



# ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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September 13, 2020–24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**5:30pm ST. MARK MASS  
AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

### Forgiveness and Mercy

**Sirach 27:30-28:7** Call to Forgiveness and Mercy

**Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**Romans 14:7-9** To Live and Die for Christ

**Matthew 18:21-35** The Merciless Official

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**Reconciliation:** Confessions at SHC, Sat. 3 -4pm.

### Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at [stmar@cbna.org](mailto:stmar@cbna.org)

**Vocations:** See Fr. Robert Fath

**Parish Council:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun/month after Mass

**Parish Council:** Cynthia Klepaski, John Fox, Marilis Bennett, Ritchie Musick, Jen & Sean Tucker.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - September 2020:

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



### Spiritual Communion

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 other and to abide with me, thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity.

Amen.

### Upcoming Events



On September 17, 1787 the United States Constitution was signed in Philadelphia. **Constitution Day was established as a federal holiday in 2004.** What does this

mean to you as a Catholic? A Statement on Religious Liberty by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will better explain what our gift of faith as Catholics and gift of liberty as American citizens are.

Take a moment to read "Religious Liberty: Our First, Most Cherished Liberty",

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty>

**The inauguration of the new Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau and the installation of the Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.,** as the first archbishop of the new archdiocese will take place at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The installation will take place at the Co-Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage, Alaska. Check the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau website for more information. Keep Archbishop Bellisario in your prayers as he begins in his new role.

**Each September the United States honors** Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members, their families, and the Gold Star Families who lost their children in the service of our nation. Please keep these service members and their families in your prayers.



**The Diocesan Regional Retreat and Rosary Congress begins Friday, Oct 2** with the rosary at 5:30 pm and opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Chad at 6 pm and continues until Sunday Oct 4 with Vespers and Benediction at 4:30 pm. Check the website for more information. Please sign up **now** for adoration during the weekend. <https://signup.com/go/qiQHvDS>

**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Instructions for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith: Catholics and non-Catholics; even those who "thought about it" or are already Catholic. Instructions are Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm, at Immaculate Conception Church Murphy Hall.

## DIOCESE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fairbanks is seeking a **Donations Clerk**. This position is full time with benefits and supports processing donations from our benefactors for the diocese. Primary duties are data entry, donor interaction and correspondence and bank deposits. Qualifications include high school diploma or GED, typing at a minimum of 40wpm with 98% accuracy - 10 key included, proficiency in MS Office, strong communication skills, and a willingness to work as a positive team player. All duties and responsibilities should be performed in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Catholic Diocese of Fairbanks. Position will remain open until filled. To apply please send resume to [humanresources@cbna.org](mailto:humanresources@cbna.org)

### **Connecting to the Gospel**

... *to the First Reading*: The reading from Sirach asks, "Could anyone refuse mercy to another?" Yes! The servant in the gospel did. And so do we—all the time. But, never God!

... *to experience*: Grudges among families, communities, nations are often passed on from generation to generation. For example, family feuds go on for decades during which time members do not speak to each other. The only thing that can break the cycle of hate, fear, and disunity is the gift of forgiveness.

*Working with the Word* <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

**HALLOW - Guided prayer and meditation mobile app** launched in 2018 was meant to attract young Catholic followers. It may have started that way, but parents and retired folks are using it as well. CEO and co-founder of <https://hallow.com>, Alex Jones, has seen a dramatic increase in popularity and getting more and more users each day. Jones explains that while other religious apps read the bible, **Hallow** allows users to press "play" close their eyes and listen to audio of a prayer. Try Hallow out as a student or family and bring prayer back into your life. There is a "Daily Minute Prayer Challenge" to help strengthen your daily habit of prayer. <https://www.catholicnews.com>

**Catholic Activity**: The Home-Training Ground for Life <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=605>

**The CatholicCulture.org Podcast** featuring Thomas V. Mirus: <https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/category/catholic-culture-podcast/>

## Catholic Student Association

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

**St. Mark University Catholic Parish Mass Sunday 5:30pm Mass is now held at Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

**RIDES PROVIDED BY CSA:** Contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) to arrange a ride using Uber for students on campus without vehicles to attend off campus Catholic activities. Mass schedules and events can be found in the bulletin or on our webpage. <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>

**Check our website for CSA/Young Adult activities.** Fr. Fath is keeping information current so students are aware what Catholic activities you can be involved in!

