



# 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 SHC.

**Sunday Mass:** 5:30 pm 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](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) Ph: 907-347-3005

Fr. Piotr Oprych: [poprych@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or Ph: 907-347-3005.

## LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at SHC –

## 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](mailto: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:

**4/8-19: Uplift Your Priest Campaign**

**4/21: World Prayer for Vocations**

**4/24-5/29:** 6-7:30 pm Spring Marriage Prep at St. Raphael

**4/27:** FYNDout Free & Bright Leaf Spring Brunch Fundraiser

**4/25: Feast of St. Mark (Our Parish Saint)**

**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

**5/1: Registration Deadline for Summer Oratory**

**5/4: UAF Commencement (Sat)**

**5/9:** The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)

**5/19:** Pentecost Sunday

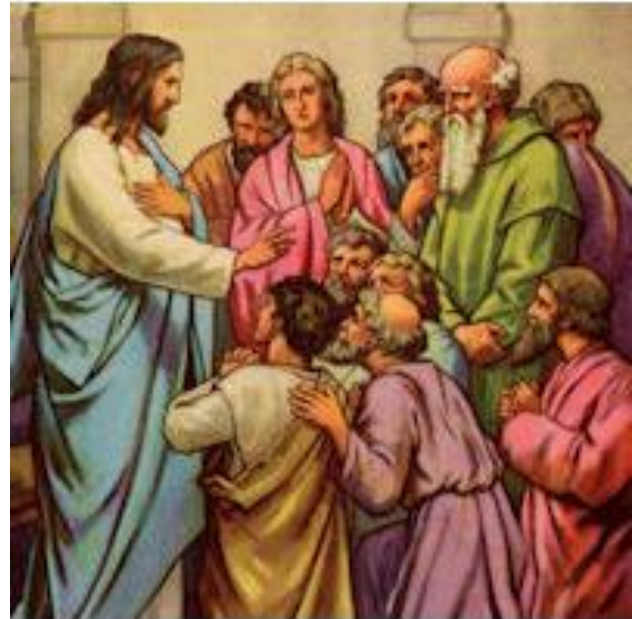
**6/5-14:** Summer Oratory

## 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.

April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter - Cycle B



**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19**

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

**Responsorial: Psalm 14:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

A prayer seeking God's favor.

**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a**

Those who love God keep his commandments.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48**

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

## Music of the Mass

577 The Strife is Over

178 Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today

355 In the Breaking of the Bread

Come All Ye Holy

570 Alleluia No. 1

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



## A Family Perspective

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'



**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](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)

**Summer Oratory Summer Catholic camp** for youth ages 6 to 17 will be held Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org) for more information. Registrations are due May 1, 2024.

**Confirmation/Youth Group:** For more information Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

**Voces Verbi Young Adult Group:** 6 PM 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](mailto:UAF-catholic-Club@alaska.edu) for information.

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

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

**Women's Group:** 6:30 PM 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](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org).

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

**Voices in the Wilderness:** 6:30 PM 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:** 6:30 PM **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month** downstairs @ SHC. Become an active part in the civic lives of our country, states, and local communities.

**SHC Book Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month in SHC Social Room. For more info contact: Janet Fortune – [43janetf@gmail.com](mailto:43janetf@gmail.com)

**Legion of Mary:** 6PM Tuesday Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC.

**Franciscan Community:** 6:30 PM on **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month** at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle [stclare4@gmail.com](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

**Marriage Preparations** – Contact Fr. Ross *six (6) months prior to wedding*. Contact [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto: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.

## SUPPORT OUR DEACONS

“**Deacon**” comes from the Greek word “**diakonos**”, meaning “**servant**.” Strengthened by sacramental grace, in union with the bishop and his priests, deacons are called to serve the people of God in the three-fold ministry of liturgy, word, and charity.

Acknowledge their service to their ministry through:

**1) Prayer**– We should pray for them to increase in wisdom, guidance, patience, compassion, and love. As well as praying for their strength and endurance, as they serve the church and the mission of God.

**2) Encouragement**– As well as prayer, we should let them know how they are making a difference in our life, and that of our church and community.

**3) Serve Alongside Them** – We are here to serve alongside those who have been called for service in God’ church. Help them with their work when asked or ask them how you can help.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Servant of all, send your Spirit upon our deacons and their spouses as they serve your Church. Give them eyes to see the needs of your people. Give them a discerning mind to know your truth. Give them wisdom, faith, and love of you to inspire their work. Bless and watch over them as they balance the challenges of family, work, and the church. Amen*



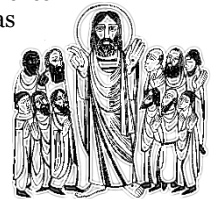
**Justice Challenge:** April 18 is Vocations Da2y. In Sons and Daughters of the Light, our U.S.

