



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:

11/28: 2023 Christmas Concert Rehearsals at SHC 6–7 PM

12/1: First Friday Devotions at ICC - 5:30 PM Latin Mass;
6pm-6am Nocturnal Adoration; 7 AM Latin Mass

12/1 & 2: Sweet Adeline Holiday Concert at Pioneer Park
7:30 PM on Friday & 3PM on Saturday.

12/2: 6 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

11/26: Advent Items available at 5:30PM St. Mark Mass

12/26: 6PM - Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral

12/26: 6 PM Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Latin mass schedules subject to change depending on priest travel.

St. Mark's has been gifted with several New Testament Second Catholic Edition RSV study bibles which include selected Ignatius Catholic Study Bible notes from the Augustine Institute. If you would like a free copy, you'll find them at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the bookshelf in the stairway leading up to the upstairs offices and mass "crying room."

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17.

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:36-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.



Hymns for November 26 - 5:30pm

Sunday Mass

574 – Festival Canticle

729 - At the Name of Jesus

201 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

733 – Crown Him with Many Crowns



Every First Friday/Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC): 5:30 PM First Friday Latin Mass, 6AM-6PM Nocturnal Adoration (please sign up for an hour of adoration); 6AM Patriotic Rosary; 7AM First Saturday Latin Mass.

Oratory: 1:30 – 2:45 PM every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC). For more information contact servidoras@cbna.org

Confirmation/Youth Group: Thursdays – alternating between SHC and ICC. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group – 1st Friday at ICC. Meet for 5:30 PM Latin Mass.

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

2023 Christmas Concert – Rehearsals on Tuesdays at SHC from 6:00-7:00 PM. **All Ages Welcome!** Contact Sr. New Eve @ iccsecretary@cbna.org

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.

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

SHC Book Club –12:30 pm **1st Monday of the month.** Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janett@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. Become an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

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.

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.

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: The Gospel for Sunday proclaims the famous story Jesus told of the sheep and goats. The way we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is so important to our faith that it actually determines our eternal destiny. Your challenge this week is to go on a mini retreat (10 minutes is fine). Read Matthew 25:31-46 slowly and prayerfully. Then close your eyes and ask God to help you identify the least of your brothers and sisters. Who are the people whom Jesus wants you to feed, clothe, visit, or minister to in some special way? Now hold these people in your heart as you ask God to help you discern which person or group you are called to help right now. What do they need that you can provide? Live out the Gospel call to feed or shelter or cloth or visit them

Connecting the Gospel ...

Key words and phrases: When the Son of Man comes; Come, you who are blessed; you did for me; you did not do for me, eternal punishment, eternal life.

To the point: “Who am I?” This question Jesus put to his disciples long ago remains a question for all times and all disciples. To be faithful rocks upon which the church is built, we must know who Jesus is for us, listen to what he teaches us, and guard against anything prevailing against his church. Peter and Paul's faithful and fruitful discipleship rested on the rock of their knowing Jesus. Our own faithful and fruitful discipleship rests on this same rock. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Prepare for Advent! Nov 26 & Dec 3 St. Mark will have Advent candles and calendars available after 5:30 PM mass for a small donation. Bring in unused Christmas: cards, books, and gift tags to put on our “free” table for others to use. Donations help us purchase Advent items for 2024! Leftover “free” items will be donated within the community.



Thanksgiving week was National Bible Week. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt commemorated the word of God by observing the first National Bible Week in 1941. National Bible Week is supported by the U.S. Catholic Bishops and also marks the anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document *Dei Verbum* or *Dogmatic Constitution*. The bible is a detailed, long-preserved snapshot of an ancient culture and religion. This religious text offers hope, strength, and guidance to navigate during difficult times. Following is a timeline:

1200 B.C. – The first texts of the original Jewish Bible were written.

125 A.D. – The oldest manuscript of the New Testament is written on a papyrus fragment.

175 A.D. – The first translation of the New Testament to Latin.

1384 – English interpretation by John Wycliffe translates the Bible in common vernacular.

1454 – German inventor Johannes Gutenberg introduced printing to the European world, producing the first printed Bible.

1611 – The King James Version (Protestant version) of the Bible is published after being commissioned and promulgated in 1604 by James I of England for use in Anglican church.

1941 – The First National Bible Week is observed to help Americans grieve the Pearl Harbor Tragedy.

