



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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February 23, 2020

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time -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

UAF Margaret Murie Building Auditorium (Upper Campus)

Pastor: Fr. Robert Fath

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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 Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger.

Assistance in Faith Formation: See Mary Pat Boger

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

New Members: If you are new to our parish, please register and introduce yourself to Fr. Robert Fath and/or Mary Pat Boger.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions February 2020: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



Special Prayer Intentions: 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; Joel Rivera; Mission Churches in Alaska; and for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

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Love of Enemies

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Various Rules of Conduct

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 The Work of God's Ministers

Matthew 5:38-48 New Law of Retaliation;

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Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.



The Commons is open for use by students during the day (7am-5pm), doors open Feb. 24th. CSA gatherings can begin in 2-hour

blocks of time between 5:30-7:30pm. We need input on what evenings work best for students during the week. Please contact Mary Pat Boger – uaf.stmark@gmail.com or 374-9564 so we can put in a request. Mary Pat can be found sitting at the meeting table at The Commons on Wednesday and Thursday for drop ins from 11am-12:15pm.

Feb 26th – **ASH WEDNESDAY.** Fr. Robert Fath and Mary Pat Boger will be at a table in Wood Center from 11:30am-1:30pm to distribute ashes to students and anyone interested working on campus are encouraged to stop by. CSA students wanting to help, we encourage you to stop by.

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CSA Students wishing to see the **Ice Park** look at the schedule below and contact Mary Pat Boger – uaf.smark@gmail.com if you would like to get a group together and go.



St. Mark's will pay for your entry fee. The schedule follows: Double Block starts on Sunday – Feb. 23rd, ending Feb 25th. Double-Block Award Ceremony is at 8pm on Feb 26th. Single Block starts Feb 28th and ends Mar 1st; Single-Block Award Ceremony is at 8pm on Mar 2nd.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020



Communal Lenten Penance Services

March 1 (Thu) – 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

March 26, (Thu) – 7pm at St Nicholas - North Pole

March 31, (Tue) – 7pm at St Raphael – Fairbanks



St. Mark will have distribution of Ashes from 11:30-1:30 at Wood Center on Wednesday (Feb 26).

St. Mark University Catholic Parish



We are called - Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-

changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from Feb 26 after Mass. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

FEBRUARY Birthdays/Anniversaries will be celebrated next Sunday after Mass with a PIE SOCIAL. St. Mark will provide ice cream, whipped cream and juice. Parishioners – get out your recipes and bake a pie to share! Please bring something edible to share and is easy to clean up. St. Mark will provide drinks and serving items.

Representatives of the **Legion of Mary** will be at Mass on Sunday (2/23) to talk about their group. They will be available after Mass to answer any questions.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries will be part of our Regional Summer Mass and Picnic. Mary Pat Boger will be collecting information on wedding anniversaries to recognize these special times. *Especially now when marriage is under such heavy fire, celebrating a wedding anniversary as the memorial of the sacrament it is makes for a bold counter-cultural statement—and one that will only strengthen the generosity of the couple's love in Christ.*

From the Chancery

Priest Convocation - March 2nd -6th will be held in Anchorage. All area priests and around the state will be attending. Please be aware of Mass cancellations due to this.

Diocesan Position Opening: The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking an Executive/Tribunal Assistant responsible for supporting the Office of the Bishop and the Tribunal by providing administrative support to both the Vicar General and Chancellor. This is a full-time position with benefits and will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact Leigh Scarboro via email at bishopsoffice@cbna.org.



What Is Lent? Lent is the penitential season of approximately 40 days set aside by the Church in order for the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. During this holy season, inextricably connected to the Paschal Mystery, the Catechumens prepare for Christian initiation, and current Church members prepare for Easter by a recalling of Baptism and by works of penance, that is, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Even in the early Church, Lent was the season for prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter. Though the obligation of penance was originally only imposed on those who had committed public sins and crimes, by medieval times all the faithful voluntarily performed acts of penance to repair for their sins.

Ash Wednesday is the clarion call to “Repent and believe the gospel” (Mk 1:15). For the next forty days, the faithful willingly submit to fasting and self-denial in imitation of Our Lord's forty-day fast in the desert. It is in these dark and still nights, these desert-times, that the soul experiences its greatest growth. There, in the inner arena, the soul battles the world, the flesh and the devil just as Our Lord battled Satan's triple temptation in the desert. His battle was external, for Jesus could not sin; our battle is interior, but with a hope sustained by the knowledge of Christ's Easter victory over sin and death.

