



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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October 18, 2020–29th Sunday Ordinary Time

**5:30pm St. MARK Mass
at SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

Social Responsibility

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Rewards to Cyrus, King of Persia

Psalms 96:1+3a, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b A Model for Believers

Matthew 22:15-21 Paying Tax to The Emperor

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

Bookkeeper: Marilis Bennett Ph. 907-590-9291

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

Sacraments & Becoming Catholic:

Contact Mary Pat Boger at stmar@cbna.org

Vocations: See Fr. Robert Fath

Parish Council: Meets 2nd Sun/month after Mass

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - October 2020:



The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member are sick, going into the hospital, or a nursing home – please contact Fr. Robert Fath or Mary Pat Boger if you wish to be included in our special intentions, prayers or wish to receive communion or a visit.

SO THE PHARISEES AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE AND CAESAR ISN'T REALLY A GOD, BUT JESUS IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS, THE REAL PRESENCE OF THE GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

YES, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.
SO, THE MOST REAL THING IS NOT WHAT I GIVE BUT WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US?
THAT IS AS IT APPEARS.



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

MATTHEW 22:15-22

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Oct 18 Songs for Sunday:

587 Christ, Be Our Light
629 God of Day and God of Darkness
650 Turn to Me
545 Sing a New Song (Dan Schutte)

Upcoming Events

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, classes are held every Thursday, 7-8:30pm until March 27, 2021 in Immaculate Conception Murph Hall. For more information: <https://sacredheartak.org/rcia>

SUPPORT Fairbanks Catholic Schools

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser – Get your shop on while supporting the school. From gift wrap to gourmet food and customizable dog leashes, there's something for everyone <https://charlestownwrapstore.com/schoolcodeinput.php?cuSID=18819>

Knights of Columbus Annual Pot 'O' Gold Raffle Ticket Sale: 24th annual cash raffle selling tickets for \$25/ticket October 17-18. Drawing will be held Saturday, December 12. Contact Tom Malone at 460-1398.



Fairbanks Catholic Engaged Encounter

+Comprehensive Marriage Preparation Weekend for Engaged Couples
+A Ministry of Married Couples in support of the Sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage
+Next Retreat Weekend is October 23-25, 2020

@ St. Nicholas Catholic Parish – North Pole
For more information contact: Cee.ak@hotmail.com, ph:907.452.3701 or write PO Box 72265, Fairbanks, Ak 99707. COVID protocols will be followed – social distancing & masks during sessions. Please keep those attending in your prayers.

Today is World Mission Sunday!



St. Mark takes a percentage of its monthly collection and donates for this worthy cause. We ask that if you can, give generously and if you are unable to, pray for those in need who benefit from this collection. Just like Jesus, the greatest evangelizer, we are called to help spread the word of God. We encourage you to give generously to help others in their missionary work around the world!

Alaska Catholic Conference of Bishops



Civilize It: Take the Pledge:

While thinking about the saints and praying for their intercession, Catholics can further reflect upon ways to live out the values of their faith this election season. Rather than participating in dialogue that does not respect the human person, people of goodwill can instead commit to healthy conversation. By participating in the nonpartisan Civilize It campaign created by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and adopted by the U.S. bishops, Catholics can promote civility, love their neighbor, and build community. The effort does not direct people to be silent about issues that matter; rather, it reminds Catholics how to converse with others when discussing politics and the election. Take the pledge for civility, clarity, and compassion online at <https://www.wearsaltandlight.org/civilize-it> CivilizeIt.org.

I pledge:

Civility. To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

Clarity. To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study, and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion. To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Connecting the Gospel

... *to the First Reading:* God uses earthly realms, as in the case of Cyrus the Persian who liberates the Jews from Babylonian captivity, to further the presence of God's kingdom. There need be no opposition between them. And when there is, it's due to human malice and hypocrisy.

... *to experience:* Sometimes what we owe to God can put us in conflict with the civil authority, for example, conscientious objection to war, policy decisions concerning poverty and environment, etc. When conflicts arise, is it Caesar or is it God we serve? *Working with the Word* <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

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 to attend off campus Mass and Catholic activities. Check parish websites for activities. <http://www.stmarksuaf.org>



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINES OCTOBER 20TH: Strom Award and Catholic Life and Leadership applications for the 2020-21 school year are available online: <https://stmarksuaf.org>

Contact Mary Pat Boger stmark@cbna.org after submitting application.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS.

Don't waste the gift of time. For generations, students have put off studying or class projects until the last-minute. That is being a poor steward of one of God's greatest gifts: time. Learn to manage this precious resource. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

RCIA Classes for those interested in coming into the Catholic Church or wanting to refresh their knowledge are held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm. Bring a Friend!

THANKSGIVING PLANNING:



If you are planning on staying on campus over the short break – St. Mark parishioners would like to make sure you have a Thanksgiving meal. Let Mary Pat Boger know so we can plan “Thanksgiving in a Box” for those staying behind.

Parish Support

For the Week ending October 11, 2020

Total: \$ 638.00

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$15,710.00

God Bless your generosity...Spiritual & Financial!

