



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.

St. Mark Mass & Confession Schedules

Sunday Vespers: 4:45 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday Mass: **No 5:30 pm Mass March 31st at SHC**

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

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

PASTOR

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

Fr. Piotr Oprych: poprych@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:

3/31: EASTER SUNDAY

4/1: Chancery and Parish Offices will be closed.

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.

4/29: Last day of UAF Instruction

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

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

4/30-5/4: UAF Final Examinations

5/4: UAF Commencement (Sat)



Sacred Heart Cathedral, Chancery, and St. Mark Offices will be closed Easter Monday, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2023.

Have a Blessed Easter Triduum!

March 31, 2024

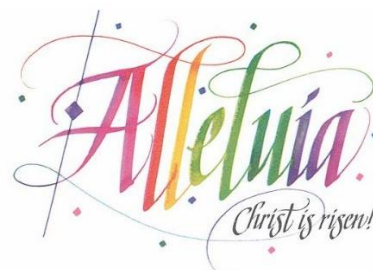
Easter Sunday of the

Resurrection of the Lord, Cycle B



St. Mark Parish would like to wish all a **Happy Easter**. It's the season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!





SHC Book Club: 12:30PM 1st Monday of the month in SHC The Afterlife: Purgatory and Heaven Explained by Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo c.2021. Community Room. The author was a spiritual advisor for a short time with St. Padre Pio who called Fr. Dolindo a "saint." Contact: Janet Fortune – 43janetf@gmail.com

Oratory/Religious Education: Every Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral Oratory from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17. Religious Ed Classes 3-4:15PM. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org

Summer Oratory Summer Catholic camp for youth ages 6 to 17 will be held Wednesday June 5th to Friday June 14th . Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. Registrations are due May 1, 2024.

Confirmation/Youth Group: Thurs -5pm- Mar 7 @ SHC . Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Voces Verbi Young Adult Group: 6pm Adoration, Pizza, and formation at ICC for Young Adults 18-35 @ ICC.

Catholic Student Association – 7 pm weekly Mass (Wed) at Upper Lola Tilly Commons on Campus – 1850 Tanana Loop. Contact UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu for information.

7 pm Traditional Latin Mass at Sacred Heart - April 6 & 20.

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

Women's Group: 6:30PM at the sister's convent every Tuesday (rosary/lecture/refreshment) for women over 18. (Series on the history of the Church.) Contact info: servidoras@cbna.org .

Men's Group: 7:30PM at ICC every Thursday. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

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

ICC Our Lady of Fatima: Contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

Knights of Columbus: 6:30PM **2nd Thursday of the month** downstairs @ SHC. 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: 6:30PM on **1st Thursday of the month** at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

Marriage Preparations – Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding. Contact rtozzi@cbna.org to register or call (907) 347-3005 to register or talk with priest.

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

WISHING ALL A BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER !



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.**

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

The **BROWN SCAPULAR SOCIETY** True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary consists in three things: **VENERATION, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE.** By simply wearing the Scapular, we can tell her every moment of the day that we venerate her, love her, and trust in her protection. *Fr. Jingbe will be holding an enrollment ceremony for the Brown Scapular Society on Wednesday April 3rd, following 5:30 pm mass at St. Raphael.* Everyone is invited to enroll into this spirituality. If you have questions about the Brown Scapular Society, Go to: <https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/brown-scapular>



As part of our efforts to collaborate with faith-based communities, NAMI Alaska is hosting a community listening session in Fairbanks on Thursday, April 4 from 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm at True North Church, 2830 Airport Way.

We are interested in discovering what is needed in Fairbanks to foster an open dialogue about mental health and what could be done to support this effort. We have invited Doug Beach, the Executive Director of NAMI Greater San Antonio, to share what they are doing to support faith-based organizations with challenges facing their community.

We invite participants from the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks to attend this event.

PLEASE JOIN US
PATHWAYS TO HOPE
COME LEARN WHAT CAN BE DONE IN FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES TO FOSTER HOPE AND HELP

RSVP 907-277-1300

APRIL 4, 2023
4:00 - 5:15 PM
True North Church
Address -
Raising Awareness around mental health in faith-based communities to foster caring congregations

DOUG BEACH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NAMI GREATER SAN ANTONIO
SPEAKER



The Catholic Company presents



Why is Easter the most important Christian holiday?