His victory is our renewal, our “spring” — which is the meaning of the Anglo-Saxon word, “*lengten*” or Lent. In this penitential season we have the opportunity to make an annual spiritual “tune-up”, a 40-day retreat with Our Lord. Have we allowed worldly cares and the “daily drama” to obscure our call to holiness? Have self-love and materialism eroded our relationship with God? Then let us renew our efforts, and through our Lenten observance, discipline the body and master it as we “follow in the footsteps of the poor and crucified Christ” (*St. Francis of Assisi*)

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen is always in need of volunteers! Every Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Grayce Barnard at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org for more information or to volunteer.

Office of Faith and Family Formation

Rite of Election will be held at 4pm on Sunday, 1 March 2020 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Singers needed to comprise the *schola* to lead the chant for the Rite of Election to be held Mar 1. Practices will be held Saturday evenings at the Sacred Heart from 6:00 to 7:00pm, Feb. 29th.

The next Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Anchorage begins Feb. 28, 2020. Phone 907-863-8000, or go to: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

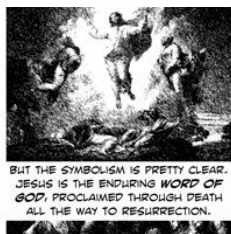
Fides Formation: Now Available and Free!

Religious education for catechists, catholic and home schoolteachers, 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/> For more information, contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation: family@cbna.org or call 3749511.

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"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.



Of Interest at other Parishes

St. Raphael

Feb 23 (Sun) - James bible study

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 9:30am & 5:30 pm

Feb 28 - (Fri) - 6:00 pm Station

Soup & Bread after mass.

Feb 29 - (Sat) KOC FISH FRY after mass

Mar 2 - Mar 6 NO MASSES Convocation Days

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass: 7:30am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm.

Feb 29 and March 7 & 14 (Sat) - Marriage

Preparation Classes (9:00am - 10:30am) downstairs in the Community Room at SH

Immaculate Conception Church

Feb. 28 - Mass for Health and Healing

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Mar 27 - KC Fish Fry 5:30-8:30pm at Monroe Catholic School.

April 17 - 19 Divine Mercy Retreat Dc. Harold Burke Severs

St. Nicholas Catholic Church - North Pole

Feb 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 9:00am & 7:00 pm

Feb 28 - 6:00-7:00pm Simple Supper

7pm Stations of the Cross

7:30pm Adorations & Confessions

Commentary on the Readings for Quinquagesima Sunday

Jesus said to him, "Receive thy sight, thy faith has saved thee" (Gospel).

"We are going up to Jerusalem," city of His Great Sacrifice, during Lent. His intimate followers were spiritually blind to the need of a Good Friday.



In this picture we even see them *angrily* trying to hold back one who wanted to see the need of Lenten penance—faith which lives by love: love for God, love for neighbor (Epistle). Where there is love, there is no labor; but if there is labor, it is loved. The Introit, Prayer and Gradual inspire us with confidence as we too, "go up" with faith (Offertory) and charity (Communion Verse).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

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

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

What Happens at Mass ¹²



Silence is our first response to the word we have just heard in the First Reading. The silence of the assembly at this point is the same about which we read in the heavenly liturgy described in the book of Revelation:

“When the Lamb broke open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about thirty” (Rev. 8:1). Of course, we do not remain silent for thirty minutes, but it is prudent to allow several moments of silence to reflect on the First Reading.

In response to this silence, we use the words of the psalms. We do so because this was Israel’s hymnbook and so was the prayer book of Jesus himself in his earthly life. The psalms were produced and then prayed throughout all the various epochs and phases of Israel’s existence. They express joy and wonder, gratitude and repentance, pleas for help, mercy and protection. The words written in the psalms were fulfilled by Jesus as he prayed them during the course of his life. Verse by verse, psalm by psalm, they were a mystery, hidden but now revealed in him.

Because there is a change in direction between the reading and the psalm; that is, God speaking to us in the Word and then us speaking to God in the responsorial psalm, we see also a different person signing the psalm.

(The cantor) As the assembly repeats the same words of the cantor, they also share with Christ the prayer sung to the Father. This “joining” with Christ in the psalm, praying to the Father, we once again see the richness of the liturgy as a communal and integral part of our unity with Christ as our response to the Father. This is as St. Paul once exclaimed, “Whatever promises God has made have been fulfilled in him; therefore it is through him that we address our Amen to God when we worship together” (Corinthians 2:20). When Jesus rises again, his way of praying rises with him and becomes in the liturgy his praying in us.

