



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

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

*While Fr. Ross is out of town, if you need a priest contact

Fr. Piotr or SHC Office (907-474-9032) office.

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-9805

DEACON

Warren Lucero

ST. MARK MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC
or by appointment

Sunday: 5:30 PM @ SHC

If you can't receive normal hosts, please arrive early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) before Mass to ask to have low gluten hosts available.

Catholic Student Association

Mass & Meeting – 6:30 PM at UAF Upper Lola Tilly

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC- 10/21, 11/4

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: 10am – 12noon

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

Bookkeeping: Marilis Bennett - Ph. 907-590-9291

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

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

Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi

COMING EVENTS:

11/4 & 18: 6:00 PM Latin Mass at SHC

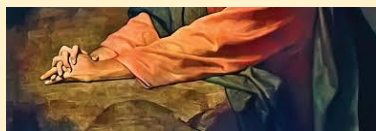
11/5: Daylight Saving Time ends!

11/5-11: National Vocations Awareness Week

11/7: 2023 Christmas Concert Rehearsals at SHC 6 – 7 PM

11/11: Veterans Day

Please welcome **Rev. Peter Bang**, our newest priest to the Diocese. He comes to us from South Korea and will be assigned to Sacred Heart Cathedral as he adjusts to his new surroundings. Our prayers for more priests are being heard.



You may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God. ~ C.S. Lewis

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023



First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10.

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Responsorial: Psalm 131:1, 2, 3

We find peace in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Songs for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

315 As We Gather at Your Table

306 Come to the Feast

376 Irish Blessing

448 For You Are My God

392 Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

"God, what do you want me to do with my life for you?"

MARRIAGE | PRIESTHOOD | RELIGIOUS LIFE | DIACONATE

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people.



THESE EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL IN THE DIOCESE:

Oratory: 1:30 – 2:45 pm every Saturdays at SHC. Open for ages 5-17 for all children in the Diocese. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org . Catechism Class at 3:00 PM.

Confirmation/Youth Group – Thursday, Oct 26 at SHC

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 6:00pm Friday Adoration, Pizza, and formation! For young adults 18-35. 1st Fridays at ICC; All other Fridays – at the sister’s convent. For more info contact : servidoras@cbna.org .

Voice of Hope Prayer Group – 6PM Tues evenings at SHC .

2023 Christmas Concert –Rehearsals begin Nov. 7th at SHC from 6:00-7:00 PM. *All Ages Welcome!*

Women’s Group – 7:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at the sister’s convent. Contact the sisters for more info: servidoras@cbna.org

Men’s Group at ICC – Every Thursday at 7:30 pm starting with Adoration, the fellowship downstairs.

30-day preparation to make a consecration for Our Lady at ICC. Daily videos will be sent out by email and will meet once a week on Saturdays at 10AM at ICC. Saturday, **Nov 4th is the first meeting.**

Voices in the Wilderness: 6:30 pm Fridays at ICC. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

Regional Soup Kitchen – 1:00 pm on Sat. and Sun. Help by donating food or time. Visit <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

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.

SHC Book Club –12:30 pm **1st Monday of the month.** Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com .

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

Knights of Columbus –6:30 pm **2nd Thursday of the month** downstairs @ SHC. Contact ICC for KoC meetings there.

Legion of Mary: 6pm Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

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

Associates of the sisters of St. Joseph – Contact Patty Walter at pattywalter@hotmail.com for more info. **Quarterly meetings.** They have been active since 1987.

Sacrament of Vocations– contact Fr. Robert Fath at rfath@cbna.org or Ph. 907-374-9504.

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



Justice Challenge: November is Native American Heritage Month. One of the most precious gifts which Native Americans have given to our country is their deep respect for God’s creation. They remind us that nature is a gift from God to be treasured and protected. As Chief Seattle said in his eloquent address to the U.S. Congress in 1854, “Every part of this soil is sacred in the estimation of my people. Every hillside, every valley, every plain and grove, has been hallowed by some sad or happy event in days long vanished.” Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can do to protect our planet. It might involve better recycling or deciding not to drink bottled water. It might be taking a bus or walking instead of using your car for a quick trip to the store. Reduce your carbon footprint while honoring our Native American brothers and sisters this month. At the end of the week, make a commitment to protecting the environment by taking the St. Francis Pledge (CatholicClimateCovenant.org).

Connecting the Gospel ...

...to the First Reading: The reading from Malachi reinforces the teaching of Jesus: we must practice what we preach. We must never be the cause of others turning away from our one God and Father.



...to experience: We all struggle to align what we do with what we say, especially when we are in some position of authority (e.g. parents, teachers, civic leaders). What is at stake is not only our own integrity but also the well-being of those for whom we are role models. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Rehearsals for the 2023 Concert will begin Nov. 7th

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm at Sacred Heart

contact Sr. New Eve iccsecretary@cbna.org

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory whose feast was celebrated on November 2nd. This month is full of Memorials, feasts, and solemnities. The culmination of the liturgical year is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on November 26th. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reign as King forever.



