



# 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 by go to <https://sacredheartak.org/> and click on "homilies"

**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:

**6/15-16:** **Knights of Columbus Old Flag collection.**

**6/16:** **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

**6/20:** World Refugee Day

**6/22:** SHC Parish Picnic 12-3pm

**6/22-29:** Religious Freedom Week

**6/30:** St. Mark's Birthday/Anniversary Social

**7/4:** **Independence Day**

**7/17-21:** **National Eucharistic Congress**

### Catholic Definition: Tribunal

Ecclesiastical court of justice, established both in Rome and in each diocese. There are three Roman tribunals: the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, and the Sacred Roman Rota. Diocesan tribunals are mainly concerned with marriage cases.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/>

St. Mark Parishioners are invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Picnic this Saturday (6/22).

**June 16, 2024**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Cycle B**



### First Reading: **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

### Responsorial: **Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16**

They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

### Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

### Gospel Reading: **Mark 4:26-34**

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.



### Music of the Mass ~ June 16<sup>th</sup>

**515** We Walk by Faith

**487** Christian, Let Us Love One Another

**515** O Lord, I am Not Worthy

Ubi caritas by Audrey Assad

**545** O God, Beyond All Praising

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.

### Knights of Columbus at work this weekend Jun 15-16

**Baby Bottle Drive** ends Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have a donation for their baby bottle drive that benefits FYNDout Pregnancy, drop it in the collection basket this Sunday.

**Worn U.S. Flags** are being collected this weekend at all masses. If you have one in need of retirement, bring it in this week- they will properly dispose of them.





**Vespers (sung):** 4:45 pm on Sundays at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Tradition Evening Prayer of the hours of the Liturgy. Consists of praying the psalms put to traditional chant tones.

**Summer Oratory Finish** – Sisters, priests, and volunteers helped our youth grow in faith through formative and recreational activities these past two weeks. A big THANK YOU to all who provided snacks, meals, and prayers. *The addition of the Servidoras to our diocese have enhanced the religious education of our youth.*

**Traditional Latin Mass-** 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
June 29; July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24

**The following programs start again in September:**

Oratory ~ Religious Education ~ Confirmation ~ Youth Group  
~ Voice of Hope Prayer Group ~ Voces Verbi Young Adult Group ~ Sacred Heart Reading Group ~ ICC Woman's Group ~ SHC Reading Group.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Soup Kitchen at ICC:** (1pm Sat & Sun) Food items that are needed – Granola bars, Jelly, Fresh Fruit (bananas, apples, oranges, etc.), Desserts, Eggs, Hot Chocolate, Coffee (3#tin) , Peanut Butter, “Bottled water”. Need volunteers both Saturdays and Sundays from 12-3pm.

**SHC Friday Food Boxes:** Calls are taken from 10-11am Friday. Volunteers unload boxes upon delivery from Foodbank around 12:15pm and distribute them to clients in the parking lot until 1:00pm. Please call Deborah at 907-474-9032 for details.

**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.

**Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph:** For men or women currently meet about once a quarter at SHC. Contact Patty Walter [pattywalter@hotmail.com](mailto:pattywalter@hotmail.com) for more information. The association makes an annual commitment to lead lives that strive to work for justice, reach out to those in need, and to build relationships in the spirit of hospitality and simplicity. Active since 1987.

**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](mailto:stclare4@gmail.com)

**Marriage Preparations** – Contact Fr. Ross six (6) months prior to wedding - [rtozzi@cbna.org](mailto:rtozzi@cbna.org) or call (907) 347-3005.

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

It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons.”



Today, we extend best wishes to all fathers!  
May they find in Saint Joseph a model, support and consolation, to live their fatherhood well.

Charles Addis, Jim Bennett, Dick Bishop, Will Boger, Don Bray, Joel Buth, Jim Cerney, Pat Doogan, Jay Forlino, John Fox, Johnny Hajdukovich, Alex Harvey, John Hebert, Dcn. Warren Lucero, Frank McGilvary, Robert Meade, Michael Musick, Ben Orr, Roger Peters, Brian Powell, Michael Radigan, David Trieglaff, Sean Tucker, Teddy Yew, and Drew Vandermeer.

**Our Spiritual fathers** – Fr. Ross Tozzi & Fr. Piotr Oprych; and those who have served St. Mark's in the past and present.

**Grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers.**

**Men who serve as models** for children without fathers.

**Special intentions** for fathers who have gone before us: Simeon Alejandro, Dr. David Dixon Beal, Donald J. Bennett, Don Billings, Bill Boger, Don Hosch, Ed Keith, C.R. McElligott, Robert Michael Radigan.

Fathers who follow God point their children in the right direction.



**Justice Challenge:** Father's Day is a great celebration of the special men in our lives who have been a source of strength, encouragement, protection, and guidance as well as providing, teaching, and admonishing. Being a dad is complex. It isn't something one can plan out and schedule... it evolves and grows as their children do. One cannot study all the right ways to be a great dad. There is something organic and ever-changing in the role of a dad. All people need someone in their life who will love them unconditionally, but many have not had that gift. Today there are children and teens in your community, parish and school that need guidance, love, and security. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you can be an advocate for these things where you live. Can you mentor after school or volunteer at a Boys and Girls Club? Could you offer to chaperone an event for youth or children at your parish? Could you pray each day for your eyes and heart to be open to the needs of children and youth where you live and work? You may not be a father or a dad... but you have the capacity to love and make a difference.

