



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska Fairbanks

1316 Peger Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99709-5168

Email: stmark@cbna.org Webpage: <https://stmarksuaf.org>

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 early and see the priest about the availability of low gluten hosts.

Adoration at SHC – Thursday @ 8AM & Friday @ 3PM.

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

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: Purgatory

The place or condition in which the souls of the just are purified after death and before they can enter heaven. They may be purified of the guilt of their venial sins, as in this life, by an act of contrition deriving from charity and performed with the help of grace. Sufferings can be lessened in duration and intensity through the prayers and good works of the faithful on earth. As members of the Church Suffering, the souls in purgatory can intercede for the persons on earth, who are therefore encouraged to invoke their aid.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

11/16: 6PM Young Adult Game Night at SHC.

11/20: 5 :30 PM Parish Meeting on UAF in Lola Tilly Rm 301

11/21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11/23: 9am-5pm Family Day at Monroe

11/23: 6:00 PM Latin Rite Mass @ SHC

11/25: 6:30 PM OFFF Bible Study at SHC

11/28: Thanksgiving

11/28-29: Chancery & Church Offices Closed

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

Need a Priest? - Please contact St. Mark's Office – (907)-374-9564 or Sacred Heart Cathedral Office at (907) 474-9032.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November 17, 2024



First Reading: **Daniel 12:1-3**

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

Responsorial **Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11**

God protects us and shows us the path of life.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

Gospel Reading: **Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

33rd Sunday Music of the Mass

497 Love Divine All Love Excelling

201 Beautiful Savior

347 I Receive the Living God

330 Eat This Bread

209 Now Thank We All Our God

Heritage Mass parts are found on pages 890-897.

PARISH MEETING



St. Mark Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Wednesday's (11/20) monthly meeting at 5:30PM on UAF campus in Lola Tilly Building room 301 (upstairs) where our CSA group meets for 6:30PM weekly mass and discussion. Feel free to stay for CSA Mass; the 7PM discussion after mass is for students. Free parking after 5PM.

FREE BOOKS!

Check out the books on the table at the church entrance. We are making our books available to those interested in adding them to their reading material. A book in the hand is getting more use than a book sitting on a shelf! If you feel like donating, put it in the jar on the table. All donations will go toward the Archdiocese for the Military Service!



NEXT WEEK: Thanksgiving & Advent info for planning ahead...



MONDAY

Sacred Heart Book Club Discussion Group – First Monday of the month-12:30 PM downstairs in SHC Community Room. January Book: *“The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise”* by Robert Cardinal Saray c.2017. For more information contact: 43janetf@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – 6:30 pm *every other* Monday in the SHC Social Hall, hosted by Michael Olsta (Office of Faith & Family Formation). Next meeting: *Nov. 25th*.

Legion of Mary - 6PM **Monday** Legion of Mary Meetings ~ ICC. A group of dedicated women and men doing the Blessed Mother Mary’s work.

TUESDAY

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

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

Voices of Hope Prayer Group: 6-6:30pm in SHC downstairs Community Room, followed by Contemplative prayer and scriptures reflections from 6:30-8:30PM, ending with rosary. All are welcome!

THURSDAY

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

Men’s Group - 7:30 PM at ICC. Adoration - followed by meeting downstairs.

Knights of Columbus - 6:30 PM *2nd Thursday* of the month meet downstairs SHC.

Franciscan Community - 6:30 PM on *1st Thursday of the month* at St. Raphael Church. For information contact Gloria Slagle stclare4@gmail.com

FRIDAY

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

Voces Verbi – Meets at 6 PM for Adoration, Pizza, and formation for Young Adults 18-35. Held at ICC.

Voices in the Wilderness - 6:30 PM at ICC. Contact Joe Malen 388-2550 or Annie Dobbs 479-8567.

SATURDAY

Christmas Choir Practice – 11 AM at SHC. Kids and Adults are welcome to come practice for the Christmas Concert that will be Dec 26th at SHC. Contact ICC at 907-987-9598 or email iccsecretary@cbna.org for more information.

