



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 SHC.

Vesper Music can be accessed at St. Mark's website <https://stmarksuaf.org> as well as the QR code.

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.

For our homebound, Fr. Ross Tozzi homilies can be heard at <https://sacredheartak.org/chs>

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 –

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

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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:

5/27: Memorial Day

5/27: Anniversary Social after 5:30pm St. Mark Mass

5/30-6/7: Sacred Heart Novena

5/31-6/1: First Friday at ICC 5:30 pm-6 am

6/1: 6 am Confessions & Patriotic Rosary/ 7am Mass at ICC

6/5-14: 9am-4pm Summer Oratory

6/9: Fr. Aiden Installation Mass at St. Nicholas

6/14: 12-4 pm Summer Oratory Carnival

6/16: Father's Day

Catholic Definition: Blessed Trinity

The three Divine Persons in one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The central mystery of our faith. "Trinity" comes from the Latin word *trinintas*, which means "three" or "triad." The Greek equivalent is *triados*. The first surviving use of the term was around A.D. 10 by Theophilus of Antioch.

May 26, 2024

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Cycle B



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

Responsorial: Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

A prayer for the Lord's mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

Music of the Mass ~ May 26

211 By All Your Saints Still Striving

207 Holy, Holy, Holy

198 Holy God, We Praise They Name

St. Patrick's Breastplate

209 Now hank We All Our God

Heritage Mass parts 890-897.



Happy Birthday and
Anniversary to...



Join us after Mass as we bring back for our May Birthdays and Anniversaries celebration. Weather permitting, it will be outdoors, it will be held in the Social Hall downstairs should the weather not cooperate! *Take a moment to catch up with fellow parishioners on this special day.* Feel free to bring something to share that requires no plate/bowl/utensil for easy clean-up. St. Mark's will provide ice cream bars & drinks.

"May God fill your life with joy, love, and happy moments!"



Summer Oratory: June 5-14, 2024 (not including weekends) from 9am – 4pm for youth from ages 6 to 16 years – at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The deadline is May 5th. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information. Register online at <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/summer-oratory>

Oratory/Religious Education/Confirmation/Youth Group/Voice of Hope Prayer Group: Start again in September. For more info contact servidoras@cbna.org

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

Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
May 25 + June 1 & 29

Soup Kitchen at ICC: (1pm Sat & Sun) Food items that are needed – Granola bars, fresh fruit (bananas, apples, oranges, etc.), Desserts, Eggs, bottled water.

Sacred Heart Reading Club: 12:30 PM downstairs in Community Room - 1st Monday of the month .

Women's Group: 6:30 PM at the sister's convent every Tuesday (rosary/lecture/refreshment) for women over 18. Contact info: 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 **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. A group of dedicated women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary's work.

Franciscan Community: 6:30 PM 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 - rtozzi@cbna.org or call (907) 347-3005.

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



Memorial Day is a remembrance, mourning those who died while serving in the military.

We pray in gratitude today for all those who have worked selflessly to provide security and safety for others. Bless them, keep them safe and help them to make good decisions. May we emulate their courage and bravery. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

Please join other Catholics in the Diocese in praying the Sacred Heart Novena from May 30th – June 7th. You will find a Sacred Heart Novena devotion in the Spring 2024 issue of the Alaskan Shepherd Newsletter found on the Diocesan website at: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/alaskan-shepherd>

ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

Please show your support!
Come help us celebrate and give a special thanks to our Altar Servers

When and Where?
June 9th 2024
1:00 – 5:00pm
Tanana Lakes
Fairbanks, Alaska

*Bring Lawn Chairs, Swimming available
Beats and Kayaks for rent*

*Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks
and other items will be available.*

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RSVP-Bill at (907) 590-0338 Text preferred Pot-Luck Items are not required but are welcome, especially desserts

Justice Challenge: When Jesus ascended into heaven, his glorified physical body was not longer with us. But he commissioned the apostles (and us through them) to his body on earth until he came again. We are called to be the hands and feet, the heart, the mouth, the shoulders of Jesus to those in need. Your challenge this week is to ask which part of the Body of Christ you are called to be right now. Does someone need you to be his ears, listening to their story? Or might you be called to be his prophetic voice, challenging someone or a group of persons to live more justly? Be the Body of Christ this week. (And don't forget that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will make this task possible.)
<https://pastoral.center>

Focusing the Gospel...
Key words and phrases: All power, Go, all nations, Father... Son... Holy Spirit, I am with you always
To the point: Who are the “nations” to whom Jesus sends us? All the countries of the world, to be sure. But also the close-to-hand “nations” of our own families, coworkers, friends, everyone who is part of our lives. What are we sent to do? Jesus has passed on to us his power to gather all human beings into the loving embrace of the Trinity. Because of baptism, our triune God dwells within each of us, enabling us to embody God's presence among the “nations.” We are the visible sign of Jesus' promise: “I am with you always.”
<https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Signs of God's Love
Moses said to the people, “For ask now about former ages, long before your own, ever since the day that God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of heaven to the other: has anything so great as this ever happened or has its like ever been heard of?” (Deuteronomy 4:32)

Adults: What signs of God's love have you witnessed in your life?
Children: How can you be a sign of God's love to others this week?

