



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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WEEKEND VIRTUAL Mass Schedule

Access through Facebook or Diocesan website. Live streamed **Masses** may be accessed when aired or tape delay.

Sat 4/25: 1- 4pm Outdoor confessions at the SHC.

Sat 4/25: 4:30pm – Diocese; 7:00 pm – North Pole

Sun 4/26: *11:00am – Diocese; 10:00am – North Pole

(*11am Mass will be held outdoors in SHC parking lot – *weather permitting.*

Please stay in your car and roll down window to hear or look for announcement if KQHE 92.7 can air mass.)

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla> for Fairbanks

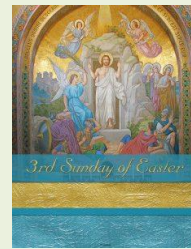
<http://universalis.com/USA/20200426/today.htm> for North Pole St. Nicholas viewing

AT HOME DURING the Corona Virus

Daily Mass will continue to be Live streamed at 12Noon Monday to Friday on [Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks](#) Facebook page and 7 PM on [St. Nicholas Catholic Church North Pole, Alaska](#) Facebook Page.

Holy Hour: The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed (Mon-Fri) in the monstrance from the Chancery Chapel to be viewed in the parking. *Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 12Noon-3pm *Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction 2:30pm – 3:00pm

Confessions: If anyone desires confession (while maintaining social distancing), by calling Fr. Fath at 374-9504.



St. Mark Prayers Requests:

Ashton Ishnook and family, Cydney & Mark McElligott, Ben Orr, Robin Eagan, Gail Readman, Tweet Burik, Joel Rivera. Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians currently in Alaska; and for those who have

served us in the past. Pray for all who have been affected by Covid-19; especially our elderly, sick and homeless. *If you have someone you want added to our prayers list contact Mary P Boger at uaf.stmark@gmail.com.*

April 26, 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

Recognizing the Lord

Acts 2:14, 22-23 *Peter's Discourse*

Psalm 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1:17-21 *Filial Obedience*

Gospel – Luke 24:13-35 *Emmaus*

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITES FOR DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS OR ST. MARK'S FOR UP TODATE INFORMATION.

Cancelled Events

- All Public Masses including Sunday through Saturday. (*See the Virtual Mass Schedule below.*)
- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
- All Prayer Groups
- All Religious Education except for an online course for Confirmation
- All Communal Penance Services
- **April Healing Mass will be rescheduled when public gatherings are allowed.**
- All Stations of the Cross - *Available Friday by livestream at 3:00 PM.*
- All meals/social time associated with activities
- **This schedule is subject to change and may be altered if necessary.**

May God bless you, keep you safe, bolster your faith, and grant you abiding peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you
 Are present in the most
 Blessed Sacrament. I love
 You above all things and I
 Desire to receive You into my
 Soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into
 My heart. I embrace You as if
 You have already come, and
 Unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be
 Separated from You. Amen.

Fr. Fath's Corner

Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us

The Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Easter features two unnamed disciples encountering the risen, yet hidden Lord, on the road to Emmaus. As they are leaving Jerusalem, they were discussing what they had witnessed in the holy city in Jesus' passion, death and reports of his resurrection. They are so caught up in the chaos of the moment that they fail to recognize the stranger that approaches them as the risen Lord. They are surprised, almost annoyed, when Jesus asks them what they are discussing. What? Has this stranger been living under a rock? I humorously imagine Jesus replying to a question like that with, "Why yes, I have."



Despite the fact that they do not recognize him for who he truly is, they invite him to walk with them. They enter into conversation with him, eventually developing enough of a rapport that when he acts as if he is going further, they invite him to stay with them and share a meal. The hospitality towards this unexpected visitor opens them up to discover his true identity in the breaking of the bread and their exclamation, "Were not our hearts burning within us."

