



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent 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 Fr. 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 March 2020: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Special Prayer Intentions: Pope Francis; Bishop Chad; Fr. Fath; priests, religious, deacons, seminarians in the Diocese of Fairbanks and Alaska; Arthur Mace (Jen Tucker's father); Robin Eagan; Ben Orr; Gail Reidman; Tweet Burik; Joel Rivera; for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack; and Mission Churches in Alaska.



Remember in your prayers students that are on Spring Break this week – pray for their safety.

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Genesis 12:1-4A

2 Timothy 1:8B-10

Matthew 17:5 Reading before Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Spring Break – March 9-13, 2020. Plan on catching up on studies so you can relax and enjoy the week!

Feast and Faith – Mar 10 ((Tue) 6:00 - 8:30 pm

At Miguel's Authentic Mexican Cuisine (1235 Airport Way). Come meet other young adults who share a desire to create lasting relationships and support each other in the faith. For more info contact the Office of Faith and Family Formation at 374-9511 or email families@cbna.org

Students: Visit the **Ice Park** carvings with a friend(s) for free (3/1-14) contact Mary Pat Boger @ 374-9564 or uaf.smark@gmail.com 24 hour in advance. Passes courtesy of St. Mark Catholic Student Association.



Lent

Communal Lenten Penance Services

March 19 (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 University Catholic Parish

Easter Mass – April 13th – 10am followed by finger food brunch. No 5:30pm Mass.

Last call for wedding anniversary dates. Send information (date/name/email) to uaf.stmark@gmail.com. *There is nothing more of a cosmic love-fest as the celebration of the Mass. The Son of God gave up his life for his beloved and entering into the mystery of the Mass shows how much God, the creator of the universe and LOVE Itself, truly loves you and gives you an example to follow for your spouse here on earth. Nothing can be more intimate than sharing the Eucharist with your spouse!*

From the Chancery

**Divine Mercy Retreat
with Dr. Harold Burke Severs April 17 – 19**

Diocesan Position Openings:

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.

Director of Mission Outreach. Responsible for the overall messaging, general development initiatives and stewardship efforts for the Diocese of Fairbanks. Manages and directs diocesan solicitation, development and expression of gratitude to donors. Oversees the content and ensures that the message of the Bishop is consistent in all communications of the diocese to include social media, direct mailings and published content. The Director of Mission Outreach position performs all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. This position is full time and benefits eligible and will remain open until filled. For more information, please contact humanresources@cbna.org

March 8, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”
(Genesis 12:1)*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Lenten Journey—Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I’m going to exercise more. I’m going to pray more. I’m going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers.”

Office of Faith and Family Formation



Meet Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Of Interest at other Parishes

Temporary Suspension of the reception of the Precious Blood at Communion. Check the entrance of Murie Hall for a copy if you haven’t received one by email.

St. Raphael

Fridays – 6pm Stations followed by soup/bread
Mar 21 – 12noon-4pm (lunch provided) Ice Fishing at Chena Lakes Ice Hut #2
Mar 21 – Sat 9am-1pm Parish Lenten Retreat w/potluck afterwards. All are welcome!

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Friday 6:30pm Stations followed by meatless

Immaculate Conception Church

Mar 13 - 7:00pm Fr. Dismas will give a talk in Murphy Hall at ICC. All are welcome.
Mar 14 - 5:30pm Fr. Dismas will celebrate the Dominican Rite Latin Mass at ICC. Potluck to follow.
Mar 15 - Service of Healing and Blessing, 12:00 PM. Confessions and Anointing will be available for those struggling with addiction, depression, suicide, divorce, widowhood —sin.
Mar 25 - Legion of Mary invites all who would like to make a Marian Consecration to ICC at 5:00 PM. Opening prayers, Rosary, Mass, Consecration, Adoration, refreshments to follow. 452-3533
Mar 27 - KC Fish Fry 5:30-8:30pm at Monroe Catholic School.
Young Adult social get-together every Friday evening. Text Melody Doudna at 907-712-4829 for details.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church – North Pole

Sundays – 11:50 Divine Chaplet before mass
Fridays – 6pm simple supper – 7pm Stations – 7:30pm adoration w/confession
Mar 14 (Sat) – St. Patrick’s Dinner @ 6pm

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Serving Fairbanks and North Pole
Stephen Minister training includes a complete System for lay people to provide Christ's care.

