



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Day

*Made New by Christ*

**Acts 10: 34a, 37-43** *Peter's Discourse*

**Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**Colossians 3:1-4** *Mystical Death and Resurrection*

**GOSPEL – John 20:1-9** *Peter and the Disciple at the Tomb*

**FORMED: Bringing the Church to Thousands**  
“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.” (Psalm 46:1-3) Check Sacred Heart Cathedral, Immaculate Conception, St. Raphael, or St. Nicholas (North Pole) websites for bulletin and see how you can take advantage of what FORMED has to offer during this time away from church “buildings.” You may not be able to go to church, but through the help of video you can bring the learning to you.

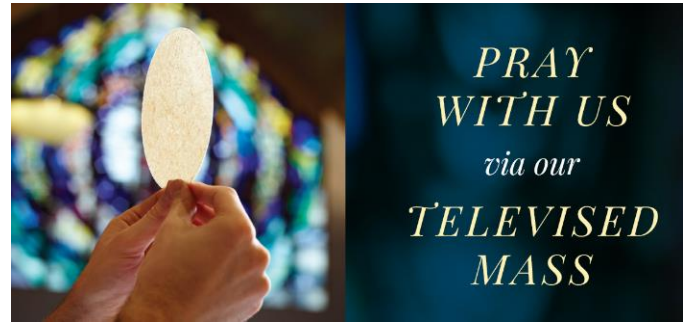
### Cancelled Events

- All Public Masses including Sunday through Saturday. (See the Virtual Mass Schedule below.)
- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
- All Prayer Groups
- All Religious Education except for an online course for Confirmation
- All Communal Penance Services
- All Stations of the Cross - Available Friday by livestream at 3:00 PM.
- All meals/social time associated with activities
- **This schedule is subject to change and may be altered if necessary.**

May God bless you, keep you safe, bolster your faith, and grant you abiding peace.

### WEEKEND VIRTUAL Mass Schedule

Access through Facebook or Diocesan website.  
Live streamed Masses may be accessed when aired or later.



**Holy Thursday** (April 9) - 7:00 pm (tabernacle will remain in the Chancery Chapel window until midnight).

**Good Friday** (April 10) - 3:00pm Stations of the Cross; 7:00 pm Adoration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday** (April 11) - Easter Vigil at 8:00pm.

**Easter Sunday** (April 12): 10:00 am

### AT HOME DURING HOLY WEEK

Join Catholic Culture as they spend time explaining how to celebrate this Easter at home:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/holy-week-in-home-during-quarantine/>

### CBNA April 2019 UPDATE

**Daily Mass** will continue to be Live streamed at 8am on [Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks](#) Facebook Page and 7 PM on [St. Nicholas Catholic Church North Pole, Alaska](#) Facebook Page.

**Adoration:** The tabernacle in the Chancery Chapel has been placed in the window with a light on it to be adored from the Chancery Building parking lot 24/7. The Chancery is located at 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Ak.

**Daily Exposition:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 6-7pm every day with a guided Holy Hour to be Facebook live streamed on [Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks](#) Facebook Page. The monstrance will be placed in the window of the Chancery Chapel to be viewed from the parking lot. People can gather in their vehicle observing physical distancing protocols.

### **Saturday Exposition, Eucharistic procession and Benediction:**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance from the Chancery Chapel to be viewed in the parking lot from 1-4 PM. At the conclusion of the adoration, there will be a Eucharistic procession of just the priest and server through the parking lot (please remain in your vehicles). Priest will be available for confessions outside in such a way to maintain a 6-foot distance.

**Confessions:** If anyone desires confession (while maintaining social distancing), by calling Fr. Fath's office at 374-9504 or your parish priest for arrangements.

**Speaking with a priest:** If anyone is need of speaking with a priest, please contact your parish.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you  
Are present in the most  
Blessed Sacrament. I love  
You above all things and I  
Desire to receive You into my  
Soul. Since I cannot now receive You  
sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into  
My heart. I embrace You as if  
You have already come, and  
Unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
Separated from You. Amen.