<https://pastoral.center>

### Focusing the Gospel

**Key words and phrases:** This is how it is, kingdom of God, scatter seed, harvest has come, seed ... sown, becomes the largest of plants

**To the point:** “This is how it is,” Jesus says in this Gospel. Yet there is no single way to describe the “kingdom of God.” Here Jesus uses two similar parables to teach us that the kingdom is realized in the intersection of our own work (plant the seed) with God's work (the mystery of life growing and bearing fruit). The Good News is that God's kingdom is assured—the scattered seed will yield a harvest; the tiny seed will grow into a large plant. “This is [really] how it is!”



<https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Keep up with diocesan news, announcements, and needs, including parish websites, at Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska website:

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>



### Husbands, fathers, saints....

As we approach Father's Day, let's meet some saintly dads!

When we look at the lives of canonized fathers, we see that they all display fortitude in principles, fervor in faith, reliance on God's strength, and devotion to their family's spiritual growth. Today, let's focus on three fathers:

**Bl. Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi:** Born 1880, died 1951. He was brought up by his uncle and aunt, as they were childless.

Luigi's house was always open to beggars and, during the World Wars, to refugees. He and his wife consecrated their family to the Sacred Heart and prayed the Rosary daily with their four children. Additionally, they kept a family Holy Hour on First Fridays, attended retreats, and continually studied their Faith.

Inspired by this example, three of Luigi's children entered religious life; the remaining daughter became a consecrated virgin.

**St. Thomas More:** Born 1478, died 1535. His last words, "I die the king's good servant, and God's first" summarize his whole life.



Initially attracted to religious life, Thomas instead married and had four children. He imparted to his children the rich classical education he himself had received and passed on to them his fervent love of God.

Before his contrived execution for treason, Thomas ensured—from his prison cell—that all his family could safely escape the country.

**St. Stephen I of Hungary:** Born 975, died 1038. A child-convert from paganism, he is known as the first king of Hungary.

As chief of the Magyars, his objective was to weld the migratory group into a solid nation. He accomplished this through various measures, primarily through his support and promotion of the Catholic Faith. He was crowned king in 1001. He instilled his own deep faith in his son, urging him to remain a devout Catholic king above all else and to protect the growth of the young Church in Hungary. This son is also a saint.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

Do not let the past disturb you, just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy.

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



St. Joseph, Pray for Us  
Happy Father's Day

Christ, Lead Him.  
Christ, Go Before Him.  
Christ, Bless Him.  
Amen

### Living Parables



Whenever someone begins a sentence with, "This parable means..." I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom's favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. *Good ol' mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don't even have to think about you.*

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it's certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn't change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus' sentences.

*"With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."* — Mark 4:33

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### Living in God's Kingdom

**Yet when [the mustard seed] is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade. (Mark 4:32)**

**Adults:** What is the "good soi" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

**Children:** How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

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





**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
 June 9, 2024: \$ 653.00  
 (7/1/23-6/30/24)  
 Actual Collection YT: \$68,665.00

Visit WeShare for online giving at: <http://www.stmarksuaaf.org>.  
**June Special Collections - Peter's Pence:** Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's emergency humanitarian efforts.  
 "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10**

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent, and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

**Prayer of the Faithful:** That we recognize we are responsible not only for our own lives, but the lives of others as well.



**Pope Francis'**  
**June Prayer Intentions:**

**For migrants fleeing their homes.**

"We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them."

**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.

- + Peace in the areas of the world, and our own country, where it is most needed.
- + Public safety workers, those serving in the military, and those in the medical field will be protected.
- + All who are struggling with illness – in mind, body, or spirit – in our community.
- + Fathers may enjoy the love, respect, and support of their children.
- + A safe summer for families in our community and all who travel within our state or abroad.
- + Our loved ones who have gone before us.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS** "When the crop permits, the harvest has come." Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom 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](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

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:** Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them, into likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Diocesan Employment Opportunities**

**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](http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings) for more detailed information or E-mail [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto: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](mailto:rector@cbna.org) or Ph: (907) 347-3005 with questions.

**The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks are hiring for the 2024-25 school year!** Please visit <http://www.catholic-schools.org/employment> for a full list of open positions and application instructions.



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Currently has the following position open:  
**Furniture Bank Ministry Manager, Helpline Director, and Program Coordinator/Case Manager.** Email your resume to: [Director@helpingak.org](mailto:Director@helpingak.org) or [mscper@helingspinak.org](mailto:mscper@helingspinak.org). Call our offices at 907-452-3876 Ext 203 or Ext 208. Or apply in person at: Helping Alaska 609 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairbanks AK 99701.

Pray that our Church may be a place where the seeds of faith, hope, and love may be ever present.

**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>



Stay informed on what's happening at the June 2024 Plenary Assembly. Bishops meet twice a year to discuss matters of concern. <https://www.usccb.org/>

