



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.

PASTOR

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DEACON

Deacon Warren Lucero

ST. MARK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday – 5:30 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ SHC

Weekday Adoration @ SHC:

Wednesday Holy Hour 11AM followed by Mass at 12N.
Thursday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from 8-11 AM.
Confessions held on Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC
or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

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Pastoral Council

Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick,
Jen & Sean Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi.

Finance Council

Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi
*Parish meetings will be held on UAF Campus once a month
on Tuesdays beginning in September.
Time & Place yet to be determined.*

COMING EVENTS:

9/9: 10AM-12PM Altar Server Training at SHC

9/11: SHC Book Club 12:30-2:30pm downstairs at SHC.

9/11: Patriot Day 20th Anniversary

9/15-17: Catholic Men's Retreat in Wasilla KOFC

9/17: Catechetical Sunday

9/17 & 18: 7pm at Regal Cinema

Route 60: The Biblical Highway

9/19: Marriage Prep at ICC 7:00-9:30 pm

9/21-22: Catechism & Religious Education begins.

9/23: Oratory 1:30-3:15pm (ages 4-17)

9/30: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

10/11: 7:00 PM Solemn Vespers at SHC

10/12: 10:00 AM Mass of Ordination and Installation

10/14: HIPOW 54th Auction & Dinner

~ 5pm Cocktails, Conversation, and Hors D'oeuvres;
6pm Dinner; 7pm Auction.

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle A



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love
your neighbor as yourself.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes
in the Church.

Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

558 Glory and Praise to Our God

462 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

546 Abba! Father

495 Love Goes On

560 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CHOIR FOR ORDINATION MASS



Rehearsals have started for
anyone interested in joining the
choir for Fr. Steven's
Ordination and Installation Mass.

All are welcome to participate!

Practices are held:

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

@ Sacred Heart Cathedral

Contact Sr. New Eve to sign up @ iccsecretary@cbna.org



Oratory: Saturday, Sept. 24th at SHC from 1:30 – 3:15 pm for ages 4-17 for all children in the Diocese. Go to <https://sacredheartak.org> to register. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org. St. Mark's covers the cost of Oratory for our families – contact Mary Pat Boger stmark@cbna.org.

SHC Book Club –meets Sept 11th downstairs of SHC at 12:30pm to discuss summer book on St. Thomas Aquinas. Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com.

Altar Serving Training – Open to any male or female, who has made his or her First Communion – both children and adults. *Training Sept. 9 from 10am-12pm at SHC.*

Latin Mass Schedule: 9/9 & 30, 10/7 & 21 at SHC

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.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group meets at 6pm on Fridays for young adults 18-35. Starts 9/8.

Women's Group - Wednesdays at 7:15 pm @ ICC every other Wednesday.

Men's Group -Thursdays at 6:45 pm @ ICC starts 9/7

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

Regional Soup Kitchen –Served only on Saturday and Sunday between 1:00-3:00 PM. Help by donating food or time. Visit the webpage for more information at <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>

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.
1st Tues of the month mtg 5011; 3rd Tues of the month mtg 1515 ~ 6:30 PM @ ICC.

Franciscan Community – 1st Thursday of the month at St. Raphael Church - 6:30-8:00 pm. For information please contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

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, Cherie Kelly at 378-7047, or KQHE Studio - 451-4868. Check out their scheduled programing 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.

Catechism and Religious Education classes for the 2023-2024 year begin this month! Please register in advance. Paperwork is available at the entrance of Sacred Heart Cathedral on a table by the office door as well as their website. As part of our way of supporting our youth St. Mark will pay the fee. Contact me (Mary Pat Boger) with the name of your children at stmark@cbna.org.

ORATORY – Run, Jump, Shout, But Do Not Sin!
Saturdays at SHC starting Sept 23, 2023 from 1-2:45 pm. Ages 5-17.

As a community St. Mark's plays a vital role in education by supporting families. Pray that parents and guardians have the wisdom to support their children's spiritual and academic growth. We can support the Servidoras and families through prayers and participating in activities throughout the year.



Justice Challenge: Sunday's first reading from Ezekiel has the prophet challenging us to confront those who do wrong. Jesus follows in the Gospel with a similar message. Often when we hear or see racism, greed, or other actions which deny people their human dignity, we remain silent. We don't want to rock the boat or draw attention to ourselves. Your challenge this week is to be prophetic. When you hear someone putting down a person, a cultural or ethnic community, or whomever, speak the Gospel truth and challenge the offender to remember Jesus' example of treating everyone with dignity because we are all created in God's own image and likeness.



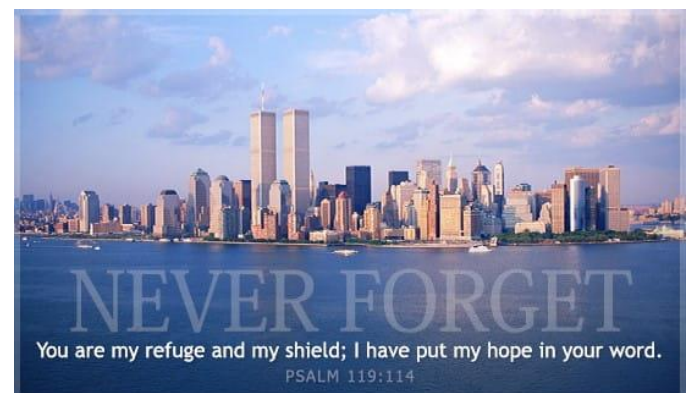
Marriage Preparation Fall Session
will be held at ICC:
Tuesday Sept 19 & 26 and Oct 3
Thursday Sept 21 & 28 and Oct 5

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

Kids: How can you help another person do the right thing?
www.pastoralcenter.com

Low Gluten Hosts – If you can't receive normal hosts, please arrive to mass early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) before Mass.



