



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

(St. Mark & ICC – All Masses will be held in conjunction with Sacred Heart. All confessions will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. (Sat. 3-4pm).

**May 2** –Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30pm  
(virtual live-stream)

**May 3 – Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm**  
Sunday Masses will be outside in the parking lot.

Please stay in your cars during the celebration of the Liturgy. May Crowning at 11:00am Mass.

For the past 56 years, every Pope has asked Catholics worldwide to pray for vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

*That's this Sunday, May 3rd.*

Will you fervently ask the Lord for more young men and women to answer the call to priesthood and religious life?

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

**May 3-8:** Weekday masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC): 7:30am & 12:10pm (Rosary at 11:40am). Follow protocols posted on church and Diocese websites, as well as entrance of churches. Check St. Nicholas, ICC & St. Raphael website for up-to-date information for their masses.

**Virtual Daily Mass:** 12:10pm mass will continue to be live streamed at 12Noon Monday to Friday on [Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseofFairbanks) Facebook page.

### Exposition:

1:00-3:00pm - Simple Exposition (All devotion will take place at the Chancery Parking Lot.)

**St. Mark Prayers Requests:** Ashton Ishnook and family; Cydney & Mark McElligott; Ben Orr; Robin Eagan; Gail Readman; and Tweet Burik. Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians currently in Alaska and those who have served us in the past. Pray for all who have been affected by Covid-19. *If you have someone you want added to our prayers list contact Mary P Boger at [uaf.stmark@gmail.com](mailto:uaf.stmark@gmail.com).*

May 3, 2020

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Called to Be Shepherds*

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41** Peter's Discourse

**Psalm 23:1-3a, 3-4, 5, 6**

**1 Peter 2:20b-25** For the Slave

**Gospel – John 10:1-10** The Good Shepherd



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions May 2020: For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

## Cancelled Events

- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
- All Prayer Groups
- All Religious Education except for an online course for Confirmation
- All Communal Penance Services
- 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 (2)

Jesus,  
really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar,  
since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil,  
I beseech thee,  
with a heart full of love and longing,  
to come spiritually into my soul through the Immaculate Heart of thy most Holy Mother,  
and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee,  
in time and in eternity. Amen.

**Confessions:** Anyone desiring confession can do so on Saturday at SHC (3-4pm) or by calling Fr. Fath at 374-9504 to arrange a meeting.

## Charitable Giving

### St. Mark Sunday Collection:

April 26, 2020 - \$125.00

Month of April: \$4,640.00

Total for Charitable Heart Appeal to date: \$5,387.20



St. Mark's uses WeShare for electronic donations. This is a safe secure site and can be found on our website [www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org) front page. Click on "Give Online with WeShare" icon and it will bring you to the site. Donations may also be mailed to St. Mark University Catholic Parish, PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99706 or dropped in the box at the entrance of the Chancery. *Thank you for your support and prayers!*

### Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

#### Third Sunday After Easter

"A little while and you shall see Me no longer. . . because I go to the Father. . . And you therefore have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one shall take from you" (Gospel).



Christianity is a religion of joy! (Introit). May "those. . . in error" receive this "light" (Prayer). Jesus predicts, however, that our joy can never be perfect here. The "cross before the crown" (Alleluia Verse) would indeed be a mystery had no Jesus lived it out for us.

An unbelieving "world shall rejoice" because it regards Him as dead and gone. But Christ departs only for a "little while" (Gospel) to test our love and loyalty. He shall return (as indicated by little figure of Christ in the clouds).

Prepare for His coming "in the day of visitation" by good example. "Behave yourselves honorably among pagans; that they ... observing your good works" for God and country (described in the Epistle) may recognize that Christianity is a religion of joy, now and forever! Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

THE **GATE**? WILL PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THESE **SHEPHERDING** METAPHORS?



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THE "GATE" IS THE DOORWAY TO ALL THAT IS NEEDED FOR THE **ABUNDANT LIFE!**



SO, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO COUNTS THE PEOPLE **ENTERING** AND **LEAVING** THE GROCERY STORE!



JOHN 10:1-10



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## Liturgy Matters - 23

Continuing with the Eucharistic prayer, we now come to what is called the "preface". The preface is not to be misunderstood as a kind of preamble or introduction, on the contrary, in this context the word preface comes from the Latin word *prae-fari* which means "to do in front of" or "proclaim in the presence of." Therefore, the preface begins what the entire Eucharistic prayer will be: a proclaiming and a performing before God the Father of the Church's prayer.

There are three parts to the Eucharistic prayer. The first part picks up the very words of the last phrase of the preceding dialogue and begins speaking to the Father with the words, "Truly it is right and just to give you thanks, Father..." It is important to notice that the direction of the prayer is toward the Father, as throughout the prayer the Father is named directly, our prayer is from the Church to God the Father.



The second part of the preface always picks up on the phrase "through Christ our Lord" and develops it in a way that is unique to each preface. This is always some succinct expression of what Christ has done for us, phrased to express the particularity of the feast or season. It is also a unique expression of how we as Christians give thanks for what Christ has done for us. Giving thanks to the Father consists of far more than simply our good manners, something along the lines of our knowledge enough to say thanks to anyone who may have done us a service or a kindness. The biblical way of giving thanks consists in a profound recognition of what God has actually done in what we are thanking Him for. The biblical word "confess" is a word that often accompanies the thanksgiving of the Church, and it is a word that swings in two directions at once. Recounting what God has done is called "confessing God", and includes praise of Him, both implicitly and explicitly. The greatness of God in His deeds also brings in its wake an awareness of our own smallness and, worse, our infidelity. Therefore, in the same breath we confess our sins. These are not different movements of prayer but various facets of the one action of giving thanks.

*Appreciation for the work of Fr. Troy Schneider, Holy Family Cathedral, Diocese of Orange, CA with excerpts taken from What Happens at Mass by Fr. Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.*





**St. Michael the Archangel,**  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him we humbly  
pray and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host, by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil  
spirits who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS. THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

### **St. Mark's Prayer for Vocations**

Loving Jesus,  
We ask you to send more servants to your people.  
Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from  
our schools and colleges,  
An abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom  
Here in Alaska: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons  
and lay ministers.  
We pray that those you call may never lose  
awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.  
O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
Teach to all those the Master calls to say a joyful  
"yes", as you did at the Annunciation.

## *You're Invited*

Take a moment to visit the Diocese of Fairbanks Vocations website. Keep our seminarians in your prayers and pray for the guidance they receive as they begin their journey towards serving throughout Diocese of Fairbanks. Remember those in the process of discerning what their vocation in life may be. (**Vocation is one's response to a call from beyond oneself to use one's strengths and gifts to make the world a better place through service, creativity, and leadership. A call from beyond oneself. The concept of vocation rests on the belief that life is about more than me.**) *University of Dubuque*

<https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksVocations>

<https://www.localprayers.com/US/Fairbanks/1624539261107606/Diocese-of-Fairbanks-Vocations>

### **May 3, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Easter**

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"*  
(Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH OF MAY**

"I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." Today is the feast of Sts. Philip & James which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.



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**Parish Council Members:** Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun/month after Mass

**May Parish Council News:** St. Mark's campus mass will remain at SHC until further notice. Council members will be notified via email regarding any items needing attention this month. Any comments or issues needed brought to our attention, please write [uaf.stmark@gmail.com](mailto:uaf.stmark@gmail.com) - Attn: Parish Council, or call the St. Mark office. Office phone has been forwarded to Parish Administrator's cell phone.