



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.

St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

Sunday Mass: 5:30 PM @ SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive before mass and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten.

There will be no 5:30 PM Mass for St. Marks next week (3/31).

PASTOR

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

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

DEACON

Warren Lucero

Catholic Student Association

7:00pm Wednesday Mass – in UAF Upper Lola Tilly.

Religion Education for students – Contact Fr. Ross Tozzi if you have questions rtozzi@cbna.org or Ph: 907-347-3005.

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC – February 3 & 17.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

3/25-27: Confessions, anointing of the Sick and listening at SHC – Check schedule.

3/30-31: EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week and Easter schedules in bulletin.

3/29: Nine Day Divine Mercy Novena begins.

4/7: 1:00 pm Solemn Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) at St. Raphael's.

4/7: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

4/7: 4:00 pm Easter Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral

4/8-11: Fairbanks City-Wide Mission for Easter.

4/30-5/1: Priest Days in Fairbanks

4/30: 5:30 pm Healing Mass w/Bishop Steve at SHC.

5/2: National Day of Prayer

5/10: 5:30 pm 10th Annual Agape Dinner



Easter Memorial Lilies ~ Remember the names of a deceased loved one by donating \$25 to help pay for lilies displayed on the altar at SHC during Easter. Envelopes can be found on the credenza between the offices. Deadline is 3/26.

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Cycle B



Gospel at the Procession: John 12:1, 12-13

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowds shout, "Hosanna!"

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1-15:47

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Watch over them as we end the Lenten season and celebrate the holiest of weeks. We pray for their safety as they travel to reach all Catholics.

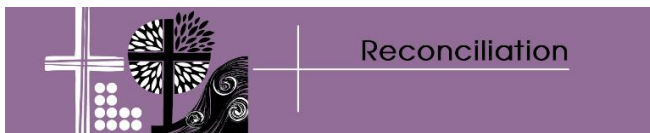


HOLY WEEK AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL



March 23-31 Mass Schedule

24 Palm Sunday	8:00 am, 11:00 am 1:00 pm – Spanish 5:30 pm – St Mark
25-26 Mon-Tue	7:30 am
27 Wednesday	12:10 pm
28 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm – Bilingual
29 Good Friday	Stations 3:00 pm – English 4:00 pm – Spanish Passion 4:30 pm – Spanish 7:00 pm – English
30 Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
31 Easter Sunday	8:00 & 11:00 am

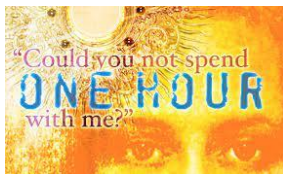


Confessions, anointing of the sick and listening.

March 25-27 – Monday thru Wednesday
+ 8:00 – 9:00 am
+ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
+ 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 25-27 Mon-Wed 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm



"We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit." (Pope Francis)

Learn about the new streamlined annulment process and get help from the Tribunal

Mar 25 - 4:30 – 8:00 pm
Mar 26 - 12:30 – 4:00 pm



Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- Mark 11:9

FAIRBANKS CITY-WIDE MISSION FOR EASTER 2024



Becoming a More Eucharistic People

AS OUR BISHOPS CALL FOR A NEW AMERICAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL, WE WILL RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS ABOUT THE EUCHARIST AND EXAMINE HOW THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY OFFERS A PATTERN FOR A RICH CHRISTIAN LIFE, FULFILLING JESUS' COMMAND TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO FOUR CORNERS OF THE WORLD

PRESENTED BY

Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, OP
WESTERN DOMINICAN PREACHING

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Fairbanks

April 8-11, 2024 Daily: 6 PM Adoration & Confession, 7 PM Mission



MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit csrricebowl.org/holyweek to learn more.



Justice Challenge: The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Isaiah (50:4-7) and contains one of several powerful images of the Suffering Servant found in this book of the Bible. While the author was describing the nation of Israel when he wrote, the passages about the suffering servant took on new meaning after the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see how Jesus embodied the traits of Isaiah's suffering servant, one of which was his peaceful approach to conflict. Jesus exemplified non-violence, even when he was attacked, spat upon, mocked, and scourged. He met violence by turning the other cheek. And he asks us to do the same. Your challenge this week is to examine your conscience for any signs of violence in your life—in your actions, but also in your words. Make a commitment to responding to violence against your person, be it bullying or being yelled at or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the Second Reading:** This hymn from the Letter to the Philippians reveals even more about the identity of Jesus. He is the humble One, the obedient One, the exalted One, the Lord, and the Glory of God.

... **to experience:** We spend a lifetime coming to a deeper appreciation for the identity of another person, even someone as close to us as a parent, a brother or sister, a spouse. It is no surprise, then, that coming to a fuller appreciation of the identity of Jesus is likewise a lifetime process. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



The **Merciful Eternal Redeemer Calls You** to celebrate the **Feast of Divine Mercy**



The Local Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary are promoting this years' Divine Mercy Novena here in Fairbanks at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Novena starts on **Good Friday (3/29)** and ends on **Saturday (4/6)**. Each day at 3:00pm except at **2:30 on Good Friday and Saturday April 6, at 2:30.**



Why do we receive palms on Palm Sunday?

We know Palm Sunday is the day we bring home a palm from Mass, but have you ever thought about the deeper meaning behind this tradition? Find out here.

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent, exactly a week before Easter Sunday. On this day, the priest blesses palms for us at the beginning of Mass. This tradition is derived from the Gospel when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem and people celebrated His coming by laying cloaks and branches on the ground for Him. Palm Sunday is one of the only Sundays of the year you get a souvenir from Mass!

However, Palm Sunday is about so much more than just bringing home a palm.