Jesus reveals Himself in very familiar ways to us as Catholics...through the Scriptures, though the Sacraments, and in our traditional prayers. We are challenged to encounter Christ in all things and at every moment of our lives. Saint Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, on this understanding. God works through all things and in all circumstances. Our encounters with others, the circumstances of life that we experience are not random ebbs and flows of life, but rather privileged moments where God seeks to speak to us. How is the risen Lord speaking to you in the everyday circumstances of your life?

Charitable Giving

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Mark! Diocese of Fairbanks has a list of specific needs in Rural Parishes if you can help.

St. Mark Sunday Collection:

April 19, 2020 \$1,135.00

Liturgy Matters - 22

With the next exchange, the priest is already and entirely within his role as Christ at the head of his body. With a voice of authority, but a voice also filled with excitement and love for what is about to happen, he commands the people, "Lift up your hearts." In the Latin, *sursum corda* this phrase is like a shout, literally, "Hearts on high!" It is Christ the head telling his body where we are going, and we are going there fast. In response to this, the body answers its head and says, "We lift them up to the Lord: that is, we have our hearts where you told us to put them. In effect, this summons on high is a being brought into the all-at-once of Christ's Resurrection, into his hour, where past and future are both made present to us. We are obeying the apostle's injunction when he said, "Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth" (Colossians 3:1-3).

Once we have joined with Christ in the higher realm, he announces the purpose of our being there: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". The assembly immediately assents to the proposal: "It is right and just". In this response, we are thanking God for all the mighty deeds that God has ever worked for our salvation. Christ himself thanks the Father for his Resurrection, a thanksgiving which includes his joy that we can be made members of his risen body. And for this wondrous gift we, of course, also thank the Father together with him. Thanksgiving is what the Greek word Eucharist means. It is why we can call all that happens at Mass the Eucharist, the thanksgiving.



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

"I am the Good Shepherd. . .I lay down My life for My sheep. . .but the hireling flees because he is a hireling and has no concern for the sheep"

(Gospel). Jesus organized the visible Church along the lines of a *sheepfold*. St. Peter, first shepherd of the visible Church, depicts Jesus as the invisible "Shepherd. . .of your souls" (Epistle). He tenderly remembers all that Jesus suffered for us "Sheep going astray."



On Catacomb walls, early Christians delighted to draw pictures and to write explanations of the perfect understanding and love between the Good Shepherd and His sheep, such as that which exists between the "Father" and "Me."

We are not only fed through the *visible guidance of His Church*, but also through the *invisible grace of the Sacraments*, especially "in the breaking of bread" (Alleluia Verse

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

Diocese of Fairbanks Regional Council Update

Our Divine Mercy Retreat that was cancelled due to the Corona Virus will be moved to coincide with the Rosary Congress October 2-4, with all night Adoration Friday and Saturday. This will be a joint effort of the Knights of Columbus, Regional Council, and the Legion of Mary.

Regional Council Picnic is scheduled for July 12th at 1:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. We will need volunteers to help make this a success.

REACHING OUT: Connect with family, friends or elderly who are alone during this quarantine. Learn again the art of writing a letter that requires a postage stamp. Remember, if the recipient is older, large black print with a white background is easier reading. A little thoughtfulness and prayer go a long way!

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT KNOWING IT'S HIM?



THEY WERE EXPRESSING NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



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Looking for something to do with your family while in quarantine? Spend time sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith!

<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/family/story.php?id=84685> – 10 Catholic Activities for family or group.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/09/my-teenagers-were-exposed-coronavirus-heres-what-our-family-has-learned-under-self> - Start here and explore other articles.

Do you carry a Catholic newspaper or magazine in your home? Take time to explore and find an online newspaper/magazine/blog to keep you up to date on what's happening in the church locally, statewide, nationally and internationally! Don't get overwhelmed, go slowly at first.

If you have any other suggestions, please let us know so you can share with others! Email to Mary Pat @ uaf.stmark@gmail.com



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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
April Parish Council News: Seeking quotes for painting & roofing Deborah House. Gutters for entryway downstairs will be added this summer. St. Mark 5:30pm Mass will remain at SHC until further notice.