Interested in any of the following ministries, please contact Ann Nickerson at Sacred Heart Cathedral, phone 907.978.5281 or email ann@cbna.org.

One-on-One Caring, Listening, Prayerful,
Confidential Visits * * Life's Losses: e.g. Grief,
Divorce * Homebound Ministry * * Hospital
Ministry * Tele-Care * Crises Care *

* Correspondence * Denali Center * Pioneer Home
* Hospice Care * Fairbanks Correctional Center *
* Food Bank * Loving Families *

> Trainees attend two sessions per week: Saturdays
(9 am - 12 pm) and Wednesdays (6 pm - 8:30 pm)
beginning Saturday, March 7, 2020, and ending
Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

> There are breaks scheduled for major parish
events.

> All classes are held in Sacred Heart Cathedral's
Community Room or Social Hall, depending on
other scheduled events or classes.



Black Bean Soup - Guatemala

Makes 4-6 servings

- 1 T fair trade olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 c water or vegetable broth
- 3 cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 green chili, diced
- 2 t ground cumin
- 2 t chili powder
- ½ t salt
- Cilantro, minced (optional)

In a large pot, sauté onion and garlic in oil until brown. In a blender, combine 1 c water/vegetable broth and 2 cans of beans. Blend until smooth. Add to onion mixture. Stir in tomatoes, chilis, remaining beans, spices and remaining water/broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Serve with cilantro.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Second Sunday of Lent

"Behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking together with Him"
(Gospel).



Last Sunday we beheld
Jesus as Man, suffering and
conquering the three temptations. Today a faint
glimpse of Jesus as God is a further Lenten
incentive against discouragement or failure.

We behold Moses, the lawgiver, pointing to the
code of the Ten Commandments; Elias, the
prophet, pointing to the creed of Divine Truth.
"This is the will of God. . .walking" in the way of His
Commandments (Epistle, applying your mind to
Divine Truth, so that "you (may) learn how to
possess (your) vessel in holiness."

"Your sanctification (Epistle) is an *interior*
obligation in your own private *life*; also *exterior*
(Prayer), to the extent of helping your neighbor, for
"the Lord is the avenger" of deception in everyday
business (Epistle).

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



Liturgy Matters 15

We do not sing a psalm in response to the Second Reading. Instead, after a short silence, we stand and sing not once, but many times, the word that is most closely associated with the Lord's Resurrection: Alleluia! It is a shout of praise. We sing this word now because in the proclamation of the Gospel our risen Lord intensifies his presence in this assembly.

At this moment, the priest or deacon approaches the altar and lifts the book of the Gospels from their place on the altar in a procession to the lectern where the Gospel will be proclaimed. Through the priest or deacon, the transcendent Lord speaks directly to his Church. The Gospel is always read by a deacon or a priest or by the bishop himself if there are no other ordained ministers present at the Eucharist where he presides. This is a ritual "rule", which alerts us to the fact that Christ himself is now speaking directly to his assembled Church. Further, the bishop is a successor to the apostles. He ordains deacons to proclaim the Gospel, and this mission remains in those deacons whom he later ordains as priests. Reserving the proclamation of the Gospel to the ordained reminds us that the Gospel expresses apostolic faith in a preeminent way.



I have said that when Jesus rises from the dead, everything he ever said and did rises with him. By means of the reading of some particular passage from the Gospel text, there is delivered to the community some portion, so to speak, of what has risen with Jesus. The Gospels, too, are apostolic texts, and so all that we have said about the faith that comes to us through the apostles applies also to our listening to and accepting what we hear in the Gospel reading. We want to recall here what we have said about being attentive to the direction in which the liturgy is moving. We can see in the proclamation of the Gospel an intensification and a climax of the movement of God the Father toward the world. And we have help in this, the Holy Spirit ensures that Jesus Christ sinks down, way down, into the community which stands in reverence, awe, and wonder listening to the Gospel. We cry out to the very one who is now present among us: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!"

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