



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 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@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

Catholic Definition: Intentions

An act of the will tending effectively to some good, proposed by the mind as desirable and attainable. It differs from simply willing, which is the desire for an end without concern about the means. Intention means desiring not only some good but also the means of obtaining this good. An intention may be actual, virtual, habitual, or interpretative.

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS:

11/23: Following 4:30PM mass KOC Prime Rib Dinner. Celebrating Father Ross' 64th Birthday! Donations for the Food Bank are encouraged.

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

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

11/28: Thanksgiving

11/28-29: Chancery & Church Offices Closed

12/1: 1st Sunday of Advent

12/1: St. Mark's will have a table with Advent items available for families at the 5:30 PM Mass.

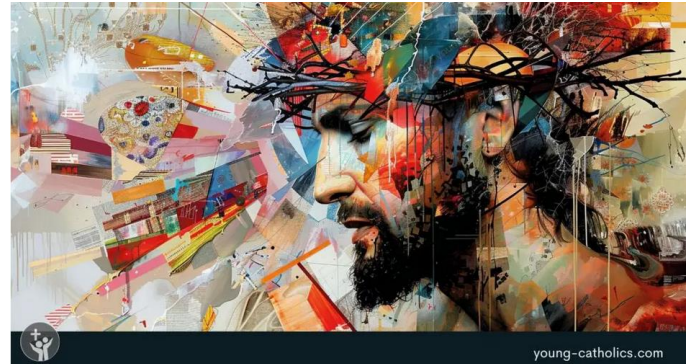
12/7 & 8: SHC Hospitality Bake Sale after Masses.

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.

Solemnity of Christ the King, Year B

November 24, 2024



First Reading: Daniel 7:3-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Responsorial Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

A prayer of praise to God our king.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

34th Sunday Music of the Mass

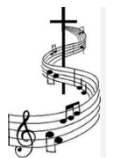
733 Crown Him with Many Crowns

729 At the Name of Jesus

732 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

736 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Heritage Mass parts are found on pages 890-897.



Sacred Heart Cathedral THANKSGIVING DAY

Mass at 7:30 AM

There will only be ONE mass this day. As you gather with family and friends this week, give thanks for what you have and remember in prayer

those who are going who going through difficult times.

December 1, 2024, we move into Year C of the Liturgical calendar. During this year we will read through Luke's gospel, hear the stories and proclamations of the prophets, and spend considerable time in the epistles of Galatians, Colossians, I and II Timothy, and II Thessalonians.

Next Sunday we will have a table with Advent candles, calendars, and other items to help celebrate the season.

Donations are accepted to use

for purchasing items for the 2025 Advent Season.





****Please check for CANCELLATIONS due to Thanksgiving.****

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 - ****Cancelled the weekends of 11/28 due to Thanksgiving.** 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 on 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 – ****Cancelled the weekends of 11/23 & 11/30/2024**

Religious Education - ****Cancelled the weekends of 11/23 & 11/30/2024.**

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 Adults: Keep checking here for updates.

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 – 11/23. 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 - 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 Jan Fortune at 43janetf@gmail.com.

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://straphaelfairbanks.org/> and <https://stnicholasnp.org/>

DECEMBER SCHEDULE



Our new Liturgical Year – C – begins on December 1st with the 1st Sunday of Advent, new missals, and the Blessing of the Advent wreath. The following is a schedule at Sacred Heart Cathedral *unless noted otherwise:*

- **Sunday, Dec 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent**
- **Tuesday, Dec 3 & 10 – Advent Retreat Talks** at -6 PM; Fr. Peter Bang & Fr. Charles Olweny reflect on the beauty of the season of Advent.
- **Sunday, Dec 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent**
- **Monday, Dec 9 – Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)** – Masses are 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7 PM
- **Thursday, Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe** – 5:30 PM Mass in Spanish
- **Sunday, Dec 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- **Monday, Dec. 16 – Communal Penance Service** at 6:30 – 8:00 PM for SHC/ICC
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17 – One Simbang Gabi Mass** at *Immaculate Conception Church*
- **Sunday, Dec 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve** - Masses at 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM (St. Mark Choir), Mass at Midnight, with music beginning at 11:30 PM.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day** - 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM Mass in Spanish.
- **Sunday, Dec. 29 – Feast of the Holy Family.** Regularly scheduled Masses.



Why do we celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the Universe?

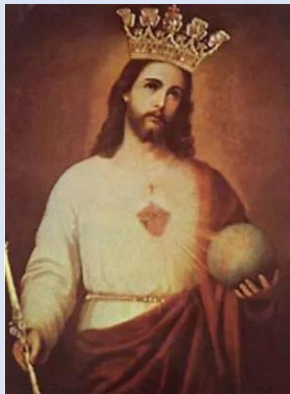
Established a century ago as a means to heal the culture from the pains of war and atheism, this feast is just as essential today!