**St. Mark University Catholic Parish Scholarships:** Check <https://stmarksuaf.org> for the opportunity to apply for college scholarship and award for 2020-21 school year. Deadline is in October. Every little bit helps in keeping costs down at college! Strom Award and Catholic Life and Leadership

**Feast and Faith – Social Distant 2020-2021 Season** begins this **Tuesday, September 15th** from 6:30-8:30 pm. Welcome back bonfire at the Frassati House on the campus of Sacred Heart Cathedral located at 1318 Peger Rd. Bring a friend. If you need a ride contact Mary Pat Boger (907-374-9564) to arrange Uber rides. For more information on the event please contact Fr. Robert Fath at 374-9504 or email [rfath@cbna.org](mailto:rfath@cbna.org).

**To Stay Catholic in College: Don't fall for rhetoric:** In society today, it often happens that you will be made to feel like a villain if you don't buy into the dominating ideologies and agendas associated with liberal morality. Sound rational thought leads to the same conclusions as the Church on moral issues. You don't have to be a Christian to agree with the Church; you just must know the philosophical basis of morality, a theory known as natural law. All of God's commandments come to us through and because of his love. Real, tough-as-nails, self-sacrificing love is the source of God's precepts. If they don't seem to make sense, it is because you don't understand real love, real human nature, or the heart of your loving Father. <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/dantuono/to-stay-catholic-in-college-you-have-to-do-these-6-things>

**A Crucifix** should be placed in your dorm room or desk. They are a reminder that you are creating a Catholic environment. CSA offers a small one to any student requesting one. Contact Mary Pat Boger for one.



## UAF news and information

Keep current with news and events on campus:

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

### VALUE VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE

The last day to drop off bags of “SOFT GOODS” to benefit the Diocesan Regional Council is Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call to arrange a drop off time for your bags. For more information call Patty at 374-9536 or emailing [pwalter@cbna.org](mailto:pwalter@cbna.org). No credit is received for any bags taken to Value Village outside of the scheduled date and drop time. **Thank you so much for your donations to help the Diocesan Regional Council! Patty is looking for five volunteers** with vehicles to help with loading and delivery of the bags on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

### Gestures at Mass

**Blessing Yourself with Holy Water** is a gesture that speaks volumes: the life of faith, commitment and devotion captured in simple movement. It is one of the most powerful declarations in all of Christianity when paired with water, because holy water is the most potent, visible and easily accessible symbols of the faith. A sign of cleanliness and purification, water has been used in many ancient and modern religious traditions in ways that find imitation in the modern Church. Holy water is symbolic of 1) Repentance of sin, 2) Protection from evil, and 3) Baptism. <https://occatholic.com>

### ICC Soup Kitchen Needs

**ICC Soup Kitchen needs volunteer help during the following hours:**

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Thursday & Friday 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Volunteers help in a safe setting mindful of COVID19 protocol preparing lunch sacks. ICC is looking for food donations for sack lunches. With winter coming on, they are looking for winter clothes, mittens, boots, scarves and hats. Contact ICC at 452-3533 if you can help in any way.

**All Staff, Clergy, and Volunteers** must go thru the Safe and Sacred online training, found here:

<<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php/safe-environment/training>>



### Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support!

WeShare electronic donations can be done at

[www.stmarksuaf.org](http://www.stmarksuaf.org)

As a result of your generous support this past August, St. Mark Parish donated to “Catholic Relief for victims of the bombings in Beirut, Lebanon” and “2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land” that was delayed due to COVID.



Pray for the victims of devastating fires spreading on the West Coast, for those fighting fires, and rebuilding of lives in the aftermath of the destruction. May our prayers bring comfort and relief to the grieving. Pray for Bishop Chad Zielinski, our priests, religious, seminarians and deacons serving in Diocese of Fairbanks and those retired; students of UAF and their instructors; parishioners of St. Mark Parish. Remember those unable to attend mass during COVID; Ben Orr, Robin Eagan, Tracy Bradshaw and others who are ill. Pray for the dead and their loved ones left behind.

