



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@alaska.edu

Pastoral Council: Marilis Bennett, Cynthia Klepaski, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi.

Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi

Catholic Definition: Martyr

A person who chooses to suffer, even to die, rather than renounce his or her faith or Christian principles. After the example of Christ one does not resist one's persecutors when they use violence out of hatred or malice against Christ, or his Church, or some revealed truth of the Catholic religion. (Ety. Greek *martyros*, witness, martyr.)

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

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.

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

9/22: Catechetical Sunday

9/23-10/1: Novena in Honor of St. Thérèse

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

9/27: 6:00 PM Voces Verbi Young Adult Group at ICC

9/28: ORATORY Starts for kids 5-17 – 1:00-2:45 PM (SHC)

9/29: Priesthood Sunday

10/1: 5:30 PM Mass at SHC for Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patroness of our diocese.

10/4-6: Annual Rosary Congress at ICC

10/18-20: Catholic Engaged Encounter at St. Nicholas

10/18: FYNDout Free Fundraiser 6-8PM

<https://fyndoutfree.com> to register or 907-455-8255z v

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial: Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8

A prayer for God's protection.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Music of the Mass

198 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

200 Blessed By Your Sacrifice

535 Prayer of St. Francis

206 All Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

391 City of God

Heritage Mass parts found on pages 890-897.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Fr. Ross Tozzi has called for a meeting on campus - 5:30 PM at Lola Tilly Commons to facilitate the attendance of our students to our daily Mass at 6:30PM. It will be held at the Lola Tilly Bldg. in Rm 103.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

SOCIAL next week (9/29). Drinks and ice cream provided by St. Mark. Bring something to share - easy to clean up.



Oratory - Begins Sept 21st. Every Saturday downstairs at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) from 1-2:45PM. Ages 5-17.

Religious Education - Every Saturday after Oratory from 3-4:15 PM. Contact servidoras@cbna.org for more information.

Confirmation/Youth Group - Starts Sept 26th. Classes Held every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 PM. Youth Group Dinner provided. 7:45 PM pick up @ SHC. Contact M. Way of Salvation at servidoras@cbna.org or call (907) 987-9595 for more info.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): Tues, 7-8:30pm at SHC. Those interested are encouraged to attend classes and build a familiarity with the Catholic Faith.

Voces Verbi – Starts Sept 27th at Immaculate Conception Church (ICC). Meet at 6:00 PM for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35.

Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group – 12:30 PM 1st Mon. downstairs in the Community Room. For more contact: 43janetf@gmail.com

Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception - Serving Hours are Sat. & Sun. only, from 1-3pm. It needs volunteers and items. 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 1:00 pm. 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.

Annual Rosary Congress: October 4-6, 2024, at ICC!! Adoration Friday – Sunday. Guest speakers, Prayer & Devotion for Our Lady's Peace Plan for Heaven! Want to know more about the history behind this national movement, go to [Eucharistic Rosary Congresses](#).

The Fall Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat is scheduled for 18-20 October 2024 at St. Nicholas Church

For more information or to register online, visit <https://fairbanks.engagedencounter.com>. Couples can also email fairbanks@engagedencounter.com with any questions

Please remember before and after Mass to kindly be silent while in the church for the presence of Jesus and for all who wish to stay after and pray and adore before the Lord. *Thank You.*



Justice Challenge: The second reading for Sunday is from James' letter. He challenges us to not just talk about helping others, but to actually DO it. Then we hear in the Gospel Jesus' challenge to deny ourselves, carry our crosses, and follow him. Your challenge this

week is to have a conversation with your family to figure out the connection between doing something for a person in need and being a follower of Jesus. Then choose a person whom you have talked about and for whom you feel compassion because they are in a difficult situation. But this time don't just talk about it. Do something to help the person in a specific, concrete way.

<https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: The "just one" who is faithful will suffer at the hands of wicked. Nonetheless, God will "take care of" the "just one." God did not save Jesus from suffering and death at the hands of those who rejected his teaching, but God did raise Jesus to new life. God does "take care of" those who are faithful.



... to experience: Spouses spend all their married lives coming to know one another and building a shared identity. Coming to know, understand, and accept the identity of Jesus also takes a lifetime of learning and commitment. But it grants an eternity of fullness of life. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

True Wisdom

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."
(Mark 9:35)

Adults: What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Kids: Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?



Read the [Fall 2024](#) issue and to read about St. Mark parishioners and

former CSA members - Alex and Harlee Harvey & family are doing about passing on their Catholic faith in Point Hope.

Read the [September 2024](#) issue to learn of Bishop Maekawa, O.P.'s recent travels around the diocese reaching off the road parishes and other updated news from around the Diocese.



<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org>



St. Thérèse's adventure at the Colosseum...

