



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 Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC).

Sunday Mass: 5:30 pm at SHC

Unable to receive normal hosts? Please arrive early and ask the priest about the availability of low gluten hosts.

For the homebound, SHC [streams](#) their 8AM Mass on Sunday most mornings.

SHC Adoration: Thursday 8AM-12Noon & Saturday 3-4PM

SHC Confessions: Saturday 3-4PM or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick. Please let us know when you or others are sick, going into the hospital, or in assisted living home so they may be included in our prayers and receive a visit upon request.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

1/23-26: National March for Life in Washington D.C.

1/26: Catholic Schools Week

2/28-3/2: Diocesan Spring Engaged Encounter

LATIN RITE MASS - 6 PM at Sacred Heart

January 18th, February 8th & 22nd

March 8th & 22nd & April 12th & 26th

PASTOR

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

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Warren Lucero

PARISH OFFICE:

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Parish Admin: Mary Pat Boger – Ph. 907-374-9564

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

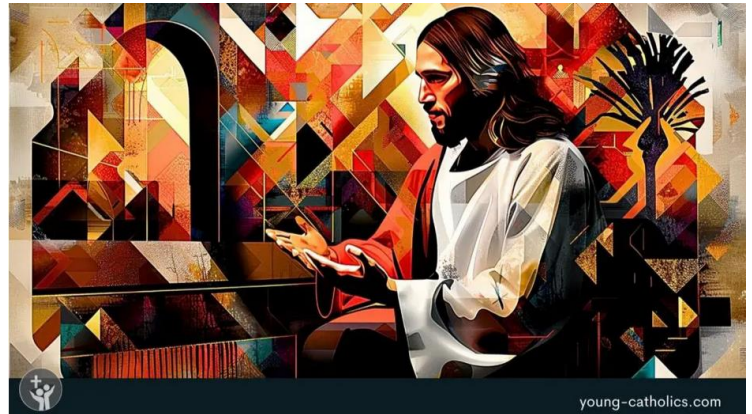
Finance Council: Marilis Bennett, Jen Tucker, Fr. Ross Tozzi

Catholic Definition: Apostolate

The work of an apostle not only of the first followers of Christ but of all the faithful who carry on the original mission entrusted by the Savior to the twelve to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The apostolate belongs essentially to the order of grace. The apostolate belongs essentially to the order of grace. Its purpose is not temporal welfare, however noble, but to bring people to the knowledge and love of Christ and, through obedience to his teaching, help them attain life everlasting.

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

January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



First Reading: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10*

Ezra read from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

A song in praise of the Law of the Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Heritage Mass parts #'s 890-897.

312 Table of Plenty

327 One Bread, One Body

604 We Are Many Parts

216 Praise God, From Whom
All Blessings Flow

603 They'll Know We Are Christians



31 Biblical Virtues to pray for your kids.

4-Honesty and integrity. "May integrity and honesty be their virtue and their protection." (Gal 5:25, Eph 5:2)

St. Mark's February Social after mass is cancelled due to weather.

Our Parish February 5:30 PM meeting date will be posted in next week's bulletin. All are invited to attend.



MONDAY

SHC Club Discussion Group – Meets 1st Monday of the month (Feb 3) 12:30-2:30PM downstairs in the Community Room. **Surprised By Truth: 11 Converts give the Biblical and Historical Truth For Becoming Catholic** by Patrick Madrid (Part I) Contact: 43janetf@gmail.com

Bible Study Monday Nite – Jan. 27th at 6:30 PM (every other Monday) in the SHC Social Hall, hosted by Michael Olsta (Office of Faith & Family Formation).

TUESDAY

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA): 7–8:30 PM at SHC. **Voices of Hope Prayer Group:** 6:30-8:30PM downstairs at SHC every Tuesday. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Marian Prayer Group: 6 PM at St. Raphael Church, after the 5:30 PM Healing Mass. The group reflects on one of the recent messages from Our Blessed Mother in Medugorje after the Rosary is said.

THURSDAY

Confirmation/Youth Group – Confirmation – 5:30 PM; Youth Group 6:30–8:00 PM. Questions—Contact M. Way of Salvation at servidoras@cbna.org or call (907) 987-9595. **Men’s Group** – Adoration: 6 PM; studying St. Thomas Aquinas at 7 PM at ICC.

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 help distribute to clients in the parking lot 11 AM -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.

SATURDAY

Oratory – 1:00 PM at SHC.

Religious Education - 3–4:15 PM at SHC.

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

Young Adults: 7:00 pm Game Night at SHC meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Contact Diocesan Office of Faith and Family Formation (OFFF) Director Michael Olsta at 907-374-9526 or olsta@cbna.org.

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

Spiritual Exercises – Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women is coming Feb. 14-17. Contact servidoras@cbna.org

Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat for engaged couples - Feb. 28 to Mar. 2nd, 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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate – Everyday, three members of the Apostolate pray a holy hour for a specific clergy. For more information, contact Jan Fortune at 43janetf@gmail.com.



Justice Challenge: This is the last week of National Poverty Awareness Month. Poverty in the U.S. affects over 37 million people. The largest age group affected is children. Your challenge this week is to increase your own awareness of childhood poverty. Go online and find statistics on the national, state, and local levels. Read why there are so many children living in poverty in our country. Share what you learn with others, so they become more aware as well. Then find one concrete action you can take this week to help a child suffering from poverty in your local community. <https://pastoral.center>

Connecting the Gospel...

...to the First Reading: Nehemiah provides details that assure the people the words proclaimed by Ezra were, indeed, the words of God. As Jesus proclaimed glad tidings “in the power of the Spirit,” so must our proclamation of the Good News come from the Spirit who dwells within us. The details of our daily living must assure others that the words we proclaim are, indeed, from God.



