



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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May 10, 2020

5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus, the Way

Acts 6:1-7 *The Need of Assistants*

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9 *Living Stones*

Gospel – John 14:1-12

Last Discourse: The Way, the Truth, and The Light



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.

Virtual Masses:

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/>

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions: All Confessions will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

- **Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 PM**

SHC Schedule for May 9-15

May 9 – Saturday Virtual Vigil Mass 4:30pm

(limited seating – sign up in advance)

May 10 – Sunday Parking Lot Masses

- **9:00am** (KQHE)
- **11:00am Bilingual** (KQHE & live stream on Facebook)
- **5:30pm – St. Mark Mass**

Protocols for Attending Outdoor Masses

1. Trucks and larger vehicles should park in the back to avoid obstructing the view of others
2. Please stay in your car during the Mass
 - a. Morning Masses should be on KQHE Radio so please keep your radio on low volume if you are using it.
3. Reception of Communion will be by hand only
4. Please place hands outside window of car and receive communion
 - i. Unveil the mask consume the host
 - ii. Place mask back on covering mouth and nose.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday to Friday at Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) limited to 49 people.

- **7:30am**
- **12:10pm** (Rosary at 11:40pm)

Prayer

SHC will be open for silent prayer from 8:30- 11:30am and 1:00 – 4:30pm

- Individuals may sit in any of the front 4 pews on the side of the tabernacle that are not marked off by orange tape
- Individuals must use Clorox wipes to sanitize where they have prayed before departure.

Tabernacle will remain in Chancery window 24/7

St. Mark Prayers Requests: Pray for Bishop Chad, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians currently in Alaska; For our St. Mark and Fairbanks community during quarantine. *Please send prayer requests to uaf.stmark@gmail.com.*

Charitable Giving



St. Mark Sunday Collection

May 3, 2020 - \$ 1,291.00
Month of April: \$ 4,640.00

St. Mark uses WeShare for electronic donations, a safe secure site found on our website www.stmarksuaf.org front page. (Click on "Give Online with WeShare" icon and it will bring you to the site). Donations may 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!*

Help the ICC Soup Kitchen

Immaculate Conception continues to serve the hungry. Last week we handed out over 300 bags. We have many volunteers offering to help. The Methodists brought 35 actually made lunch bags, The Angels is Motion another group who serves the needy in the parking lot offering to have a BBQ on May 15. The clergy make sandwiches every week. Individuals have prepared sandwich spread and other have donated to our ministry. I want to thank you all for all you do.

We continue to serve and this week, we need the following to continue to help those who are in need reminding ourselves that what we do for the least of our brethren, we do to Christ Himself." God Bless. Fr. Tom Kuffle, ICC

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Needed are: Fruit cups, Celery & Carrots - snack size, Hard Boiled Eggs (Hard boiled eggs can be found at Costco), **Snack Crackers, Sweets** (Cut and wrap homemade sweets for one serving).

If unable to donation items, consider making a monetary donation for the soup kitchen to use for shopping. Drop in ICC's drop box in their secure mailbox on the north side of the building or mail to: *Immaculate Conception Church, 2 Doyon Place Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.* Envelopes clearly addressed for Immaculate Conception can also be dropped in the secure drop boxes at the Chancery or Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Fr. Fath's Corner



THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD

In 1995, St. John Paul II wrote a message to women on the eve of the Fourth World Conference on Women. In it he wrote:

Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life. Thank you, women who are wives! You irrevocably join your future to that of your husbands, in a relationship of mutual giving, at the service of love and life. Thank you, women who are daughters and women who are sisters! Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuitiveness, your generosity and fidelity. Thank you, women who work! You are present and active in every area of life-social, economic, cultural, artistic and political. In this way you make an indispensable contribution to the growth of a culture which unites reason and feeling, to a model of life ever open to the sense of "mystery", to the establishment of economic and political structures ever more worthy of humanity. Thank you, consecrated women! Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God's love. You help the Church and all mankind to experience a "spousal" relationship to God, one which magnificently expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with his creatures. Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic. (To Women, 1995, #2)

In our society today, motherhood is often overlooked or undervalued because it does not have a salary attached to it. Some would say that's because there is no value to motherhood. The Church says it is because it is invaluable! As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, I want to express my gratitude and love not only for my own mother, Anna, but to all mothers and those who have been like mothers to us. I thank you for your faithfulness, your gentleness, your thoughtfulness and your nurturing hearts. May God bless you as you bring your feminine genius and care to a world in need of comfort, care and protection!

