



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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January 19, 2020

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Our Parish 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. We provide a convenient and hospitable space for students' sacramental life, prayer life, fellowship and growth in faith. St. Mark's also provides reliable information for non-Catholics inquiring about our faith and contributes to inter-faith discussion and ecumenical action.*

Regular Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

Margaret Murie Building Auditorium

Reconciliation: Before Mass and by appointment.

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

St. Mark: Ph.: 907-374-9564 CSA: 907-987-9427

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*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2020:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Please Pray for: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of Fairbanks and Alaska; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack; Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Tweet Burik; Mission Churches in Alaska; UAF students and employees; and pray to protect all human life.

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Jesus, the Son of God

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 The Servant of the Lord

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Greeting the Church

John 1:29-34 John's Testimony to Jesus

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

No classes January 20th – Martin Luther King Day

Learn to Cross Country Ski – Sat, Jan 20 from 6-7pm UAF Nanook Recreation at the Ski Hut.

Support the Nanook Hockey Team Jan 25th at the Carlson Center!

This Wednesday (Jan 22) come visit with Mary Pat Boger and share ideas for Catholics on Campus (CSA) this semester. She'll be at the Arctic Java from 11:30am-1:30pm to buy you a drink and hear your ideas and suggestions for the semester! Look for Fr. Fath and Mary Pat at Wood Center next month.

Feast and Faith – Young Adult gathering will be held Feb. 11th, and March 10th at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant on Airport Way; 6-8:30pm. Join us for free food and discussions about the faith. Create new friendships with others while supporting your faith.



Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020

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FR. Gerald --GREETINGS FROM FAIRBANKS--

That is the last time I will be sending you that salutation! I am here to pack belongings and say farewell to you all. As most of you have heard I am recalled to my Marian community in Massachusetts. As a fitting goodbye, I am inviting you to a **Mass on Monday, Jan. 20, 7:30 in the morning at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** That's the only time we could fit it into the schedule. They tell me there will be a potluck following the Mass. Please come if possible; I want to thank you all for our many years together --and get a few hugs for the future!

With deep feelings, *Fr. Gerald*

Looking to volunteer? Contact the ICS Soup Kitchen. Contact: Grayce Barnard, Soup Kitchen iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org.

STEWARDSHIP

December 2019 Total - \$ 6,089.00
January 2020 to-date - \$ 1,438.37
Charitable Heart Appeal to-date - \$ 4,887.20

****Donations made for the 2019 fiscal year need to be made by the last day in December!**

Thank you for your generosity & continued support!



St. Mark Parishioners: This semester we will work as a community to collect non-perishable items to donate to the

University Food Kitchen for students. Look for the box at the entrance of the auditorium where you can place your donation. Mary Pat Boger will drop off donations every Monday. Thank you for helping!

Nanook Diversity and Action Center

About the Food Pantry - The Food Pantry serves any UAF student with a [Polar Express Card](#). Students may pick up one bag of food per week. The Food Pantry is stocked with canned food (beans, soup, vegetables, etc.), other shelf stable food items (pasta, granola bars, oatmeal, etc.), and hygiene products (toilet paper, shampoo, soap, etc.) Donations are always appreciated! (Please make sure donations are unopened and not expired.)

Fall 2019 hours

Monday: 10am - 12pm
Tuesday: See front desk staff
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm
Thursday: 10am - 12pm
Friday: 12pm - 2pm

From the Chancery

Job Openings for Executive/Tribunal Assistant and Director of Mission Outreach.

For more information, please contact humanresources@cbna.org.

Rite of Election will be held at 4pm on Sunday, 1 March 2020 at SHC. All are welcome to attend.

Words of Wisdom from C.S. Lewis

"The Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays."

Source: "The Screwtape Letters" (1942)

Office of Faith and Family Formation

Tips for Traditions - Following the liturgical calendar creates a fun way to gain a better understanding of the seasons of the Church and the holidays (holy days) we commonly celebrate. Try to wear an item of clothing with the same color corresponding to the liturgical season. Generally, during Ordinary time the priest will wear green, so wear green, during Christmas and Easter seasons wear white, etc. If you have any family traditions you'd be willing to share, please send your suggestions to the Office of Faith and Family Formation at family@cbna.org.



Fides Formation Now Available and Free! -Religious

education for adult and catechist formation is available in the Diocese of Fairbanks, and is free thanks to our generous benefactors. The certificate program consists of five courses. This is an excellent program for catechists, catholic and home school teachers, young adults, and other laity seeking to increase knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith at your own pace. Go to Fide Formation at: <http://campus.fidesformation.com/> or contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation for more information: family@cbna.org or 374-9511.



The Annual Roe v. Wade protest will be Friday, January 24th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

at the Cushman St Bridge. There will be warming up in the ICC Church. This is a great event to show people we care no matter what the temperature is. There will also be a showing that night of the movie "Unplanned" in the church.