<https://www.catholicculture.org> and www.usccb.org





What is the St. Andrew's Novena?

This beloved Advent tradition begins Nov. 30th.

The St. Andrew's Novena—which begins on this Apostle's feast day—consists of a short, beautiful prayer that is recited fifteen times a day in honor of Our Lord's Nativity.

It is not a novena in the literal sense of the word, because it lasts much longer than nine days—beginning on November 30th and finishing on Christmas Eve, which makes it 25 days long. (If you're a numbers person, that means this novena prayer is recited a total of 375 times!)



The tradition is of uncertain origin, but possibly began in Ireland about a century ago and has become immensely popular.

Like most novenas, it is not only a sincere act of devotion, but also a way to offer God the intentions that are close to your heart. It is piously believed that those who pray this novena faithfully will receive what they ask.

The prayer is as follows:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

You can pray the fifteen iterations all at once, rosary-style, or you can break them up throughout the day.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com>



The Gifts of Christmas

with the Sweet Adelines

Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 PM

Sat. Dec. 2 at 3:00 PM

at Pioneer Park Civic Center Theater!

General admission: \$20;

Students/Military/Children over 5: \$15

Seniors (over 65): \$10

Children under 5: FREE (but they need a ticket)

Get tickets @ aktickets.com

For more information contact Carol Slater at 907-347-8992

Where is the road which leads us to Jesus Christ?

It is before our eyes, it is the Church. ~ Pope St. Pius X



The King Comes Holding a Mirror



Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: *Which Christs did I not recognize today?*

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

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Questions of the Week:

[The Son of Man] will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ~ Matthew 25:45

Adults: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

Kids: How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

www.pastoralcenter.com

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

"Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 19, 2023: \$ 1,131.00

Actual Collection YTD 7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 28,553.72

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at: www.stmarksuaf.org
Thank you for your continued support to St. Mark Parish!
3% of our collection this month will go to the **Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)** and the **Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collection**. Funds donated for the Diocese Special Collection are split between the Dioceses of Pankshin and Maiduguri in Nigeria and Mutare in Zimbabwe. We have five priests serving us in Northern Alaska who call these Dioceses home.

Stewardship Prayer:

Gracious God,

You sent us Your Spirit to help us live the Gospel according to the gifts we have been given. Show us how to be good stewards of your grace and passionate followers of Christ, Your Son. Grant us the wisdom to recognize that through His gift of the Eucharist there is one bread, and we are one body. Give us the strength to proclaim His Good News in word and deed. And teach us to live, no longer for ourselves, but in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful:

That we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.



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 UAF students as they finish the last two weeks of the Fall Semester.

Pray for members of St. Mark Parish and their extended families.

Pray for all who are sick, caretakers, and medical providers.

Pray for victims of natural disasters; all suffering from the results of war and violence; may they find healing from physical and mental harm.

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

Pray for Vocations: "Well done, good and faithful servant..." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, 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 information. The kitchen can be reached via email at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org, or by phone at 907-452-3533, ext. 1003, or in person at the church between of 10am – 2pm.

The Lord is my shepherd; there's nothing I shall want. P salm 23

The New Liturgical Year begins with Advent: The start of



a new seasonal cycle begins on **December 3**, and also marks the transition from one lectionary cycle to the next. We finish cycle A today (Nov. 26) and start cycle B next Sunday. We move from St. Mathew and his Gospel to St. Mark and His Gospel.

St. Mark's Gospel is now generally regarded as the earliest Gospel and sometimes called the Gospel of Suffering. He presents Jesus as a wise teacher and powerful and compassionate healer. He insists that Jesus can be properly understood only when we confront the mystery of the cross and Jesus' identity as a suffering Messiah.

The first reading at mass, usually comes from the Old Testament, reflecting on important themes from the Gospel reading.

The second reading is usually from one of the epistles, a letter written to an early church community read semi-continuously. Each Sunday we pick up where we left off.



DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Diocese of Fairbanks** is looking to fill the following positions: **Safe Environment/Victim Assistance Coordinator, 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.

"We will not truly appreciate the love of Jesus Christ, who came to



rescue us, unless we recognize our inability to save ourselves. Only when we recognize our helplessness will we realize our need for the Messiah. "

Genevieve Cunningham, *Great Advent*, "Realizing Our Need for the Messiah."

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>