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Why is today so joyful? Find out here.

After a solemn Holy Week where we reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us, we rejoice on Easter Sunday when Christ rises from the grave.

Easter Sunday is one of the most beloved Christian holidays. Christ's defeat of death is certainly cause for celebration, but Easter Sunday represents so much more.


Pope Benedict XVI explains how, without the Resurrection, Christianity as we know it could not exist. In 1 Corinthians 15:14, St. Paul writes, *"And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith."*

In *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI unpacks St. Paul's words on how the Resurrection fits into our understanding of our Faith and of our Savior:

If [the Resurrection] were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men...but the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader...he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us.

Christ's resurrection, celebrated on Easter Sunday, marks the very foundation of His divinity and His relation to us. As Pope Benedict explains, if Christ had not risen from the dead, our Christian faith would not exist; Jesus would have just been another prophet, not our God or our savior.

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in Christ's resurrection and in the Christian faith with which God has blessed us with—and which would not have existed without Christ's sacrifice for us.

 **Justice Challenge:** The Good News of the Resurrection is proclaimed this week in our readings. And this good news is meant for everyone. Jesus was and is a universal savior. One of the insights we receive on Easter Sunday comes from Acts 10. Peter, struggling to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, announces that he has learned that "God shows no partiality." This helped to shape many decisions made by the early Church leaders—and it should form our decisions as well. Your challenge this week is examine how well you live by God's example. Do you personally and/or as a household show partiality to particular groups of people based on their race, religion, economic level, occupation? Do you exclude any groups on the same basis? If your reflection reveals partiality to some and exclusion of others, make a commitment to change. Identify three steps you can take so that in the future you can in all sincerity say that you, like God, show no partiality.
<https://pastoral.center>

MADE NEW BY CHRIST
Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7)

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?
Kids: What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

What Would Mary Do?



This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

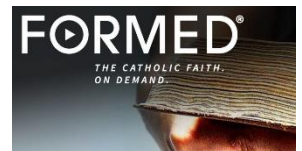
If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord' — John 20:2
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – March 28, 2024©LPi.

Want to sign up to FORMED ?

Go to formed.org/signup
*Select your parish (using zip code is easiest or SHC)
Register with your name and email address
*Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN: ICC has been serving the needy and homeless for over 30 years. They serve from 1-3 pm Saturday and Sunday in a "drive through" manner with sack lunches. Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are always looking for donations. Contact the Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can contribute to their success (*Time/Talent/Prayer*): <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> or call (907) 452-3533 to speak with someone in the ICC Office.



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

March 17, 2024: \$ 796.00

Actual Collection YTD

7/1/23-6/30/24: \$ 57,111.88

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl can be brought to St. Mark's 5:30pm Mass by April 14th.



What: Solemn Profession into the Secular Franciscans Order (OFS)

Who: Deacon George Bowder, Ronnie Rosenberg, Gloria Slagle, and Camille Connelly-Terhune

When: April 7, 2024 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Where: St. Raphael Catholic Church at 1 pm. You are invited to attend in person or on live stream.

This is a happy occasion for all of us. After several years of preparation, we are affirming our calling to the Spirituality and Way of Life of the Secular Franciscans in the spirit and ministry of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. Our purpose is to bring the love of God and the Joy of the Gospel to life where we live and work.

We are grateful to Sr. Sharon Bongiorno, and to the men and women of our Lady of Angels Fraternity in Deer Park, Washington, and Troubadours of Peace Region of the Pacific Northwest, for guiding our formation.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Secular Franciscans, may contact Gloria Slagle(stclare4@gmail.com) or any of the people listed above.

HAPPY EASTER!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Mark's 5:30pm Sunday Mass on April 7th or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."


- COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Prayer of the Faithful: That our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

-  **Please Pray for (+):** Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Fr. Piotr Oprych, and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons.
- + Peace in areas of conflict, persecution, and violence .
- + Those receiving Sacraments at Easter Vigil.
- + Families who no longer practice the Faith may hear God's call and return.
- + The unborn babies and expectant mothers.
- + Protection for all who are traveling or away from home.
- + St. Mark Parishioners .
- + those who are struggling with faith, illness, homelessness, or in nursing home or long-term care.
- + the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS "The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? 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

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

FAIRBANKS DIOCESAN CHOIR

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7TH

4:00PM

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

EASTER CONCERT

2024



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 <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>