Visit [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free) if interested in celebrating special Liturgies of the Word prepared during the Sacred Triduum.

### **ALASKA DAY OF PRAYER AND HOPE**

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This Friday, April 10, 2020, Alaskans across our great state will join together in a Day of Prayer and Hope. In a Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day, issued on March 30, 1863, President Lincoln wrote that “[i]t is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, ... and to recognize the sublime truth ... that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.” Over 150 years later, former President Barak Obama issued a similar Proclamation, urging the nation to join him on its knees and offering a beautiful reflection on the power of prayer to strengthen, comfort, heal, and unite:

*For many of us, prayer is an important expression of faith. ... Through prayer we find the strength to do God's work: to feed the hungry, care for the poor, comfort the afflicted, and make peace where there is strife. In times of uncertainty or tragedy, Americans offer humble supplications for comfort for those who mourn, for healing for those who are sick, and for protection for those who are in harm's way. When we pray, we are reminded that we are not alone -- our hope is a common hope, our pain is shared, and we are all children of God.*

There is power in prayer. Accordingly, pursuant to their respective faiths and consciences, Alaskans are invited to join the Governor and their fellow citizens in praying for our state on Friday, April 10. Pray with your family around the kitchen table; pray with your neighbors by phone; pray with your church, your synagogue, your mosque or your temple, using an online platform. Let us pray and hope together:

1. Pray for protection for our healthcare workers, our first responders, and for everyone who is putting themselves in harm's way to care for the sick.
2. Pray for peace and unity in our families, in our communities, and in our local and state governments.
3. Pray for comfort for those who have lost a loved one to COVID-19.
4. Pray for those who are sick with COVID-19 or with any other illness.
5. Pray for a speedy end to the COVID-19 pandemic in our state, our nation, and the world.
6. Pray for a swift and complete economic recovery for our state and our nation.
7. Pray for those who have lost jobs and are struggling to care for themselves and their families.
8. Pray for our leaders in government – that they would make wise decisions for the good of all Alaskans.
9. Pray for the resiliency of Alaska's children – that they would continue to learn, grow, and thrive.
10. Pray for the homeless, the hungry and the poor, and for those who are caring for them

Live streamed 2pm on Facebook.



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions April 2020: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### Charitable Giving

#### St. Mark February 2020:

Sunday Mass Collection \$2,175/Online Giving \$475

#### St. Mark March 2020:

Sunday Mass Collection \$2,292/Online Giving \$ 550

#### Our Diocese continues to bring the light of

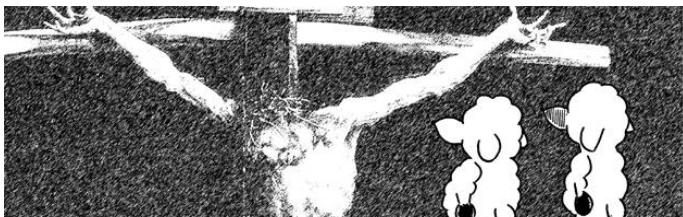


**Christ.** Please help them keep the light shining by giving in order to meet expenses that accumulate even while doors are closed. Your support is important. For St. Mark WeShare is available on our website or mail

donations to "St. Mark University Catholic Parish, PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166". For other parishes, please go to their websites for information. *The Chancery has a secure drop-box next to the front entrance doors. Parish donations can be deposited by envelope in the drop-box. Make sure you designate which parish you are making the donation for. The Chancery will make sure parishes receive these donations. Please clearly identify the donation purpose with the parish name. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!*

### Catholic Relief Services

**Happy Easter!** We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl through mail or go to CRS website and donate online. **Our CRS Rice Bowl Collection will be extended, or you can go to crs.org to donate directly.**



www.agricultural.org-geometric

**After our solemn commemoration** of the last days and month death of Our Lord we will spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We



continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

### Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Easter Sunday

"You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. . .Go, tell His disciples. . .that He goes before you" (Gospel).



Yes; we, too, searchers after Christ, now confess we have found Him. The task

before us is to "tell" others of His victory, that all may be "of one mind and heart" (Postcommunion).