Oratory – *Every Saturday* downstairs at SHC from 1-2:45 PM. Ages 5-17. September – April.

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

Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC); Immaculate Conception Church (ICC)

Religious of the Incarnate Word 3rd Order Meetings – 6PM *every other Saturday* – Nov. 23 next meeting - held at Monroe School. Formations talks – Games for kids in the gym. All who are interested are welcome to attend!

Young Adult Game Night: 6:00 PM at SHC, November 16th. Pizza provided, BYOB! November. 16th.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Regional Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception - Serving Hours are from 1-3pm. Volunteers and items are needed. Contact ICC at 907-423-3533 ext. 1003, or email iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org

EVENTS & GROUPS OF INTEREST



Religious Family of the Incarnate Word FAMILY DAY – 9AM-5PM at Monroe. Formation, Mass, and Lunch for the whole family! Register at www.iccfairbanks.com/family-day

Spiritual Exercises – Dec. 26-30 Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men Starts Thursday @ 5PM – Ends @ 7PM at ICC. Contact seridoras@cbna.org

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat for engaged couples will be held 28 February – 2 March 2025 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. For more info go to: Fairbanks.engagedencounter.com.



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

ICC Our Lady of Fatima - Contact Shannon Christensen at (907) 388-1825.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate – Everyday, three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy. This year, the Holy Hours are devoted to prayers for Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P. If you love Intercessory prayer, consider joining. For more information, contact Katie Reed at 907-348-7300.

Interested in receiving a sacrament or assistance in getting sacramental records? Contact St. Mark Parish Office at stmark@cbna.org

For events at St. Nicholas or St. Raphael go to their websites: <https://staphaelfairbanks.org/> and <https://stnicholasnp.org/>



Justice Challenge: : On November 17th we celebrate the feast day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She was canonized as a saint for her devotion to the poor and her choice to give up a life of luxury to work with the sick and those most in need. Your challenge this week is to examine your own lifestyle. What is one thing you could do to live a more simple life? What could you give up in order to help someone who has so much less than you? Choose just one item in your closet or home to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Or give up one movie you were going to see, or another activity you were going to do, and give the money that would have cost to Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities, or another worthy helping agency <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting to the Gospel...

... to the First Reading: Like the gospel, the First Reading apocalyptically describes calamity and distress. But its stronger point is the promise that those “who lead the many to justice” will “live forever.” The first reading provides the ethical injunction—a way to live—that assures new life will arise from seeming deadness.



... to experience: Popular religious culture is fascinated by the end times with their “cataclysms and their unsurpassed distress.” But what the end times more truly reveal is Christ’s victory and our share in his glory. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



What does “memento mori” mean?

As Catholics we are urged to “remember our death,” but why?

We are all going to die.

Every single one of us.

And, over time, so will all those whom we know and love.

This reality can strike fear in the heart of even the most faithful Christian. Yet, if we are pursuing holiness and conformity to God’s will, we need not fear what the future has in store for us: it is heaven, and union with the Lord Who is the source of our joy.

Christ has already died for each of us, and if we have been baptized, then we have died to the world through our baptism in Him. If we understand and believe these truths of our Faith, we can live freely in the light of His love for us. We can spend our lives seeking His will and aspiring only for His will to be done. We can let go of our fear of death and embrace the unique mission He asks of us in our finite time on earth.

Fear is a natural part of our humanity, but it is not the better part. The better part is to fix our gaze confidently on God, Who desires all to be saved.

Instead of focusing on the unfamiliar, uncontrollable aspect of bodily death, God calls us to rejoice in the gift of our immortal souls, and to embrace the hope and the promise implicit in bodily death.

This is a grace of the practice of *memento mori*, which is Latin for “Remember your death.”

To take memento mori to heart is to remember our own deaths, and to live each day so that we are prepared to see the face of God. The practice of memento mori is essential, as keeps the reality of our mortality present in our minds so that we may best live in a manner that will grant us heaven upon our death. How powerful to ready ourselves in the here and now, which we know is fleeting, for the gift of eternity with Christ Jesus!

