



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

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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>

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive to mass early and see the priest or sacristan (Jennifer Chown) about the availability of low gluten hosts.

For our homebound, Fr. Ross Tozzi homilies can be heard by going to <https://sacredheartak.org/> and click on "homilies."

Confessions: Saturdays 3-4 PM at SHC and ICC.

Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am-12pm at SHC.

PASTOR

Fr. Ross Tozzi: rtozzi@cbna.org Ph: 907-347-3005

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Warren Lucero

LATIN MASS SCHEDULE:

Held at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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

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:

9/6-7: First Friday at ICC – 5:30pm Mass – 7am Mass on Sat.

9/7: **Altar Server Training at SHC 10:00 AM to 12Noon**

9/15: Catechetical Sunday

9/15: Deadline for Christmas Story Video

9/21: ORATORY Starts for kids 5-17 – 1:00-2:45 PM (SHC)

9/26: Confirmation & Youth Group – 3:00 – 4:15 PM (SHC)

9/29: Priesthood Sunday

10/12: Catholic Schools HIPOW Annual Auction

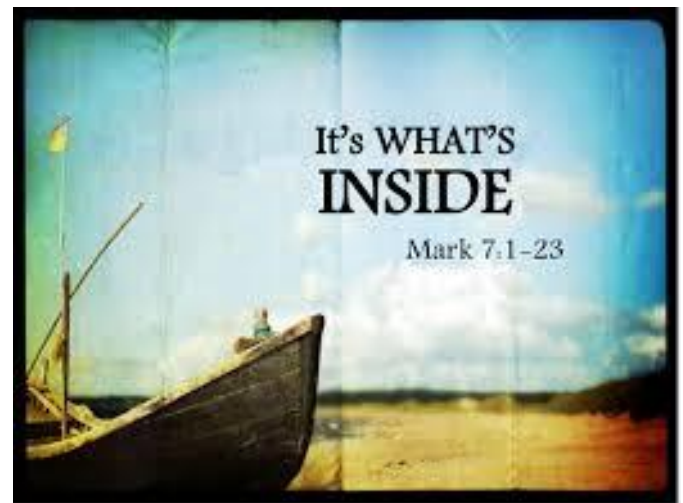
Catholic Definition: Feast

Days set apart by the Church for giving special honor to God, the Savior, angels, saints, and sacred mysteries and events. Some are fixed festivals, such as Christmas and the Immaculate Conception; others are moveable, occurring earlier or later in different years. Festivals are now divided, since Second Vatican Council, into solemnity (solemnitas), feast (festum), and memorial (memoria) in descending order of dignity. Memorials are further classified as prescribed or optional. And in a class by themselves are the Sundays of the year, and the various liturgical seasons, such as Advent and Lent. All of these represent what is called "sacred times," whose religious purpose is to keep the faithful mindful throughout the year of the cardinal mysteries and persons of Christianity.

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

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Responsorial: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Music of the Mass ~9/1

210 We Gather Together

526 Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

658 Turn To Me

512 Psalm 42

491 There's A Wilderness in God's Mercy

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Saturday, September 7, 2024
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Are you or your child interested in Altar Server Ministry? This ministry is open to anyone, male or female, who has made his or her First Communion. Both

children and adults are encouraged to help our priests at Mass by becoming altar servers. The class is offered periodically but please mark your calendar so as not to miss it.

Need a Priest? - Please contact Fr. Ross Tozzi (907-347-3005), St. Mark's Office (907-374-9564), or Sacred Heart Cathedral Office at (907) 474-9032



Traditional Latin Mass- 6 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral
September 14 & 21, October 12 & 26;
November 9 & 13, December 14 & 28

Fr. Anselmo Hernandez from Ft. Wainwright will celebrate the Masses. Please keep in mind that dates are subject to change if Fr. Anselmo has military obligations.

The following programs resume in September:

Oratory 9/21 – 1:00-2:45PM @ SHC

Confirmation & Youth Group 9/26 – 3:00-4:15 @ SHC

Confirmation, Pre Confirmation, & Youth 5:30 PM Class-6:30PM **Youth Group** (Dinner Provided), 7:45 PM Pick up Contact M. Way of Salvation at servidoras@cbna.org or telephone (907) 987-9598.

Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group – 12:30 PM 1st Monday of the month –downstairs in the Community Room. **September 9th. The Living Word about St. Helena and Emperor Constantine** by Louise de Wohl will be discussed. Contact Janet Fortune for more info at 43janetf@gmail.com

Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception - Serving Hours are Saturday & Sunday only from 1-3pm. They are always looking for volunteers and donations to help with their program. If interested, please contact Immaculate Conception Church at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

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.

SHC Voices of Hope Prayer Group – 6:00 PM Tue, downstairs in SHC kitchen for light potluck. Contemplative prayer meeting in community room ending in rosary at 8:30 PM.

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.

St. Nicholas' Mother's Group: 10AM – Noon on Tuesday. Multi-Generational Support and Conversation. Coffee/Snacks/Child Care provided. All mothers of the Diocese are invited to be a part of this group. Call or Text April at 907-347-1357.

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 Monday 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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT
"Becoming a Real Man of God"

20-22 September 2024
St. Therese's Camp
7180 Twin Lakes Drive
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
Friday: 6:00 PM Arrival



Topics Include:

- Showing Oneself a Strong, Faithful Man of God, Back to the Beginning, Real Love.
- Men and Women Love Differently, Saint Joseph as an Icon of Authentic Masculine Love.
- The Virtues of a Soldier of Christ, Forming Virtuous Masculine Men, and the Perversion of Masculinity.



Mass Each Day, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Daily Prayers, Examination of Conscience, Bonfire, Free Time, Fellowship, Holy Rosary, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, and Times of Silence.

Depart 12 Noon Sunday. Cost \$50 per person; Meals provided by State Council. For more details and to register, go to the following website <https://kofcstate.com/mens-retreat> . Contact Doug Wright at statesecretarykofcak2024@gmail.com or text (907) 203-2001.

***"Be Strong and Show Yourself a Man and Keep the Charge of the Lord, your God, walking in His ways and keeping his statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies."* 1 Kings 2:1-3**



Justice Challenge: We celebrate Labor Day this week. Our Catholic Church upholds the dignity of work and the rights of workers. One of those rights is to a just wage, one which provides adequate income to support oneself and one's family. This week's challenge is to advocate for a just wage for all people, no matter what their occupation. As a household, find out what the minimum wage is in your state. Discuss what you would have to give up if your family had to live on the minimum wage. Then decide on one step you can take, such as emailing your state legislators, to support a more livable minimum wage in your state. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Moses' teaching about the wisdom of the Law reminds the people where the heart-of God lies: close to them. The purpose of our observance of the Law is to keep our hearts close to God. Jesus chides the Pharisees and scribes in the gospel for having strayed far from this understanding.'



... **to experience:** Laws become ends in themselves when we forget their real purpose. It's far easier simply to keep a law than it is to understand its purpose and make its spirit part of our values and life orientation. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Doers of the Word

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
(James 1:21-22)

Adults: Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

Kids: How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?



What is the Saint Monica Club?

If you're suffering the pain of a child leaving the Faith, you might feel very alone But you're not.

A mother sits beside an open window, the morning sun streaming in as it always does and falling warmly on the gentle wrinkles of her folded hands. She closes her eyes and prays for her son. She misses him. He has long since grown up and moved away, but he had always been her little boy, hiding behind the doorposts, and filling the hallways with his mischievous laughter.

She is a devout Christian and has done her best to raise her son in the Faith. But he left home to study in a big city, fell under bad influences, and is now leading a life of egregious sin. She thinks about him all the time and prays for him just as often, but it doesn't look like he is coming back to the Faith any time soon.

To many mothers, this story sounds all too familiar.

Well, that mother was St. Monica...her son was St. Augustine ...and their story took place 1,600 years ago. If you're a mother praying for a prodigal child, you aren't the first, and you're certainly not alone.



St. Monica has become synonymous with persistent, unending prayer for fallen-away family members. Her "club"—as Maggie Green calls it in her book [Saint Monica Club](#)—includes all devoted mothers who have ever experienced the pain of seeing a child leave the Faith and who have prayed without ceasing for their return.

In this book, Maggie Green (herself a member of "the club")

discusses how to stay constant in prayer, how to talk to fallen-away children and relatives, and how to hold fast to the virtue of hope when things look really bleak.