Why? Because if Christmas is the loveliest Feast as we behold God *born of Mary* unto man's life, certainly Easter is the greatest as we behold Jesus *born of a tomb* so that man may rise unto God's Life.

Our faith in His Divinity is confirmed because He "overcame death;" our hope is enlivened because He has "opened unto us the Gate of Eternity" (Prayer). Is it any wonder that the "earth trembled. . .when God arose" (Offertory)?

How are we to prepare for our Easter Communion? A Resurrection Day effort to "purge out the old" life for the "new!" How could we be nourished by the "sincerity and truth" of Divine Bread if it were spoiled by the "leaven" of an insincere will, or an untrue mind (Epistle)?

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



## Liturgy Matters - 20



Once the cleansing has been completed, in the incensing of the altar and the people, the priest then stands at the side of the altar and washes his hands, saying a verse from a psalm: "Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sins". As the people see him washing his hands, they too should be reminded that the direction of the mass is about to shift. Our gifts have been brought forward and arranged on the altar. We have moved towards God, and now the priest, acting as Christ will move towards us. Now Christ will make the hands of the priest his own hands, for there is only one priest, and the hands that will take up these gifts, transform them, and offer them to the Father, are the hands of Christ. We have brought our lives in sacrifice to be joined to the sacrifice of Christ, and so the priest urges, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father". The people rise to their feet and respond with a short prayer that refers to the priest's hands, naming what is about to happen as "sacrifice at your hands". Our sacrifice is offered only through Christ.

The final prayer is called the Prayer over the Gifts. This prayer varies from Sunday to Sunday, but it always mentions in some form the gifts we have brought and prays for their transformation and ours. When we say Amen to this prayer, we are saying Amen to all that has happened from the collecting of the gifts to this moment. Now we stand poised and ready to participate in the biggest prayer of all.



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**Parish Administrator:** Mary Pat Boger  
**St. Mark:** Ph. 907-374-9564  
**Office Hours:** Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.  
**Bookkeeper:** Marilis Bennett Ph. 590-9291  
**Music Director:** George Stefan  
**Parish Council Members:** Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Sean Tucker, Ritchie Musick  
**Reconciliation:** Sunday before Mass and upon appointment.  
**Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:** Please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger.  
**Assistance in Faith Formation:** See Mary Pat Boger  
**Parish Council:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun/month after Mass

## From your Parish Administrator:

*Wishing all a Happy Easter!  
May it bring a time for hope, love and joy in  
yourself and others around you!*

May you continue to grow spiritually and maintain a healthy routine as we continue the new "virtual" routine over the next few weeks. Read the Scripture, pray the Rosary, participate in our Diocesan virtual offerings while church doors are closed - <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/> . Find the time for quiet moments during the day for yourselves and pray for patience for dealing with others around us.

Please remember to pray for others, especially our priests and religious serving around our diocese and around the world. Pray for individuals who are displaced, the elderly, the sick, those losing jobs or businesses, students, medical and essential workers. Pray for those who are still working and suddenly find themselves without daycare options.

Should it become too much to handle, reach out to family or friends for a moment of "normal" conversation over a cup of "virtual tea/coffee" giving yourself a moment to remember that this is just but a moment in time. The new thing is Skype dinners or cocktail parties!

I thank you for your support to our community. Our work at UAF has suffered greatly with this disruption and we will need to find a creative way to reach out and rebuild come fall semester. Our work cut out for us next year as we work on growing our Catholic presence on campus.

Fr. Robert Fath is keeping us all in his prayers and is available to anyone who wants to schedule a time for confession to be heard or questions answered. I am answering any calls and conducting normal office business. Our bookkeeper, Marilis Bennett, is paying the bills, tracking donations, and balancing books. We look forward to George Stefan's return with music at mass, so *keep your voices in shape!* Seminarian Dominic Woycik is in the Lower Yukon until it's all clear to fly again. His prolonged stay will give him a good look at what the role of a missionary priest in rural Alaska will be like.

God Bless -

Mary Pat Boger