



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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May 24, 2020
Solemnity of the Ascension

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE May 23-24

7th Sunday of Easter
The Ascension - A
Acts 1:12-14 *Matthias Chosen*
Psalms 21:1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4:13-16 *Love for One Another*
John 17:1-11a *Jesus' Prayer for the Disciples*

For Live Streamed & Recorded Masses
(*4:30pm/*11:00am)
Go to Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website
<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/> Click on the
"ONLINE MASS" button on the left side of the
page, under the menu. Then simply click on the
photo for the Mass you would like to view.

Homebound: Communion to the homebound is possible if someone is a commissioned extraordinary minister bringing communion to someone in their own household. If you want your pastor to visit, please call the parish office or his cell phone.

May 23 –*4:30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)
May 24 –9:00am & *11:00am SHC


Diocesan Road System Websites

- 5:30pm – St. Mark Mass at SHC

Please check the following websites for current information in neighboring parishes:
<https://www.sacredheartak.org/chs/>
<https://iccfairbanks.org/> Immaculate Conception will resume Sunday Masses June 6-7.
<http://straphaelfairbanks.org/>
<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

Songs for 5:30pm Mass:
189- Go Make of All Disciples;
431 – Be Not Afraid;
507 – We Have Been Told;
506 – Now We Remain;
181 Hail the Day That Sees
Songs found in *2020 Breaking Bread*. (Following the guidelines given, George Stefan, Mary Pat & Will Boger will make up the musicians in front of the congregation – following USCCB guidelines. Please join in singing from the pews!) *Practice Latin Mass parts with one of the following:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vofXMAJ1xLY>

*May God bless you, keep you safe,
bolster your faith,
and grant you abiding peace.*

 **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.

The following measures are based on guidelines issued by the State of Alaska, CDC, USCCB, Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, The Catholic Medical Association and the Thomistic Institute. These are recommended **temporary measures, and subject to change**, that the diocese is taking to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19.

CONFIRMATION – North Pole & Fairbanks

TEMPORARY Protocols for Attending Mass:

Confirmations are to 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.*

- Stay six feet apart from non-household members;
- Wash hands frequently;
- Sanitize and clean high touch surfaces frequently;
- Stay home if you are sick, and get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms;
- Wear a face covering in public places when near others; and
- Be mindful and respectful to those Alaskans that are most vulnerable to this virus, including Alaska's senior population and those with existing health conditions

Reception of Holy Communion:

Individual have the right to choose to receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue. Based on solid science and medicine it is strongly recommended that Holy Communion be received on the hand. Those who wish to receive on the tongue will be permitted to do so. *However, if you choose to receive on the tongue you are accepting the increased risk of potential exposure to COVID-19. Ministers of Holy Communion will not purify their hands between communicants.* In order to maintain order during the distribution of Holy Communion, you are asked to follow the direction of the priest celebrant at Mass as to how Communion will take place.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday to Friday

- 7:30am Mass held at SHC
- *12:10pm Mass held at ICC (M, T, Th, F)
- 5:30pm Mass held at ICC (W) followed by Adoration with Confession.

Liturgical Changes

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in force.

Ministries are still limited at the present time. 1 Musician and 1 Cantor is the norm *unless there are multiple choir members in a single household.*

Seminarians will serve as lectors. Priest, deacon and seminarians will be the regular ministers of Holy Communion

- As we return to our worship, we will
- Refrain from handshakes and embraces at the beginning of Mass
 - Refrain from holding of hands through the Our Father
 - We will also refrain from the Sign of Peace,
 - Cease the distributing the Precious Blood.

Holy Communion

As for Receiving Holy Communion the safest way to receive Communion is in the hand. Those who opt for Communion on the tongue should wait until after Mass to receive and the priest will distribute to those wanting to receive on the tongue.

Offertory:

Baskets will not be passed around for a collection. The faithful may drop their offering off in a stationary basket at the end of Mass. We will not have gift-bearers



St. Mark Sunday Collection May 2020

May 17	\$ 783.53
May 10	\$ 955.71
May 3	\$ 1,291.00

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

WeShare is used for electronic donations, a safe secure site found on our website: www.stmarksuaf.org. (Click on "Give Online with WeShare" icon to 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 or basket at SHC at any of the weekend masses.