“LORD, IF YOUR PEOPLE STILL HAVE NEED OF MY SERVICES, I WILL NOT AVOID THE TOIL.”
~ St. Martin of Tours

Why do priests burn incense at Mass and Adoration?

Love the scent or hate it, incense is a valuable part of Catholic worship.

So why do Catholics use it so often?

We derive our use of incense from Scripture. Psalm 141:2 reads, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” Also, in Revelation, John describes incense as a symbol of the prayers of the saints in heaven.



Incense has long been a part of Judeo-Christian worship. In the Old Testament, incense was used for worship, and Catholics used incense even in the early Church.

We use incense in the Mass and at Adoration to symbolize our prayers rising to heaven, and how the grace of the Mass purifies and sanctifies us. Also, when the burning incense rises into the air, representing our prayers going to heaven, we’re reminded of the spiritual connection as earth and heaven meet in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Incense is required for Benediction and may be used at certain points in the Mass, including during the entrance procession, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory, and at the consecration. Priests may also burn incense at funerals around the coffin to represent our prayers to heaven for the deceased person, and also to commemorate that this person’s body was holy as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Incense powerfully represents what really happens at the Mass, Adoration, and Benediction. The next time you see incense in Church, think about how in this moment, your prayers are rising to God and He is descending to earth to make His presence real before you in the Eucharist.

Although we don’t often use incense at homes, a beautiful candle can serve as a similar reminder of Our Lord’s presence. <https://www.catholiccompany.com>



“My prayer is, let me be a blessing to someone or something today” ~ Joan Houston

A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry



“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

“*The greatest among you must be your servant.*”

Matthew 23:11

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They preach but they do not practice.

Matthew 23:3

Questions of the Week: Jesus said, “Therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.” ~ Matthew 23:3

Adults: Is there any area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?

Kids: Why is it important for you to live according to how you believe? www.pastoralcenter.com

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationships. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for Oct 29: \$ 922.00

Total Sunday Collection for Fiscal Year

7/1/23-6/30/24 \$ 25,060.72

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Thank you for your continued support to St. Mark Parish!



For the month of November, 3% of our collection will go to the **Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) and the Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection**. The AMS is the single largest source of priestly vocations in the USA. Since 2008, 31 priests have been ordained through the AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program. Funds donated for the Diocese Special Collection are split between the Dioceses of Pankshin and Mauduguri in Nigeria and Mutare in Zimbabwe. We have five priests serving us in Northern Alaska who call these Dioceses home.

Stewardship Prayer for 2023:

Dear Lord, thank You for being generous with me. Thank you for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts are meant to be shared. Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help. Remind me that my world, my parish, needs “Good Samaritans” to heal the wounds of our times. Make me a gift to others in Your name. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we as God to help us grow in the virtue of humility.



Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych. Dcn. Warren Lucero; and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Pray for priests and religious who have served our parish and have moved on to different assignments.

Pray for members of St. Mark Parish & CSA community.

Pray for those who are struggling with health problems or loneliness.

Pray for those suffering from the results of war and violence; may they find healing from physical and mental harm.

Pray for those serving in the military, especially those in conflict zones. Remember all our veterans who served to protect our nation.

Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed. May the Lord grant them eternal happiness.

Pray for Vocations: Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: rfath@cbna.org

ICC Soup Kitchen needs the following items to help with their mission:

Food items needed: Granola bars, Fresh Fruit (Bananas, apples, oranges etc., Desserts, & Eggs

Clothing items needed: Hats, Wool Socks, & Gloves. VOLUNTEERS are always

needed. Go to <https://www.iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> for more info. The kitchen can be reached via email at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org, or by phone at 907-452-353, ext. 1003, or in person at the church between of 10am – 2pm.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.

Gail Riedman is in Hawaii with family as she recuperates and is receiving medical care. You can send well wishes to: 440 N Judd Str., Honolulu, HI 96817.



Prayer Chain: Do you need someone to pray for you? Would you like to pray for others? Email St. Mark's office at stmark@cbna.org or call the office at 907-374-9564.



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT

St. Raphael Parish is happy to announce that they have hired a new office manager! His name is **Andrew Niedziela**.

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is hiring for the following position: **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator**; responsible for the administration of the diocesan Safe Environment Program; compiling data and documents for the annual USCCB audit based on the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People; working closely with diocesan groups to ensure compliance with all diocesan Child and Youth Protection policies; providing assistance, pastoral care, and support to victims and their families; and coordinating the quarterly Diocesan Review Board meetings. Part-time, hourly position. Qualifications: bachelor's degree in social work, counseling psychology, or related field; and five years' experience collaborating with individuals affected by trauma.

Applications are still being accepted by the **Diocese of Fairbanks** for the following positions: **Faith and Family Formation Director** and **Digital Content Coordinator**. For more information about open positions visit <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>. To request a formal job description, or to submit a cover letter and resume please email humanresouces@cbna.org.



November 26th - St. Mark's will have Advent items available for a small donation ~ Advent Calendars, Jesse Tree Calendars, Diocesan ornaments, and our “free” table for all to bring in unused Christmas cards they want to pass on. A basket will be put out for a small donation to help in providing items for your home for Advent in 2024!

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>