St. Raphael Catholic Church

St. Raphael Parish Spiritual Retreat to begin the New Year as Nancy Hanson continues the message of Fr. Jim Sichko and focusing on trust, faith and the call of Jesus. Saturday, January 25th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ending with a potluck lunch. All are invited to attend. Let's take time, together, to explore further the ideas Fr. Sichko introduced to us. The Gospel for Saturday, January 25th is the conversion of Paul the Apostle. The Gospel for Sunday, January 26th is Jesus calling his first disciples; Simon (Peter) and Andrew, James and John. These are two powerful stories of TRUST and will be part of the retreat. Most important, though, is looking within, reflecting on our own stories, listening to Jesus calling us, asking us to TRUST. Come and join us in this New Year time of reflection. All are welcome.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday after Epiphany

"A wedding took place . . . (Mary) said to Jesus, 'They have no wine.' . . . Jesus said to (the attendants), 'Fill the jars with water . . . Draw out now' . . . When the chief steward had tasted the water . . . become wine . . . (he said to the bridegroom), 'Thou hast kept the good wine until now'" (Gospel). A lesson to our young married couples of today! Believe and trust in Him to keep your family if you keep His Word! A spiritual change also took place, since "His disciples believed in Him" (Gospel). Consider the daily miracle of God's "grace that has been given us" (Epistle), to change from evil to good in both single and married life. Jesus "kept the good wine" of Divine Life for us (symbolized by Chalice at left in the picture). We must "fill the jars . . . (of our good will) to the brim" (Gospel). Let us recognize the "great things" (Offertory) done for our soul through Mary's prayers to Jesus. Like the disciples, let us "believe" and "do whatever He tells" us (Gospel).

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



Catholic Masses in Fairbanks Area

Saint Mark University Parish

Sunday: 5:30pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish Mass: 1:00pm on Sunday

Daily Masses: Monday—Friday 7:30am

Saint Raphael

Sunday: 9:30am; Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Weekday:

T, Th. 9:30am & Wed. 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Confessions - Saturday 3-3:45pm, 5:30pm

Latin Mass (twice a month)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:00am,

Wed 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Snows, Eielson AFB

Sunday: 10:30am.

Catholic Adoration in Fairbanks Area

Sacred Heart Cathedral: Thu. 8:00am -12:30 pm

Saturdays 2:30 -4:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30pm, Mass 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Adoration with Confessions

First Friday Devotions

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm -6:00 AM Adorations

6:00am Patriotic Rosary

7:00am Benediction & Mass

St. Raphael

2nd Thursday 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Good Shepherd: Thu. 6:00pm -7:00pm (Most weeks)

St. Nicholas: Wednesday 7:00 -8:00pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Marriage preparation classes this coming February and March on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart Cathedral from 9:00-10:30am. Dates are Feb 1, 8, 15, 29 and Mar 7 and 14. Catholic Engaged Encounter will host a retreat weekend at St. Nicholas Church in North Pole on the weekend of Feb. 21-23. If you are planning a summer or fall wedding, please let your pastor know of your plans. For additional information, please contact Fr. Ross at (907) 474-9032 or

Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month downstairs in the community room. Please consider joining us at our next gathering. February 4 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Jan at 43janetf@gmail.com for information. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

February - *Common Sense 101: Lessons from G.K. Chesterton* by Dale Ahlquist.

March - *Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture* by Anthony Esolen.

April - *The Day is Now Far Spent* by Cardinal Sarah

May - *My Life In Poetry* by Ezio M Tozzi.

June - End of the year luncheon.

Jan 21 & 28 - Voices of Hope Prayer Group Meet in Social Hall from 6:15-9pm

Jan 23 RCIA Class 7-8:30 in the Community Room

Jan 24: Right to Life March 11am -12pm and 5:30 - 6:30pm

Jan 29 Hispanic Prayer Group 7-8:30-m in Mary Chapel

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"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5)

God has given each of us different gifts. For God's plan to work, you must do what God is calling you to do, and I must do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

What Happens at Mass

Following the apostolic greeting is the penitential rite, that is, the acknowledgment of our sins, "so that we may celebrate these sacred mysteries worthily." To better understand the inspired word of God that is about to be read, we must first confess our sins before him and ask for mercy, so that our minds, heart, and souls may be open to hearing the wisdom of the scriptures. We must draw near to the word and the altar with repentance. There are different formulas the priest may use for this, but most common is the communal prayer, The Confiteor. What is beautiful in this prayer is that in it we not only confess our sins to God but also to one another, in addition, we ask Mary and all the angels and saints to pray for us. By so praying we are immediately brought into an awareness that the liturgy is not about just me and God. All of us together come into His presence, together with angels and saints, and we ask Him to show us His mercy and grant us His salvation. It bears repeating, insistence, even a kind of stammering: *"Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."*



Next, the Gloria is sung. We are singing now for the same reason that the angels first sang; namely, that God has sent His Son among us born in our same flesh. In the first part of the song our words are addressed to God the Father, then we address Jesus Christ Himself, acknowledging him first as "only Son of the Father." Then we cry out to him as "the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." And so, in the midst of our praise we beg him again for mercy. This hymn is meant to be an outburst of joy and praise with the additional wonder that the liturgy of the Word is about to begin, that God is about to share with us His wisdom through the scriptures.

In this liturgical season the Church eagerly follows Our Lord as he gathers his apostles and announces his mission. At Cana's wedding feast (The Second Luminous Mystery) he performs his first public miracle at the request of his Mother, and his disciples saw his glory and believed in him.



We, his present-day disciples pray for a like faith as we contemplate the eternal wedding feast of the