This life is precious. Every moment is gift and mystery. One day, at the hand of death, we will look upon the One Who we know loves us. His kingdom and our relationship with Him will endure into eternity, when we have left all we know of this world behind us.

So, until that day, *memento!*
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.



How can we stay strong in our faith during difficult times, as mentioned in the readings?

By trusting in Jesus’ words and His sacrifice. Even when times are tough, we remember that God is with us. Prayer, reading the Bible, and helping others can also strengthen our faith.

What is the proper reverence of receiving Holy Communion? After bowing with reverence, whether you receive on the tongue or hand – DO NOT MOVE – until the Priest has placed the host in your hand and consume the Host immediately and directly in front of the Priest and then reverently move on.

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment) The End of the World



“It’s not the end of the world.”

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it’s the end of the world – whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really *does* seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He’s talking about *The End of the World*. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he’s also talking about the end of the world – those sufferings large and small, real, and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – November 14, 2024©Lpi

Ready for the Lord **Jesus said, “Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” (Mark 13:33)**

Adults: What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?
Kids: What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

The Church devotes November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Reflect and pray about and for the souls who have departed before us. Those who led the way, those who were martyred, those who had fallen but wanted to be in grace, and those who died before they could receive the sacraments of Last Rites.



Names of Religious Orders and Priestly Fraternities – When you see abbreviations in the signature of a priest or religious (before or after his (or her) names) these are abbreviations of their religious or priestly order to which they are attached. Check this guide to those abbreviations:
<https://www.fisheaters.com/religiousorderabbreviations.html>



Sunday Collections

November 10: \$ 1,144.00

Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/24-6/30/25):

\$ 30,909.41

Number of Parishioners: 110

Thank you for your generous support for the Florida Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Venice hurricane relief collection taken up last Sunday (11/3).

We appreciate your generosity and continued support!

Visit WeShare for online giving: <https://www.stmarksuaaf.org>

NOVEMBER:

Archdiocese for the Military Serves (AMS) will receive 3% of our monthly donation.

The Co-Sponsorship Seminarian Program was set up between AMS and cooperating U.S. dioceses to replenish the ranks of Catholic priests in the United States Military and the Church. The Diocese of Fairbanks holds collections for the AMS each year in dedicated support for ministry in the military.



Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

For anyone who has lost a child.

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Please Pray For: Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, and all our priests working within our diocese as they gather in Fairbanks this week for Priest Day.

- + For all our leaders and newly elected; and those who are in positions to protect and serve us.
- + Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, Kerri Cerney, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Deborah Leibee, and all who are sick or with long term illnesses that need our prayers.
- + Members of our parish community who are sick or in need of healing – physically, mentally, or spiritually.
- + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community.
- + For all who have passed away.

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –

“Do not fear: go, do as you have said.” Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, courageously say “Yes!” Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Director at rfath@cbna.org or talk to your priest.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“And then they see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (MARK 12:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never late to start living Stewardship in a grateful and generous lifestyle.

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>



Help us point the world to Jesus Christ

“If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who will say ‘yes’ to | their God-given vocation.”

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/learnmore.html>



St. Thérèse

TRAVELING STATUE
pray for vocations

Commit to a week of intentional prayers for vocations with your family by receiving a statue of St. Thérèse to accompany you throughout the commitment to pray the prayers included in the kit throughout the week. Sign up for a week with your family by contacting <https://iccfairbnks.org/praywiththerese>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

Food is collected and re-distributed to individuals and agencies. Sacred Heart Cathedral volunteers help with distributions of food boxes each Friday at SHC. Help with the loading and unloading of food boxes. If you can help between 12 and 1PM on any given Friday. Contact SHC at 907-474-9032.

Regional Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals from 1-3PM on the weekend (Sat & Sun). For more information on how you can help and what is needed to serve these meals, go to <https://iccfairbanks.org/soup-kitchen> for more information.

The wise shall shine brightly
like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice
shall be like the stars forever.

Daniel 12:3