Liturgy Matters - 24

The third part of the preface connects with the preceding by always saying, "Therefore..." With this it presents our desire and our request of God that our voices might blend with the voices of all the angels and saints in singing God's praises. We have stated that the priest leading this prayer images for the assembly the reality of Christ as head of his praying body. The phrase "through Jesus Christ our Lord" in the preface, as well as the second part which expresses his action on our behalf, give occasion to add a refinement to how we understand this. Thus, while it is true that the priest is a sacrament of Christ in his role as head, we are not to imagine somehow that he is Christ. He is an image of Christ but at the same time distinguishable from him.

The preface leads up to the Holy, Holy, Holy, where we all sing the heavenly hymn that has been revealed to us by several key scriptural texts. These texts unveil for us to some extent the invisible realities into which we are now caught up. There is first of all the vision of God that the prophet Isaiah had when he was caught up in prayer and, as he says, "I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple." He goes on to describe what he saw: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft." Then he hears them crying aloud to one another: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" In Revelation, John writes a very similar vision when he is "caught up in ecstasy on the Lord's day" and "writes on a scroll" the visions he sees of the heavenly liturgy. At one point in his vision he sees the very throne of God, surrounded by the same winged creatures that Isaiah had seen. He too gives us the words of their ceaseless hymn. He tells us, "Day and night, without pause, they sang: 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come!'" These visions of the holy prophet and apostle help us to take the measure of all that is happening at Mass when we sing the same words of the angelic song.



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.

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.

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

— 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>

Other Local Masses

Masses for Healy and Nenana

- Sunday 10:00 AM Healy
- Sunday 1:30 PM Nenana

St. Raphael

- Sunday 9:30 AM - Parking Lot
- Tuesday 9:30 AM – Limit of 19
- Wednesday 5:30 PM – Limit of 19
- Thursday 9:30 AM – Limit of 19

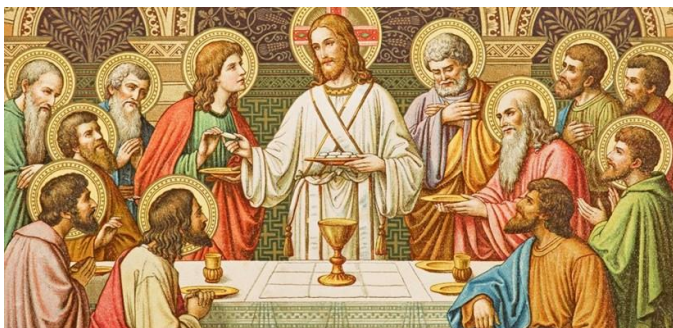
ICC

- Wednesday 5:30 PM – with Confessions, Adoration and limited seating

Saint Nicholas - See the parish website for most up to date information

- Saturday Vigil: Saturday at 7 PM Livestreamed
- Sunday: Noon - Parking Lot
- Weekday Masses: Monday - Friday at 9 AM & 7 PM (evening Mass livestreamed)

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.

Check out **Our Sunday Visitor** regarding “The why and how of making a spiritual communion”
<https://www.osvnews.com/2020/03/14/the-why-and-how-of-making-a-spiritual-communion/>

Catholic Student Association

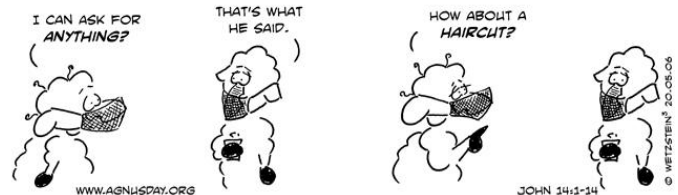
We are a community of faith and caring.

The University is quiet with no students, employees working from home, and buildings shutdown. As we work through the phases towards back to normal, keep informed:

<https://news.uaf.edu/>
<http://www.stmarksuaf.org/>

Continue to pray for all affiliated with UAF, especially our students. I have heard from students whose college paths have been disrupted and will not be returning. There are those whose 4 years have become 4.5 or 5 years for their degree and the expense is challenging. Summer jobs in Alaska will be difficult to find due to corona-19 virus actions taken by tourism slowdown.

St. Mark University Catholic Mass will continue to be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral through the summer.



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Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 10am – 12noon.

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 590-9291

Music Director: George Stefan

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 2nd Sun/month after Mass

May Parish Council News: St. Mark's campus mass will remain at SHC until further notice. Council members will be holding their monthly meeting via email this coming week. Any comments or issues needed brought to our attention, please write uaf.stmark@gmail.com - Attn: Parish Council, or call the St. Mark office. Office phone has been forwarded to Parish Administrator's cell phone.