Dear God, we remember before you today those lives were lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, and for all those whom we love but no longer see.

Why do we exalt the Cross?

Thursday, September 14th, is the glorious Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. But why do we “exalt” the Cross?

From a historical perspective, today’s Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates three events:

1. The finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, in the 4th century.
2. The dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, built by Constantine soon after the finding of the True Cross.
3. The restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in the 7th century by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius, after it had been seized as a trophy by the Persian Emperor Chosroes II.

More than simply a marker of historical events, today’s feast is a *celebration* of the Cross as the triumphant symbol of our salvation. The Cross was the means by which Christ brought us back into the friendship of God. It was His chosen weapon in the battle He waged for our souls. It is a continual reminder of His glorious victory over sin and death.



Just as a victorious king takes down the flag of his enemy and raises his own when he wins a battle, so

do we mount the Cross high on our churches, on our buildings, and in our homes to commemorate and celebrate the triumph of Christ the King. We gather under the Cross as His loyal subjects, the joyful people that He freed from the bondage of the devil.

The Church has an ancient and beautiful hymn to the Holy Cross that captures the joy we feel today. *Vexilla regis prodeunt—The Royal Banner Forward Goes*—was originally written in the 6th century and is principally sung during Passiontide and for today’s feast.

The first verse alone offers us a beautiful meditation for today. Translated from the Latin:

*Abroad the Regal Banners fly,
Now shines the Cross’s mystery;
Upon it Life did death endure,
And yet by death did life procure.*

We should always keep the Cross before our eyes, on this day and always. As Catholics, we are particularly devoted to the crucifix—the Cross with Christ’s Body upon it—as a continual meditation on the sufferings and death our King endured to earn the victory. catholiccompany.com/getfed

“EVEN IF THE FORCES OF
DARKNESS APPEAR TO PREVAIL,
THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN GOD
KNOW THAT EVIL AND DEATH
NOT HAVE THE FINAL SAY.”

~ SAINT JOHN PAUL II, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 ~

Love and Truth



I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don’t worry, I won’t make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don’t fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” — Psalm 95

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”-Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”

Hebrews 13:2

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 13 - \$ 1,560.00

Total for Fiscal Year: 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 16,732.72

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at: www.stmarksuaf.org

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we go beyond the minimum required and give generously in proportion to what God has given each of us.

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intentions:

For people living in the margins:

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop-elect Fr. Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and Dcn. Warren Lucero.

Please Pray for: Alex & Harlee Harvey family. All suffering from natural disasters -- extreme weather and fires.

Pray for: All the lives lost and families who deal with the aftermath of 9/11. For members of St. Mark dealing with illness and their caretakers. May they find comfort in our prayers.

Pray for: Parishioners of St. Mark & CSA.

Pray for: The repose of the souls of the faithfully departed: Especially Billy – foster child of Harlee & Alex Harvey. Grant eternal rest to the deceased.

Pray for Vocations:

“Where two or three are gathered in My name...” The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

WOULD YOU PRIEST FOR EACH DAY?

For all priests in the diocese.

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Make them, into likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



St. Mark Parish Needs Your Help

...We are looking for help in the following areas...

- ~ Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EM)
- ~ Readers (Lectors)
- ~ Donation Basket Collectors
- ~ Join the Choir!

Contact Mary Pat Boger regarding training after Mass or at stmark@cbna.org. Contact George Stefan at 907-687-0077 if interested in joining our music ministry.

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>

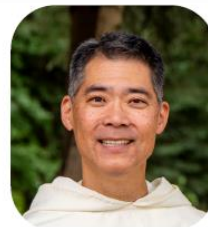
DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring a **part time Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry, Outreach, Safe Environment, and Emergency contact for city-wide 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.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church is hiring a **part-time Youth Minister**. Qualified individual who will work with middle and high school students and their parents. Prefer experience in youth ministry, education, or an equivalent degree. A minimum of 3 years' experience. In good Catholic in good standing. Responsibilities include Retreat Planning, Edge Program, High School Program, Recruiting Volunteers, and assisting in Confirmation. Non-benefited, hourly, seasonal position August to May up to 15 hours per week. Salary DOE. Please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and 3 references along with any questions to Fr. Welcome Chipiro, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, wchipiro@cbna.org

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following positions: **Fundraising Development Officer, Faith and Family Formation Director, and Maintenance Technician**. For more information on these and other positions contact humanresources@cbna.org. Listings are posted 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



CONGRATULATORY AD SPONSORSHIP

Bishop-Elect
Rev. Steven Maekawa, O.P.

Deadline: October 2nd

Please help us celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Rev. Steven Maekawa, O.P., as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Fairbanks. The Diocese of Fairbanks is sponsoring a congratulatory ad for businesses and families. Your family photo, text, or business card can be included in a special black and white 2-page ad that will run on Thursday, October 12 (the day of the Ordination) in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

\$175 for (3½ x 2) B/W Business Card Size ad
\$325 for (3½ x 4) B/W Double Business Card Size ad

To purchase an ad spot download form at:

<https://bit.ly/3sD9IQ0>

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September' devotional is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial is celebrated on Sept 15th.

**“Your name, O Mother of God,
is filled with divine graces and blessings.”**

~St. Methodius of Sicily