Catholic Bishops encourage young adults to answer the universal call, or vocation, to holiness, community, and service. While each person lives out his/her vocation through a particular lifestyle—marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life—we are all called to holiness, community, and service. This means that service is not just for Confirmation candidates. It is part of lifelong discipleship. Your challenge this week is to focus on the call to service. Is service a regular part of your life—as an individual, but also as a family or household? How often do you serve? Where do you serve? Is there one particular cause to which you can give more of your time and talent for the good of those in need? If there is, then just do it because the JUST do it—they serve others! <https://pastoral.center>

### Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Peter is able to witness to the reality of Jesus’ resurrection and call his hearers to repentance because he himself has experienced repentance and forgiveness, and the new life this brings.

... **to experience:** In our judicial system the most credible witnesses are eye-witnesses close to the event. We are eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus—even though we are far removed from the historical event—when we recognize the risen Lord among and within us, forgive and seek forgiveness of one another, and faithfully feast at his table. He is alive! <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



### THE LIVING CHRIST

Jesus said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself.” (Luke 24:38-39)

**Adults:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

**Kids:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus’ appearance to the Apostles?



If you are signed up for **Flocknote** but have not been receiving texts or emails from St. Mark’s, please contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org) to verify or update you contact info.

### FYNDout Free and Bright Leaf Spring Brunch Fundraiser - Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Doors open at 10:15 am @ Lighthouse Church. Tables are free but seating is limite. Go to <https://fyndoutfree.com/2024-s...>



The Catholic Company presents



## 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/getfed>

**Would you consider becoming Volunteering?** St. Mark needs more **Liturgy Ministers at Mass**. You must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Training is FREE and participation helps bring one more fully into your personal communion with Christ's Redemption as your help minister the cup or read the word at mass.

**St. Mark's Choir** will be losing one of our lovely voices in the choir as she heads off to college in the Fall! More members are needed to fill out the choir. Contact George Stefan or Eddy Yew before/after Mass to get more details.

*Volunteering is a great way to support the parish and get to thank God for the gifts he has given us!*

Contact Mary Pat Boger for more details at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org).

**Charity enters heaven when humility opens the door.**

*- Maria Natividad Venegas de la Torre*

**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](mailto:vac@cbna.org). For more information access the Diocese safe environment link through <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>.

## The Twist Ending



Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

*"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see, I have."* — Luke 24:39

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – April 11, 2024©Lpi

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\*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.



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452-3533

**REGIONAL SOUP KITCHEN:** Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. They are always looking for donations of talent, time, and gifts. Contact the Soup Kitchen for more information on how you can contribute to their success call the ICC office at (907) 452-3533 or check <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen>.

Whether you are college age or older, take a moment to read "**Faith and Finance: 4 Patron Saints for Money Matters**" to help with budgeting. Students can find more information on saving and spending at college. Go to: <https://bustedhalo.com>





**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
 April 7, 2024: \$ 1,257.00  
 Actual Collection YTD  
 7/1/23-6/30/24:  
 \$59,328.88

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!  
 Visit WeShare for online giving at: [www.stmarksuaq.org](http://www.stmarksuaq.org).

**Special Collections:** 3% of our collection this month will go toward the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This supports mission work throughout our diocese and USA.  
*Thank you for supporting our mission and the Diocesan Special Collections that make a difference in the lives of others!*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened.”*  
 –Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered life.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.



**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.

- + Elected Leaders worldwide show the courage to do what is right for those they serve.
- + Finding resolution of difficult situations.
- + The protection of unborn babies and expectant mothers.
- + All preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- + Students - may the knowledge they gained help them finish their school year positively.
- + More vocations in our diocese.
- + Those who have lost faith in God, may their eyes be opened to his gifts.
- + All who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
- + The repose of the souls of all our faithfully departed.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** “Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in 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](mailto: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 - 4 PM

**Immaculate Conception Church**

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

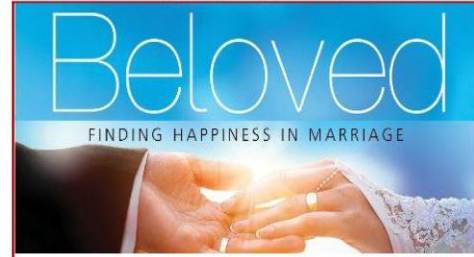
**St. Raphael Catholic Church**

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



**Beloved Marriage Preparation**  
 Spring 2024

St. Raphael Parish

April 24 - May 29, 2024 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

St. Raphael is offering the Beloved marriage preparation classes this Spring. We invite all those who are engaged or thinking about marriage to join in learning how to have a healthy, happy and holy relationship.

Sessions will take place at St. Raphael Parish on April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6pm. Contact Elizabeth to register:

[elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org](mailto:elizabeth@straphaelfairbanks.org) (907) 457-6603



**SUMMER ORATORY**

Wednesday  
**JUNE 5th**  
 TO  
 Friday  
**JUNE 14th**  
 \*Not on Saturday or Sunday\*

Registrations available in vestibule.  
 See flyer for more information!



**Registrations are due May 1st.**

For more information Contact [servidoras@cbna.org](mailto:servidoras@cbna.org)



**DIocese of FAIRBANKS**

**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.
- (4) **Part-Time Summer Groundskeeper** – responsible for grounds-keeping tasks on the Peger Road campus and other properties managed by the Chancery. E-mail [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org) or visit [dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings](http://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](mailto:rector@cbna.org) or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.