well pleased, listen to him, Jesus ... touched, raised from the dead



To the point: What high mountain must we climb for us to witness Jesus' transfiguration? We must climb the high mountain of listening to Jesus, the high mountain of being pleasing to him, the high mountain of opening ourselves to the touch of his Presence. When we climb this mountain, we forsake our own agenda of pitching the tent of satisfaction with our own works to enter into the glory of the Life Jesus offers us. The mountain is steep; the climb is ours to choose; the vision at the top is divine—“white as light,” shining “like the sun.” Can we see him? <https://Liturgy.slu.edu>

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’” -Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they “were very much afraid. “We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.



What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?

Do you know the deep connection between this event and the Passion?

We celebrate the great feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Tabor (8/6). In this glorious event, we see the veil of Christ's Humanity briefly lifted and His Divinity shine forth before the astounded eyes of his disciples.

This event was meant to strengthen the disciples in anticipation of the events of the Passion, which would test their faith as never before. We see an instant connection between the Transfiguration and the Passion when we observe that only Christ's closest disciples—Peter, James, and John—are witnesses. Not long after, on a different mount, the Mount of Olives, these three would become witnesses of Christ's Agony, at which time His divinity would be hidden in the darkness of the Passion.



The Transfiguration of Christ by Pietro Perugino

Interestingly, the two events are also connected by apostolic sleepiness: in both instances Peter, James, and John are overtaken by sleep at the critical moment. They manage to stay awake for the Transfiguration, but it seems that the devil was highly invested in none of them observing either Christ's glory or His suffering.

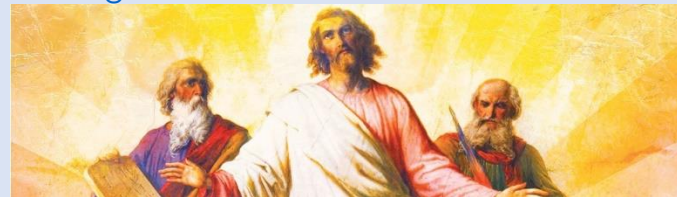
In his brilliant work *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI delves deeply into the integral unity of the Transfiguration with the Passion. He notes that the subject of Christ's conversation with Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor is the Passion (Luke's account calls it His "departure," or, you might say, exodus). Moses led the people of Israel to freedom through the Red Sea, a clear image of the new Moses bringing His people to freedom through the Red Sea of His Passion.

The lesson, says Pope Benedict, that Our Lord is teaching the disciples is that the glory of God is only reached through the Passion. The Cross is His chosen way to redeem us and bring us into His divine life; and we must be willing to walk with Him if we are to see His glory.

Get to know the Son of God by delving into the events of His earthly life. Pope Benedict's *Jesus of Nazareth* is your guide to understanding the principal episodes covered in the Gospels, from the Baptism to the Transfiguration. Your knowledge of Christ and love for Him will grow as Pope Benedict uncovers the vast and often hidden mysteries of His life. www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/

Be true to yourself:
Be transformed by the love of Christ.

Transfigured



We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

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To all who supported the Catholic Schools Garage Sale that benefits the students ~ THANK YOU!



International WFC celebration taking place in Lisbon, Portugal ends on Sunday, Aug 6th. This international Catholic festival brought over 300,000 pilgrims from around the world, every continent - to pray, worship, and celebrate their Catholic faith. They are now returning home to spread their new found joy and spark that was lit with new energy in their faith! Please keep them in your prayers for a safe journey home!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for July 30 - \$ 662.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 5,438.72

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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Prayer of the Faithful:

That we recognize that we are beloved sons and daughters of God and to listen for His voice every day.

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions:

For Political Leaders:

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, Dcn. Warren Lucero, and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons serving in our diocese.

Pray for: All who are preparing to return to school; The continued presence of St. Mark on the UAF campus to support students.

Remember: Those suffering from long-term illnesses or injury. For caretakers and health care workers. Military troops and their families – especially those who are deployed to areas of conflict.

Pray for: The repose of the souls of all the faithfully departed.

Pray for Vocations:

“This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of

His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office on (907) 374-9504

or email: rfath@cbna.org.

Please pray
for
more priests.



From the St. Mark Office – Campus Move

We support student led Catholic Student Association (CSA) as they build relationships and have fun during their time on and off campus as a college student! Our search for space for student mass during the week is ongoing. When something is found we will let you know.

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>

The Christian ideal has not been tried
and found wanting, it has been found
difficult and left untried.

~ G.K. Chesterton



Please save these dates and times.

Oct. 11th: 7pm Solemn Vespers at SHC.

Oct. 12th: 10am Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Maekawa, OP will be held at the Carlson Center. Reception following.

Prayer for Our New Bishop

God, eternal shepherd,

You tend your Church in many ways,

And rule us with love.

You have chosen your servant, Fr. Steven,

To be a shepherd of your flock.

Give him a spirit of courage and right judgement,

A spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care.

May he build your Church

As a sign of salvation for the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING!

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

- Stephen Ministry
- Outreach
- Safe Environment
- 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: **Fundraising Development Officer, Faith and Family Formation Director, Digital Content Coordinator, and Maintenance Technician**. For more information on these and other positions contact

humanresources@cbna.org. Listings are posted at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>

The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks is hiring full-time teachers for grades 7-12, Substitute Teachers, After Care Specialist, and Part-time high school after school attendant. <https://www.catholic-schools.org/employment.html>

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

*Know someone who would be a good fit, then
please pass on the following information.*