Continue to support us in the following ways:

Basket: Put in basket at entrance of church at Sacred Heart Cathedral; **Mail:** St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or **Online:** Go to our parish website www.stmarksuaf.org and click on “WeShare”.

Interested in a **December Holiday Cookie Exchange** arranged around Covid19 protocols? Contact Mary Pat Boger by email: stmark@cbna.org

Regional Soup Kitchen Needs (ICC)

The soup kitchen at Immaculate Conception is looking for volunteers! Every day we need help:

1. Serving food to guests,
2. Preparing food for the week,
3. Washing dishes,
4. Cleaning the kitchen,
5. Inventorying food and supplies

Volunteers are needed on Mondays for deep cleaning and administrative tasks (it's the one day we do not serve food) and are critically needed on Tuesdays through Fridays during the times of 10am to 2pm.

If you have room: If you are able to devote any time to this important ministry, whether it be just an hour or a full four-hour shift, then please consider helping out! All ages are welcome, but if you are over the age of 18 you will first need to pass a background check and complete the diocesan Safe and Sacred web-based training "*Serving Vulnerable Populations.*" Training can be found by creating an account at the following link: <https://safeandsacred-fairbanks.org/login/index.php> Certificates issued are good for five years

If you are interested, then please contact the soup kitchen either by e-mail at iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org, by phone at 907-452-3533, ext. 22, or in person whenever the kitchen is open (typically 10am to 2pm every day).

Thank you for your time and interest, and may the Holy Spirit guide our actions and discernment within this ministry!

In Christ,
Nick Shamrell
Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Sacred Heart Cathedral Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month from 12pm – 2pm in the Cathedral Social Hall. Join with others in reading and discussing Catholic literature.



Book Club Titles for 2020/2021

November: What Happens At Mass (Revised edition) by Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, c.2005

December: Our Christmas social and potluck.

For more information check out article in SHC Bulletin
<https://sacredheartak.org/>

Welcome to our parish! We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. We are here to support Catholic Students attending UAF. Due to UAF protocols we have made Sacred Heart Cathedral our temporary home. If you wish to make St. Mark University Catholic Parish your home, please register by contacting Mary Pat Boger @ stmark@cbna.org .



Thank You for Supporting Fairbanks Catholic Schools with their 2020 HIPOW Auction!

ATTENTION: General Dispensation from Sunday Obligation is no longer in effect. Our Churches are all observing COVID-19 protocol of keeping at a safe distance (social distancing), wearing masks, refraining from contact and washing hands frequently. Please help in cleaning pews after Mass and be mindful of the vulnerable to the virus (senior population and those with existing health conditions. Thank You.

Prayers During Priestly Vesting and the Meaning of Vestments

Cincture: "*Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and quench in me the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may remain in me.*"

The **Cincture** is a cord used as a belt to tighten the Alb symbolizing the virtue of chastity and continence and is the same color as the chasuble (or white).

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-is-the-priest-wearing/>

Stewardship Moment

"My God will supply whatever you need..."
Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Special Prayer Intentions



Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Chad Zielinski, priests, religious, deacons and seminarians (past and present)

serving the Diocese of Fairbanks. Frs. Alphonsus and Aiden who are still in Nigeria due to immigration and visa issues. For our firefighters, police officers and medical personnel helping in maintaining the health and safety of others. For the spiritual and physical health of all students and parishioners. Please look at the following and pray for those working in the Diocese on the days given:

<http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/joomla/index.php/get-involved/pray>

Commentary on the Readings for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"Go thy way, thy son lives.' The man believed. . .As he was. . .going down, his servants met him and brought word saying that his son lived" (Gospel).

The weakened condition of the ruler's son reminds us of our own world. It is worn out by the fever of passion. It is unable to help itself until faith in God returns. A humble confession of sin is the secret of obtaining God's *mercy* (Introit) and *pardon* (Prayer).

Be filled with the Spirit during the psalms and hymns of Mass; be subject to one another in public life (Epistle). Liturgy and Catholic Action are twins!

When the *official's* faith was rewarded, he immediately spread the faith in his *whole household*, his relatives and employees. Gratitude should prompt you also to be lay apostles, ever ready to "speak religion" in and outside your house. *Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood*



October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Out of every 100 adult woman who reside in Alaska, **33 experienced sexual violence**.
Out of every 100 adult women who live in Alaska, **40 experienced intimate partner violence**.
Out of every 100 adult women who live in Alaska, **50 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both**.

**Information gained from Pathways for Prevention Statewide Leadership Team (2019).*

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault www.andvsa.org (907) 586-3650

Fairbanks domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy services and shelters for Fairbanks:

Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (shelter).
Crisis Line: (907) 452-7273; Toll Free: 1-800-478-7273
<https://www.breakthecycle.org/blog/it%E2%80%99s-national-domestic-violence-awareness-month>



Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel

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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website to see recorded and life-streamed masses and parish websites:
<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/>

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/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am – (Inside Church)

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

<https://www.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>"

We encounter Christ. We become Scholars. We Are Family." The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, comprised of ICS Grade School and Monroe Junior/Senior

High School, provide a pre-K through 12 environment embracing what you value most in this world: your child. Find high academic standards, character and spiritual development, a welcoming school community dedicated staff that genuinely cares about educating your child.