Yes, St. Augustine did return to the Faith. It took a while, but it happened. Not only did he convert; he became one of the greatest Fathers of the Church and one of her most prolific and influential teachers.

Don't give up hope. Your tears and prayers are all known to God, and St. Monica is always interceding for the mothers in her club. Draw renewed strength from the wisdom and experience of a fellow club-member and keep fighting the good fight for your child.

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



For all those not able to receive our LORD in the Eucharist you can recite the following:

An Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

"Without work, it is impossible to have fun."
~ St. Thomas Aquinas

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments)

THE WORD



On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word*. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –August 29, 2024©Lpi

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

Sept 6th: 5:30 PM Mass
Nocturnal Adoration 6:00 PM – 6:00 AM
Patriotic Rosary 6:00 AM

Sept 7th: 7:00 AM Mass
*Held at Immaculate Conception Church
2 Doyon Place, Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 452-3533

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Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thurs: 8 AM - 12 PM ~ Sat: 3 - 4 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

Tues: 7 PM – 8 PM ~ Wed: 6 - 7 PM ~ Sat: 3 – 4 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for e and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ~ Joshua 24:15

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP collection will be updated next Sunday – September 8th.
Thank you for your patience & support!

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may not only hear God’s word, but also learn to live it every day of our lives.



Pope Francis' August Prayer Intentions: For the cry of the Earth.

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Please Remember in your prayers (+): Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., and all our priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons working within our diocese.

- + Peace in the world, for an end to all wars, persecution, violence, and aggression, and for all who seek justice.
- + Those serving in the Military, Public Service, and Political Offices.
- + Students returning to their classrooms.
- + All who are facing illnesses, loneliness, and other challenges.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + The repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

Prayer Support: If you need prayers for any intention, please contact our parish office at 907-374-9564 or email: stmark@cbna.org. Help keep us informed if you are homebound, hospitalized, seriously ill, or wish to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests and religious brothers and sisters in this vineyard, we pray to the Lord.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“Keep the commandments of the Lord.” Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

whose memorial is celebrated on September 15th. This feast commemorates the rescue of the true Cross of Christ by Emperor Heraclius is a victory over the Persians.



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>

WHO AMONG YOU REMEMBERS THE DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM?

This was a question that was posed by Pope Francis ten years ago. We all know the day on which we were born and celebrate it yearly. But our baptism should be one of the most important days of our life and worthy of being commemorated.



On this day, I was born anew of water and the Spirit and became an adoptive son of the Father. On this day, my sins were washed away and forgiven. On this day, I became a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. On this day, I was incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ (see CCC 1279).

Celebrate your “Re-Birthdays” and get a deeper appreciation for the beauty, power, and meaning of baptism. Start a family tradition that celebrates your faith!

If you need assistance in finding out this information, contact our office by email at stmark@cbna.org or call our office at (907) 374-9564 and we can help. www.catholic.com (2/7/2014)

PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL PROJECT TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



The USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth has asked for help in participation in a project to create a montage of families reading the story of Jesus’s birth (Luke 2:1-20). The videos are due Sept. 15, 2024. Contact laity@usccb.org to answer any questions and signing up. Help prepare the hearts and homes of families nationwide to receive the Savior this Christmas!

WEBSITES FOR AREA CHURCHES...see what's available of interest.

- Sacred Heart Cathedral <https://sacredheartak.org/>
- Immaculate Conception <https://iccfairbanks.org/>
- St. Raphaels <https://straphaelfairbanks.org/>
- St. Nicholas Catholic Church <https://stnicholasnp.org>



Looking for inspiration for Labor Day? Read the encyclical “[Laborem Exercens](#)” written by Pope St. John Paul II.

1. Work is characteristic of man.
2. Work has a distinct value.
3. The demands of work – toil – are known to all men.
4. Human work is a share in the activity of the Creator.
5. Man ought to imitate God’s rest.

PARISH & CHANCERY OFFICES ARE CLOSED MONDAY (9/2) FOR LABOR DAY.

For Christians, Labor Day invites us to examine how we view our own labor in the light of what the Scriptures and the teaching Church proclaim the dignity of all human work.