In his book *A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery*, Christopher Carstens explains the deeper meaning behind the Palm Sunday Mass and what makes it so distinct.

Palm Sunday Mass begins with a procession of the palms, often taking place outside the church. The priest begins the procession and blessing by reminding us of why we have been praying and fasting and says, **“On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.”** We then participate in a procession and follow the Lord in the Gospel by accompany Jesus into Jerusalem as He completes His paschal bridge.

For the rest of Holy Week, we are supposed to follow God closely and faithfully, just like those who greeted Jesus in the Gospel did on Palm Sunday. Christopher Carstens notes,

As the priest blesses the Sunday branches, for example, he asks God to “sanctify + these branches with [his] blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exaltation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.” Similarly, St. Athanasius (d. 373) teaches that “if we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast.

As you attend Palm Sunday Mass today, instead of focusing on how to fold your palm into the perfect cross, imagine you are one of Jesus’s welcoming who walk with Him into the week that altered the course of our salvation.

Palm Sunday begins the holiest week of the year. Take this day to reflect on the Gospel readings as you welcome Jesus into Jerusalem and your heart and prepare for the sacrifice He will make later in the week. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

LOVE and BETRAYAL

He began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man about whom you are talking.” Mark 14:70

Adults: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

Kids: When have you let someone down who trusted you? How did you feel?

Ultimately, in the battle against lies and violence, truth and love have no other weapon than the witness of suffering.

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

The Whole Story



The Bible is a strange book.

It’s one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It’s also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There’s nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can’t base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can’t embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it’s hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It’s easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won’t appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn’t have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing – it’s just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

“His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified, they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.”

— John 12:1

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – March 21, 2024©LPi.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Divine Mercy Sunday occurs this year on April 7, the first Sunday after Easter. Many are unaware of the tremendous opportunity for grace that this day represents in the Church. On April 7th the Fairbanks Diocesan Choir will hold their Annual Easter Concert at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Following there will be a light reception. Stay and join us for 5:30 pm St. Mark’s Mass.

Lent Almsgiving/Charity/Donation Ideas for All:

- Donate to the SHC Knights of Columbus food collection.
- Donate to the Regional Soup Kitchen.
- Attend the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.
- Attend Good Friday Services as a Family.
- Spend time during the Holy Week reflecting on its meaning.

<https://hallow.com/blog>



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 17, 2024: \$ 914.00

Actual Collection YTD

7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 56,090.18

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving at:

www.stmarksuaf.org.

Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. You will find a special envelope marked for this collection in your offering box. Please be generous.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl (2/14-3/31). 25% of this collection supports diocesan anti-poverty efforts. Any homes who were filling a "rice bowl" during Lent can bring it to St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass on April 7th.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Please Pray for (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons working in our diocese.

- + An end to conflict, persecution, and violence in the world.
- + The Elect receiving sacraments at Easter Vigil.
- + For families who no longer practice the Faith may hear God's call and return.
- + Travelers, that they may be protected.
- + All members of St. Mark Parish & Catholic Student Assoc.
- + That the sick may be healed and the departed welcomed into the joy of friends and family.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 and talk to Fr. Robert Fath, the Vocations Director at or email: rfath@cbna.org

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS:

PLEASE CONTACT THOSE IN CHARGE OF WEEKLY EVENTS FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING THE HOLY WEEK.

No printed bulletin will be available Easter weekend as there will be no 5:30pm St. Mark Mass. The St. Mark Bulletin for March 31st will be posted on our website.

WISHING ALL A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER !

**Please check church schedules for Holy Week changes.*

ADORATION TIMES ~ Fairbanks & North Pole

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wed: 11 AM to 12 PM ~ Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 PM -4PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 – 3:50 PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Tues. & Thurs 8:30 - 9:30 AM ~ Wed. 4:30 AM - 5:30 PM

2nd Thurs 4 - 8 PM ~ Fri. 7 AM - 6 PM

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 AM



THE DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS is hiring for the following positions: (1) **Part-time Donations Clerk**, 20 hrs/wk.

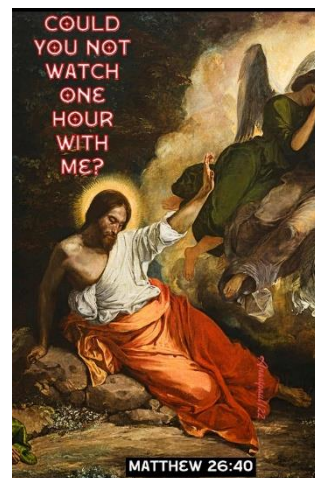
This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese. (2) **Full-time Maintenance Technician**, 40 hours/week with benefits. This position is part of a maintenance team, providing support for diocesan buildings and grounds in Fairbanks. (3) **Full-time Director of Office of Faith and Family Formation**, 40 hours/week with benefits. The Director coordinates faith formation activities at the diocesan level and provides catechetical support to parishes. E-mail humanresources@cbna.org or visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more information.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Sacred Heart Cathedral is hiring a part-time **Outreach Coordinator**. Responsibilities include Stephen Ministry Outreach, Safe Environment, and 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 three references to Rev. Ross Tozzi, Sacred Heart Cathedral. rector@cbna.org or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES Please keep Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, or the Parish Office of Sacred Heart Cathedral (907-474-9032) or St. Mark's (907-374-9564) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

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, Jocelyn Niedziela by calling (907) 374-9553 or emailing vac@cbna.org. For more information, access the Diocese safe environment link through <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>



7 Last Words of Christ

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" -- Luke 23:46

is the final of the seven last words spoken by Jesus Christ on the cross. In this statement, Jesus is expressing his complete trust and surrender to God, as he prepares to die.