The early 20th century saw great destruction, tyranny, and corruption.

With the advent of technological advances in weaponry and transportation, World War I brought great depravity and horror. Fed not only with the pain and destruction of war, this era also saw a rise in political tyranny, with fascism and communism threatening the freedom and dignity of many peoples. These ideologies did not merely affect the political order, but greatly impacted people personally, causing a great rise in nihilism and atheism.

The culture was broken, people were suffering, and the Church was under threat.

What the world needed was a king. Not an earthly king, whose pride and power keep him from serving his people, but a Heavenly King, One Who rules the universe with humility and love.



Recognizing this profound need, in 1925 Pope Pius XI wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas* ("In the first") in response. This encyclical addressed the reality of Christ's kingship over the entire world and instituted the feast of Christ the King of the Universe. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This

solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

The feast of Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar, closing out each liturgical year with the hopeful reminder that Christ will always reign. This year, the feast of Christ the King is celebrated on Sunday, November 24th. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.



How can we stay strong in our faith?

Go to Confession once a month. If you want your faith to grow, you need to confess your sins regularly. This great act of humility can push the limits of our power, but this is exactly where the Lord desires to do his greatest work, as He chips away at ways that which is not necessary. Every saint in the life of the Church returned often to this sacrament of mercy. For it reminds us that despite our broken and sinful condition, we are utterly and unconditionally loved. The darkness of sin is dispelled and our relationship to God restored. It does not get much better than that!

Sacred Heart Cathedral and Immaculate Conception have priests available to hear confessions every Saturday from 3:00-4:00PM or by appointment. The Advent Communal Penance in December for SHC & ICC will be held on Monday – December 16th.

"For this I was born and came into the world, to bear witness to the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."

John 18:37

(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moment)
Citizens of Another country



I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – November 21, 2024©Lpi

Connecting to the Gospel...

... **to the First Reading:** Christ's presence and kingship are not found in the "clouds" (see [First and Second readings](#)) but in his suffering and death (see second reading and Gospel) for our sakes and in the tension within our own lives as we struggle to align ourselves with the truth of the kingdom of Christ our King.

... **to experience:** Normally kingship is associated with power, prestige, and wealth. Surprisingly, the Gospel presents Christ the King on trial and about to suffer and die. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Given the Kingdom

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be Glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation: 1:5b-6)

Adults: *In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?*
Kids: *How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?* <https://pastoral.center>



Sunday Collection
 November 17: \$ 1,044.00
 Actual Collection YTD
 (7 /1/24-6/30/25) :
 \$ 31,953.41

Number of Parishioners: 110

We appreciate your generosity and continued support! Visit WeShare for online giving: <https://www.stmarksuaf.org>

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024:
November - Archdiocese for the Military Serves (AMS) will receive 3% of our monthly donation.

December - Instead of our usual 3% we will have a second collection on **Dec. 1st** for **Diocese of Fairbanks Special Collections**. **Dec. 8th** the second collection will be for the **Retirement for the Religious**.



FREE BOOKS! Check out the books on the table at the church entrance. If you feel like donating, put it in the jar on the table. All donations will go toward the Archdiocese for the Military Service!

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.



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.
- + Those suffering from winter storms, villages on the west coast of Alaska and lower 48.
 - + Families and friends of the St. Mark Community as they gather for Thanksgiving.
 - + Those who sick and in need of healing – physically, mentally, or spiritually.
 - + Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, Kerri Cerney, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Deborah Leibe, and all who are sick or with long term illnesses that need our prayers.
 - + For our deceased love ones who have gone before us.

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 –

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Director at rfath@cbna.org or talk to your priest.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful: That we help build God’s kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God’s eternal kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

St. Mark University Community wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving this week. May all be safe with their travel and enjoy family and friends as and give thanks to all you have.



Justice Challenge: November 29th is the anniversary of Dorothy Day’s death. Dorothy Day, cofounder of the Catholic Worker movement in the U.S., was known for her deep care and compassion for the poor. She called those who had nothing left to give her “meeting place with God.” But she did more than acts of charity—she became an advocate for those who are denied basic human rights. Your challenge this week is to search your heart and ask yourself, “Do I work for justice as well as care for those in need?” Then choose one act of justice—emailing your legislators about a vote coming up in Congress on aid to the poor, calling the White House to let the President know your opinion on a justice issue, researching the just (or unjust) practices of a company from which you purchase goods and then choosing how much you can or cannot support that company –and follow in Dorothy Day’s footsteps. Do something for those who have nothing to give you in return.



Begin the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE with Bishop Steve on December 29th when he celebrates the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Catholic Church celebrates a yearlong “event of great spiritual, ecclesiastical, and social significance in the life of the Church.”



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://diocesefairbanks.org/report-abuse>