ICC Soup Kitchen

HOW YOU CAN HELP

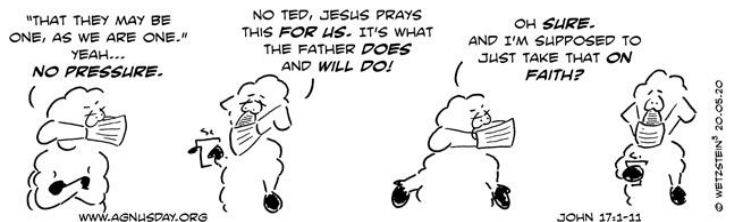
Needed this week: Cheese Sticks, Granola Bars, Chips, Eggs, Water, Desserts, Fruit Cups, Peanut Butter Crackers

Volunteers are needed to help on the following days preparing and handing out lunches: Wed & Thu 10:45am – 1:15pm. *Please contact Grayce Barnard at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org for more information or to volunteer!*

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.



Fr. Robert Fath's Corner

This past week it was announced that Bishop Andrew Bellisario of the Diocese of Juneau was named the first bishop of the newly formed Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. His appointment has raised several questions. What's the difference between a bishop and an archbishop? What's the difference between a diocese and an archdiocese? How was this new archdiocese formed?

The first two questions are fairly easy to answer. In terms of ordination and responsibility bishops and archbishops are essentially the same. They are clerics who have been appointed by the Pope (the Bishop of Rome) to oversee the pastoral care of the faithful within a defined geographical area. These geographical areas are called dioceses and archdioceses and are akin to states within a country. The difference between an archbishop and a bishop is that archbishops have additional responsibilities as the "head" bishop in particular regions called provinces. Typically, an archdiocese/archbishop correspond to a major population center in a region. In certain matters, an archbishop is responsible for speaking for a province after consultation with the other bishops of the region (called suffragans) on matters that commonly affect them all. Archbishops will often be asked who they think would make a good candidate to become a bishop within their province to assist the Holy Father in his choice. They may even be asked to step in to investigate certain concerns that the Holy See may have in a diocese in his particular province.

In addition to Bishop Bellisario being named an archbishop, he was named as the first archbishop of a new archdiocese. Under normal circumstances new dioceses and archdioceses are formed by taking a part of an existing diocese and separating it into a new diocese. In some cases, though, the Holy See realizes that because of population, number of priests, even the international border changes, that two dioceses should be combined for the good of the people. That was the case with the Archdiocese of Anchorage and the Diocese of Juneau. While geographically large, the Catholic population of both dioceses is relatively small. The Holy See felt that the people of Anchorage and Juneau would be better served by combining their respective resources and reducing administration. But the Church likes to honor and remember older pre-existing dioceses, hence the reason that the newly formed archdiocese retains the names of both Anchorage and Juneau.

To the Diocese of Fairbanks,

Some of you already know this, but I wanted to make it official at this time that, after having completed my two-year degree in philosophy at Mt. Angel Seminary on 8 May 2020, I have decided to take a break from my vocational journey toward priesthood in order to pursue other paths that God may be leading me. It has not been an easy journey nor an easy decision (nor should it be!), but I believe this is where God is calling me right now. Please know that I have appreciated each and every one of your prayers and forms of support during these past three years, both at the seminary and while living at the Frassati House of Discernment. It has been an honor to represent the Diocese of Fairbanks during this time, and I still plan on returning to Fairbanks as soon as feasible (given the COVID-19 situation), so I hope to see many of you once I get back. Please continue to pray for vocations for the diocese and encouraging the men in your lives to give seminary a try. They won't regret it; I know it has definitely been fruitful for me personally!

May you all be happy, healthy, and safe during these uncertain times!

In Christ,
Nick Shamrell

**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.

St. Mark Prayers Requests: Pray for Bishop Chad, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians currently in Alaska; our St. Mark and Fairbanks community during quarantine, especially those in quarantine/isolation. Pray for Nick Shamrell a new path; Mary Theresa (Tweet) Burik, Ben Orr, Ashton Ishnook, Robin Eagan, Gail Riedman. For all students and workers with UAF. *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.

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.

Be aware of construction around campus during the summer. Don't 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 during all these changes. 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! During this shutdown we have been working behind the scene regarding how our outreach may change during the upcoming school year. If you have suggestions, please let us know! We look forward to celebrating together again with the 2020-21 school year!

Please go to our website

<http://www.stmarksuaf.org> to read the most recent communication from Bishop Chad Zielinski:

- ❖ The naming of Archbishop Andrew Bellisario to the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau.
- ❖ USCCB Guidelines for the reopening of churches for Mass.

Information is updated frequently and posted on the webpage weekly, as I our bulletin. Our LPi Reflections will soon be added so that emails we send will limit the attachments. I thank you for your patience.



Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

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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: A contract has met with agreement by the council and will be offered to the company once assured diocesan guidelines are met. Clean up around the Deborah House property and back lot will be set sometime in June. If you are available to help, please contact Mary Pat. *Any comments needed brought to our attention, please call the St. Mark office. Office phone has been forwarded to Parish Administrator's cell phone or write to Mary Pat at uaf.stmark@gmail.com.*