### Stewardship Moment

*“He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” (Matthew 14:29)*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



### Fairbanks Catholic Schools:

**51<sup>st</sup> Annual HIPOW Auction –10/10/20**

More details to come, stay tuned.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral BOOK CLUB** meets the first Tuesday of the month from 12-2pm in the Cathedral social hall. Check SHC website for Book Titles.



## LOVE INC CLEARINGHOUSE NEEDS

**GAP: God Always Provides!** September is Household Item Month: Dishware, Silverware, Cooking Utensils, Pots & Pans, Mixing Bowls, Baking Dishes and Clorox Wipes!! Drop off donations at Zion Lutheran Church, 2982 Davis Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99709. Ph :907.456.7660.

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Why are we asked to go to Confession? This sacrament is a gift from Jesus, the gift of reconciliation. Sometimes called Penance or confession, this gift is offered freely.

Why should we go? **The Benefits of Confession:**

First, the Catholic is seeking forgiveness the way Christ intended it to be sought.

Second, by confessing to a priest, the Catholic learns a lesson in humility which is conveniently avoided when one confesses only through private prayer. Don't we all desire to escape humbling experiences?

Third, the Catholic receives sacramental graces that the non-Catholic does not get; through the sacrament of penance, not only are sins forgiven, but graces are obtained.

Fourth, and in some ways the most important, the Catholic is assured that his sins are forgiven; he doesn't have to rely on a subjective "feeling."

Fifth, the Catholic can obtain sound and objective advice in analyzing his sins and avoiding sin in the future.

Sixth, the Catholic, by going to a recognized and trained confessor, is protected against the subjective dangers of such psychological tricks of the personality such as projection, rationalization, etc. etc.

<https://www.sfacatholic.net/why-do-catholics-confess-their-sins-to-a-priest.html> Join a free class taught by Deacon Keith Fournier at Catholic Online:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJVzfPhVbPgncPLgTBjzPNBRcxLKHvfpkCtwBzWKPxTTmsLTZbkKDhdJgLTrxhCPzG>



Forming Consciences for  
Faithful Citizenship

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>

I'M TELLING YOU,  
BEING ON  
FACEBIBLE  
MAKES FOLLOWING  
(JESUS EASY.



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IMAGINE

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DOES SOMETHING WRONG,  
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"FORGIVE" BUTTON  
NEXT TO THEIR  
PROFILE PICTURE.



\* 490 TIMES WITH THE KJV PLUS-IN INSTALLED

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77 TIMES\* FOR ANYONE,  
FACEBIBLE AUTOMATICALLY  
REMOVES THEM FROM  
MY "FRIENDS LIST"  
I DON'T EVEN HAVE  
TO THINK ABOUT IT!



MATTHEW 18:21-35

LORD  
HAVE  
MERCY.  
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## NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

*Check out our Diocese of Fairbanks and area parish websites to see what they have going on.*

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

### Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

**Saturday Vigil:** \*4:30pm (\*=Live Streamed)

**Sunday:** 8:00 & \*11:00am

**Sunday Spanish Mass:** 1:00pm

**St. Mark Sunday Mass:** 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri 7:30am

Thursday \*7:00pm

Confessions Heard: Sat 3:00-4:00pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thu: 8am-12noon

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/chs/>

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

**\*All masses are live streamed.**

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 10:00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Mass: 12:10pm

Wed: 5:30pm, followed by Adoration & Confession

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Raphael 457-6603

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:00pm

**Sunday: 9:30am – (Inside Church)**

Weekday: Tues, Thurs Mass 9:30am; Wed 5:30pm

<http://straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

*Sign up required to attend for Weekend Masses.*

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

**Saturday Vigil:** \*5:00pm – *Specifically for the Elderly and Vulnerable*

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 12:00pm

Weekday: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:45am Prayer & Mass; \*Wed 6pm Mass & Adoration w/Rosary

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

### Catholic Schools of Fairbanks

<https://www.catholic-schools.org/blog>