The Saints did not begin well;
they ended well.
~ St. John Vianney

The Catholic Company presents



Which soldier-saint do we celebrate this Memorial Day?

We celebrate the courage of St. Joan—and that of all who have left home and gone to war for the sake of God and country.

Memorial Day: a time for some relaxation from work, get-togethers with friends and family, tasty food, and the official start of summer...right?

Well, sort of. The ads in the mail about “Memorial Day” sales and all the red, white, and blue cupcakes at the grocery store have a way of sanitizing the true meaning of this day.

Memorial Day is really about making a fit remembrance of those who have died in the service of our country. It’s about those who left and didn’t come back. Those who should be here and aren’t. Those who swore to give their lives for a higher ideal and did. Those whose deaths, though they be honorable and even heroic, sometimes even Christlike, still leave a wound in the hearts of their parents, spouses, children, neighbors, and friends—a wound that won’t find any complete healing in this vale of tears and must ache with particular poignance on this day.

Provisionally, every year around this time of both sorrow and celebration, we commemorate a saint whose own sacrifice offers a fitting meditation for Memorial Day. In fact, this year, her feast directly coincides with it.

In the 14th-15th centuries, the Hundred Years’ War pitted the French against the English over disputed territories in France. In the midst of this conflict, an unknown thirteen-year-old peasant girl in the village of Domrémy began to receive heavenly visitors. St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch revealed to the young Joan of Arc that she was to aid the king in his battle against the English.

Despite the oddity of a young girl donning armor and riding to war, Joan obeyed the celestial voices. And it was soon clear that God was with her.

Graced with indomitable courage, good sense, fearless conviction, and ardent personal sanctity, she inspired the French troops, who rallied around her leadership. She led them successfully against the English at several important battles, carrying a banner bearing the names of Jesus and Mary and a sword that—upon her prediction—was found behind the altar of a church.

The long-awaited crowning of Charles VII came in 1429. The Maid of Orléans had done it.

Predictably, the English and their French collaborators detested Joan and the French successes she brought. They captured her in May of 1430 and a politically tainted trial found her “guilty” of “heresy.”

She was burned at the stake on May 30, 1431. She was only nineteen years old.

Twenty-five years later, her name was cleared and the verdict nullified. She was canonized in 1920 and remains one of the greatest heroines of France, which celebrates a national holiday in her honor on the second Sunday of May. We also celebrate the courage of St. Joan—and that of all who have left home and gone to war for the sake of God and country.
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Precious Things



I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on. But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and china plates.

That’s what stuck with me, and that’s what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and cups lining the shelves, the fine china dishes, the beautiful shiny cutlery the children used for lunch.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. “If they drop a cup and it shatters, then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up,” the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a fragile, precious thing — and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing — if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility they bear personal witness to.

The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared, and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that’s exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages — constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again.

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” — Matthew 28:19

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – May 23, 2024©Lpi



What is Memorial Day?

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have lost their lives in our nation’s service. Though some form of Memorial Day has been celebrated in various areas of the country beforehand, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed by General John Logan on May 5, 1868, and was observed later that month on May 30 when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried at Arlington Cemetery.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 May 19, 2024: \$ 857.00
 Actual Collection YT
 (7/1/23-6/30/24)
 Total will be updated June 2nd

Your financial stewardship is a blessing. Thank You!
 Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>.
Special Collections: Our next collection will be in the month of June – Peter’s Pence – supports the Holy Father’s emergency humanitarian efforts.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Prayer of the Faithful: That we remember it was the generosity of past generations who built our Church. It is now our time to continue to be generous for future generations.



Pope Francis' May Prayer Intentions:
For the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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

- + International, national, state, and local leaders may use wisdom in their decisions that affect others.
- + Our country and those who have died in protecting others.
- + Victims of the Iowa tornados.
- + Local high school graduates .
- + Our homebound, nursing home residents & those who are ill or recovering from surgery.
- + Our faithfully departed.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” How can you evangelize others and share in God’s glory? Maybe as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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 -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

“You Can’t go back and Change the beginning,
 but you can start where you are and change the ending.”
 ~ C.S. Lewis



Be Part of the Flock!

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Diocesan Employment Opportunities

1. **Part-time Donations Processing Clerk**, 20 hrs./wk. This job entails all aspects of processing donations received by the Diocese.

Visit dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings for more detailed information or E-mail humanresources@cbna.org .

Sacred Heart 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.

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>



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Director@helpingak.org or mncper@helingspinak.org. Call our offices at 907-452-3876 Ext 203 or Ext 208. Or apply in person at: Helping Alaska 609 3rd Street, Fairbanks AK 99701.

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Please keep St. Mark (907-374-9564) or Sacred Cathedral Parish Offices (907-474-9032) informed of anyone who is homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill or wishes to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.



If you are signed up for **Flocknote** but have not been receiving texts or emails from St. Mark’s, Email Mary Pat Boger at stmark@cbna.org to verify or update information.

