



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

The Strength of Faith

Acts 8:3-8; 14-17 Philip In Samaria

Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18 On Christian Suffering

Gospel- John 14:15-21 Promise of The Paraclete

Practice Latin Mass parts with one of the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcEtHharcDU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vofXMAJ1xLY>

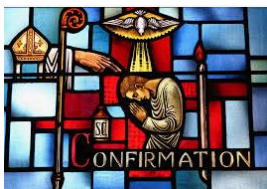
Cancelled Events

- All Regularly Scheduled Activities
 - **Summer Regional Picnic**
 - **Vacation Bible School (VBS).**
 - 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.*

Events on Hold

Regional Soup Kitchen Golf Tournament is put on hold until further notice. It will not be a fundraiser but just an outing thanking donors and sponsors.

CONFIRMATION – North Pole & Fairbanks



Confirmations will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

May 24 – 2pm Confirmation for North Pole

May 31 – 2pm Confirmation for ICC, SHC

May 30 – 4:30pm Confirmation for RCIA

**Please pray for those who are entering fully into the Catholic Church at this time; and for those who instructed, sponsored and encouraged them.

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 16-22

May 16 – Saturday Virtual Vigil Mass 4:30pm
(limited seating – sign up in advance)

May 17 – Sunday Parking Lot Masses

- **9:00am** (KQHE)
- **11:00am Bilingual** (KQHE & live stream on Facebook)
- **5:30pm – St. Mark Mass**
Songs for Mass: 182- Jesus is Risen; 584- We Are Many Parts; 177- Resucito; 168- Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today (2020 Breaking Bread).

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

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)

Background on Gospel: John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.



St. Mark Sunday Collection

May 10, 2020 \$ 955.71
May 3, 2020 \$ 1,291.00

Thank you for your support and prayers!

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.

Help the ICC Soup Kitchen

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Needed this week: Granola Bars, Chips, Water, Desserts, Fruit Cups, Peanut Butter Crackers

Drop off at Immaculate Catholic Church (ICC) between hours of 10:00 – 3:00 daily. Or you can call the office to make

sure someone is here: 452-3533. If unable to donate 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.

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.



It's that time of year when we usually clean-up the borders around the Deborah House property. Clearing the back property of weed trees on the

back lot will take place on a Saturday when weather permits. If you can help with litter patrol, cutting and hauling brush, or have vehicle or trailer to help, contact Mary Pat (907-374-9564) to get a volunteer list started.

**Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:
Fifth Sunday after Easter**

"If you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it to you. . . Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (Gospel).



Petition Sunday followed by Rogation Days! We petition the Father's blessing upon springtime planting in the fields; yes, and in our souls. We ask in the "Name" of Jesus. He intercedes for us with the Father.

We must ask only for what keeps us on the Christian road. "I go to the Father," is the signpost on this road to which Jesus points. The Epistle warns us of a dangerous detour, if we ignore this road guide. Religion is vain unless one be a "doer" and not a "hearer" only. "Religion pure and undefiled" in our interior life, means keeping "oneself unspotted;" in our social life, it means the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to all "in their tribulation."

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Fairbanks Catholic Schools

Thanks to you, we have raised more than \$35,000 toward our goal of \$60,000. Wow! We are well on our way. This Spring Matching Fund-raiser will conclude on May 31. All donations up to \$60,000 will be doubled.

Our Contact Information

Monroe Foundation, Inc. (Catholic Schools of Fairbanks)
PO Box 71620
Fairbanks, AK 99707
907-313-3291 <www.catholic-schools.org>

THE SPIRIT IS PROMISED.
(YES, AND ALREADY LIVES IN THE DISCIPLES BECAUSE JESUS IS WITH THEM.



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THE SPIRIT WILL COME, BRINGING JESUS TO THEM.)
THE SPIRIT IS ZOOM!!



JOHN 14:15-21

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After the assembly sings the Holy, Holy, Holy, all the people kneel, while the priest alone remains standing and, with outstretched arms, again takes up the prayer directly addressed to God the Father. The people kneeling and the priest alone standing and saying the prayer is meant to indicate even more clearly that the whole body directs its prayer to the Father only through the head, Christ.

Kneeling here is meant also as a gesture of adoration.



In the Roman rite since the time of the reform of the liturgy mandated by the Second Vatican Council, one of four different Eucharistic prayers is chosen for any given celebration of Mass. All of these prayers begin with the dialogue, a preface, and the singing of the angelic song. Now as the priest continues, he "confesses" God. In acknowledging God, we recall before Him the wonders of creation and the great deeds He worked in history for our salvation. The priest's words recognize this and celebrate it with the words: "We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving." Alternatively, "Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise." Or, "We acknowledge you, Holy Father, for you are great, and you have fashioned all your works in wisdom and love." Poetic language manages to express a lot with a little. The language here is dense and evocative. A single phrase, word, or concept will represent before God whole epochs of what He has done for us. If we acknowledge to the Father what He has done for us, we will come quickly to the Son and the Spirit He has sent to us. "And you so loved the world, Holy Father, that when the fullness of time had come, you sent your only begotten Son to us as Savior." Or, "All life, all holiness comes through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit." Of course, God already knows these things. But He wants to hear from us that we know, and this is exactly what we say to Him. This is the biblical sense of confessing.

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. Remember Tweet Burik, Ben Orr, Ashton Ishnook, Robin Eagan, and Gail Riedman. Please send prayer requests to uaf.stmark@gmail.com.



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

Catholic Student Association

We are a community of faith and caring.

Keep informed with what's happening at the
University during Covid19 changes by checking the
following sites:

<https://news.uaf.edu/>

<https://www.stmarksuaf.org/>

<https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/uaf>

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

<https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/coronavirus/>

Continue to pray for all affiliated with UAF. I
have heard from students whose college paths have
been disrupted and are finding it difficult. Please do
not hesitate to reach out to our CSA campus
minister -Fr. Robert Fath, or Mary Pat Boger if you
feel the need to talk with someone regarding how
the pandemic has affected you. We hope that
during all of this we can reach members of the
Catholic community on campus and celebrate a way
finding meaning during this time and come back
together stronger than ever! We look forward to
celebrating together again with the 2020-21 school
year!

Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all thing
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/)"

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Parish Administrator: Mary Pat Boger

St. Mark: Ph. 907-374-9564

Website: <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

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: Maintenance to the
Deborah House this summer will include painting the
exterior of the Deborah House and garage. It's that time
of year when we usually clean-up the borders around the
Deborah House property. If you are available to help,
please contact Mary Pat. Clearing the back property of
weed trees on the back lot will take place this summer. If
you can help with cutting or hauling with a vehicle or
trailer, contact Mary Pat. *Any comments needed brought
to our attention, please write uaf.stmark@gmail.com -
or call the St. Mark office. Office phone has been
forwarded to Parish Administrator's cell phone.*