What did St. Thérèse do at this famous site during her pilgrimage to Rome?

St. Thérèse Martin and her sisters grew up in a home atmosphere of deep devotion to Our Lord and His saints. Devotions, penances, and pilgrimages were important to them.

Shortly before Thérèse entered Carmel, the Martin family made a pilgrimage to Rome. (This was the same trip on which Thérèse cast herself at the feet of an astonished Pope Leo XIII to ask permission to enter Carmel!)

During their Rome pilgrimage, Thérèse's group made a visit to the Colosseum. Thérèse and her sister Celine were thrilled—they wanted to kneel and pray on the sand that had received the blood of so many holy martyrs.

However...when they entered the famous, hallowed building, they found that the main portion of the arena was roped off.

That didn't stop the two Martin girls! The group followed their guide around the public areas—while Thérèse and Celine slipped under the ropes and ran into the arena.

Kneeling on the arena floor, they prayed to the holy martyrs, gathered some gravel as relics, and ran back to their father. No one else had noticed their brief disappearance, but St. Louis probably gave his daughters a loving, piercing look!

How do I follow St. Thérèse's "Little Way"?

This beloved French Carmelite's method of spiritual childhood has been a path to holiness for an untold number of souls—and it can be for you, too!

I've always wanted to become a saint. Unfortunately, I've always found the same difference between the saints and me as there is between a mountain and a humble grain of sand...I will look for some means of going to heaven by a little way which is very short and very straight. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Does holiness seem impossible for you? Do you feel inadequate, fault-ridden? Does the sanctity of the great saints seem unattainable?

Fear not. Over a hundred years ago, a humble French girl felt the same way you do—and she came up with a solution. The Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux proved not only to be her own path to Heaven, but a path for countless others who have followed in her footsteps.

The central theme of St. Thérèse's method is the idea of spiritual childhood: emulating the absolute trust, tender love, and confidence that a child has toward her father. It is through this humble dependence on God—recognizing our littleness, our nothingness—that our love and trust expand.

"It is your arms, Jesus, which are the elevator to carry me to heaven. So there is no need for me to grow up. In fact, just the opposite: I must become less and less."

What joy and peace are to be found when we, like children, throw ourselves into the merciful arms of God! Of course, we must give up some things: our self-sufficiency, which doesn't exist anyway; our pride, which always plagues our spiritual life; our endless worries, our discouragement, our fear. Trading all that in exchange for Thérèse's way of absolute trust and love—it's a no-brainer. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment) Bearing Witness



I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness.

We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives.

Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."
– Psalm 54:6

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman –September 19, 2024©Lpi

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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



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 Sept 15, 2024: \$ 1,353.07
 Actual Collection YTD
 (7/1/24-6/30/25)
 \$21,038.91
 Parishioner Count: 132

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Prayer of the Faithful: Remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.



**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.

- + Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVF at ICC – for his complete recovery from surgery. Fr. Sean Thomson and Cedric Grace for a complete recovery; for our priests in Anchorage with serious illnesses - Fr. John Hinsvark, Fr. Dick Tero, Fr. Eric Weissman, and Fr. Scott Medlock in Anchorage..
- + For all in our community who are sick, hospitalized, in long term care, or suffering.
- + Our young children and adults who are currently in school.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + For Tweet Burik – a long time Diocesan volunteer and employee who is in Pioneer Home, that God grants her peace..
- + 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 through our service and sacrifice we may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know His love as well.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

“The Lord upholds my life.” He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to your priest or the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world.”
 ~ St. Maximilian Kolbe



FEAST DAY OF

St. Therese

**October 1st at Sacred Heart Cathedral
 5:30pm Mass
 followed by dinner in the hall**

Come celebrate the patroness of our diocese with a Mass of Thanksgiving for the perpetual vows of Sr. New Eve

Dinner is provided, please bring a dessert or drinks to share if you can!

You are invited to join us on the novena days with the following prayer:

"O Lord, who said, 'Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of Heaven,' grant us, we beseech you, so to follow in the ways of St. Thérèse in humility and simplicity, that through her intercession, these petitions may be granted as part of the shower of roses she promised to send upon this earth."



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.

The Diocese of Spokane sent the following address to for those wanting to send letters of prayers of full recovery and support to **Fr. Sean Thomson** and his family:



Diocese of Spokane
 Attn: Fr. Sean Thomson
 525 E. Mission Ave
 Spokane, WA 99202

He is showing positive signs of improvement, but he has a long road to recovery ahead of him.

Prayers and support for CSA Alumni **Cedric Grace** and his young family can be sent to the following address where they will be staying for the time being (Miranda's parents):

Cedric & Miranda Grace
 129 Fork Mountain Rd
 Parsons, WV 26287

He is relearning to speak and regaining motor skills. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

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>