...to experience We are all familiar with the power of words to shape our identity and way of life. Society offers conflicting messages that often pull us in many directions. In the midst of all these competing words, God’s word is the true source of our identity as Christian people. <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

Time Accepting Responsibility

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.” (Luke 4:17b–18a)

Adults: What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?

Kids: What could you do this week for someone who has less than you? <https://pastoral.center>



How can we stay strong in our faith?

Incorporate the Beatitudes into daily life.

Their wisdom can help you to be more humble, patient, just, transparent, loving, forgiving, and free.

<https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/checklist-growing-faith/>





“Who is the Patroness of the Unborn?”

And why do we need her now more than ever?

Our Lady of Guadalupe is universally recognizable. Her beautiful praying posture, starry jade mantle, and dazzling sun rays can be seen in many unlikely places. However, many do not know that Our Lady of Guadalupe is widely recognized as the Patroness of the Unborn.

Why? Because from her first appearance until now, Our Lady of Guadalupe’s image has communicated symbols of life, motherhood, and divine care.

The Virgin is depicted wearing a black maternity sash, a traditional Aztec symbol of pregnancy, with a four-petaled flower over her womb. In Aztec culture, this flower represents the cosmos and is associated with the highest divinity—and so it shows her to be the Mother of the true Creator of the cosmos.

She stands atop a crescent moon, which signifies her victory over darkness. Rays of light emanate around her that underscore her role both as the conqueror of the old Aztec gods and as the Mother of the one, life-giving God.



This week, we need the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe more than ever! In the United States, in addition to welcoming a new administration, it is also the week of the annual March for Life.

Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe for her intercession on these events. May her maternal love guide this new administration and our country to a deeper recognition of the dignity of life, from conception to natural death. Her message, as relevant now as it was nearly 500 years ago, invites us to see the image of God in every person, from conception onward. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>.

Jan 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.”
(Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae)

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

These Evil Days



“Alas, that these evil days should be mine”.

If you’ve ever seen “The Lord of the Rings,” you might recognize this quote from “The Two Towers.” The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

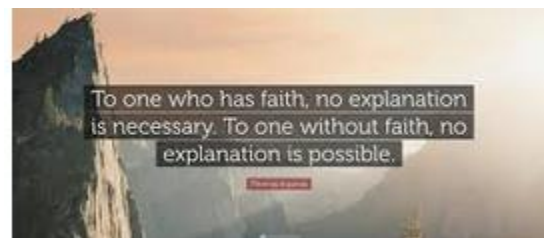
You don’t have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder, and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: “He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Jesus didn’t come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman – January 23, 2025 ©Lpi



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the highest rank of ordained ministry in the Catholic Church?



January 19 : \$ 752.00
 Actual Collection YTD
 (7/24- 6/25): \$ 41,642.59
 Number of Parishioners: 111

Thank you for your continued support! Visit [WeShare](#) for online giving.

Year End Giving Statements for contributions during 2024 will be available after Mass January 26th. We can place it in the mail upon your request or pick it up next Sunday. Contact mboger@cbna.org to request it to be mailed.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” - NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.



POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY 2025 PRAYER INTENTION
For a right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Please Pray For Pope Francis; Bishop Steven Maekawa, O.P., Fr. Ross Tozzi, Rev. Dcn. Warren Lucero; and all priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and volunteers serving in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

Pray for members of our parish & community - friends facing health issues: Kerri Cerney, John Fox, Ben Orr, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, IVE, Dorothy & Frank McGilvary, Deborah Leibee, Fr. Sean Thomson, Cedric Grace, Galvin Family.

Our prayers for all who have passed before us. Especially Jeanne Cannon. May they be welcomed into the eternal joy of God’s presence.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” (Luke 4:18)

Are you being called to share Christ’s message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at rfath@cbna.org.

Beloved Marriage Preparation Classes

Winter Classes at Sacred Heart on Saturday Mornings 9:00 to 10:30 AM - Feb 8,15,22 - March 8,15,22 2025. The 6 sessions speak to the very heart of every man and woman, bringing sacramental truth and God-infused love into the everyday challenges of married life. Please register by email with Fr Ross rtozzi@cbna.org



Diocesan Spring Schedule

for Encounter set for **28 February-2 March 2025** at St. Nicholas Parish in North Pole. Couples preparing for a sacramental marriage can register online. The registration deadline is Feb 21st. Contact info: <https://fairbanks.engagedencoutner.com/>.

Have you ever looked at the choir, Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers and wanted to do their job? Want to learn what a Sacristan does? Feel free to ask!

Contributing something of yourself to any Parish ministry is something very valuable! Do not be afraid to try. After some time, you may find yourself closer to our Lord in some way; through prayer, through singing or through preparation of the Mass. You do not know until you try it! We need more parish members involved so that we are covered when others are sick or unavailable on any given Sunday. Talk with Mary Pat Boger or email stmark@cbna.org for more details.



GET FREE CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG

Our parish has access to a great online resource, FORMED. Check out what they have to offer this week at <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

- (1) Log onto: <https://formed.org/>
- (2) Find our Parish by Typing in Fairbanks and selecting **Sacred Heart Cathedral Mark**
- (3) Click Next, then fill in your name and email address.
- (4) Start accessing content!

Mass Intentions may be offered for friends or loved ones, living, or deceased. Just call the parish office on (907) 374-9564 or Sacred Heart Cathedral’s Office on (907) 474-9032.

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: <https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/report-abuse>.

Answer to Catholic Trivia Question: Bishop

Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand. ~Thomas Aquinas