



ST. MARK UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

The Catholic Community of University of Alaska, Fairbanks

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November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday – 11/1

Move clocks back one hour Saturday night.

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

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 Rejoicing of the Elect

Psalms 118:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51

1 John 3:1-3 Children of God

Matthew 5:1-12a The Beatitudes

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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 - November 2020:

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that by the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve mankind.



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.

Welcome to our parish! A warm welcome to all our visitors. We support Catholic Students attending UAF. Due COVID protocols, Sacred Heart Cathedral is 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 .

November 1st Songs for Sunday:

726 Lead Me, Lord

711 Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs

725 Blest Are They

709 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



CHOOSE A SAINT FOR THE YEAR!

For those attending Mass this weekend, you are encouraged to choose a companion saint for the coming year. In the back of the church is a basket with slips of paper containing a random saint, a quote, and a prayer intention for the year. As you reach into the basket, pray one Hail Mary with the intention that a saint will choose you to be your companion throughout 2021. Daily, ask for the guidance and spend time learning more about their life. This is a Polish tradition, described by St. Faustina in her diary, that was common in her convent.

Are you unable to attend Mass and want to choose a companion saint? Go to

<https://catholicsaints.info/calendar-of-saints/> and click on your birthday on the calendar. Choose a saint on that day whose name begins with the first letter of your first name. If there isn't one, move ahead to a day where you find one and befriend that person!



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today we celebrate all saints:

canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven. The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known.

They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls – 11/2) is set aside for honoring the faithfully departed. As Catholics we believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter heaven. For mass times, check Sacred Heart Cathedral or other local churches websites. (Contact information listed on last page of this bulletin.)

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK is November 1-7.

Priest Formation Days: November 3-5, 2020
Following are Masses held at Sacred Heart Cathedral during these days:

Tuesday (11/3) - *Pray on Election Day*

Mass @ 12:10pm

Holy Hour 8am-5pm

Divine Chaplet 3pm

Rosary 3:30pm.

Wednesday & Thursday (11/4-5): 12:10pm Masses

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Chapel Dedication Service

Wednesday, Nov 4, 2020, 3:00pm. FMH is dedicating a new chapel which provides a place of blessing and prayers for those of any religious faith. Bishop Chad Zielinski will be celebrating, along with Episcopal Bishop Mark Lattime. See <http://www.stmarksuaf.org> for information. Attend by Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/95867502945?pwd=bExGRmNrK05TTXNpWTZheWY5WmxhZz09>

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. For other mass times please check the bottom of our bulletin. Attend a mass that fits your schedule.

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>

GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS.

Be grateful for the chance to be in school. Millions of children all around the globe have had the chance to attend school taken from them. Their futures are severely compromised because they are missing the chance to learn basic knowledge that will allow them to prosper in the world. Never take your ability to attend school for granted.

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.



As a Church we do not tell our parishioners how to vote, but rather educate them on the moral issues, the

principles of Catholic Social teaching, corporal/spiritual works of mercy and the 10 Commandments so that they can make informed decisions.

Neighboring Parish News

Christmas Bazaar to be held on **Saturday, November 7th at St. Nicholas from 9am-3pm.** Looking vendors, as well as shoppers! www.stnicholasnp.org/Christmas-bazaar Quilt Raffle tickets available. Drawing held at 3pm. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Donations \$2 per ticket.

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>

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

Interested in **Secular Franciscans?** New group forming soon. Formation will be via ZOOM, in connection with the Northwest Region in Washington/Oregon/ If you are interested in joining our Fraternity here in Fairbanks contact Gloria Slagle at stclare4@gmail.com.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Fairbanks Court (ICC, St. Raphael, Sacred Heart Cathedral & St. Mark) Next meeting to be determined. Looking for new daughters! For information contact Nancy Kelly: straphaelcatholicparish@gmail.com

Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen needs **volunteers** to help prepare sack lunches and **donations of lunch items.** Contact Nick Shamrell @ iccsoupkitchen@cba.org

Parish Support

For the Week ending October 18, 2020

Total: \$ 1080.00

Checks: \$735/Cash \$95/WeShare \$250

Year to Date (7/1/20-6/31/21): \$17,377.05

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Spiritually & Financial

Donations can be made by any of the following methods:

Basket: Put in basket at entrance of church at SHC;

Mail: St. Mark UAF Catholic Parish PO Box 750166, Fairbanks, AK 99775-0166 or **Online:** Go to Parish website www.stmarksuaf.org and click on “WeShare”

Prayers During Priestly Vesting and the Meaning of Vestments

Chasuble: “O Lord, who hast said, My yoke is easy and My burden light; grant that I may be able so to bear it, that I may obtain Thy grace. Amen.”

A **Chasuble** – the final vestment of the priest that is worn over all the others and symbolizes the virtue of charity and the yoke of unselfish love. <https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-is-the-priest-wearing/>

Special Prayer Intentions: Pray for Pope Francis, our Bishop Chad Zielinski and priests as they gather this week for Priest Formation Days; seminarians, deacons, and religious serving the Diocese of Fairbanks. Remember in your prayers those unable to attend mass in person due to COVID19. Students and all associated with the education of students. Members of St. Mark Parish.

Stewardship Moment

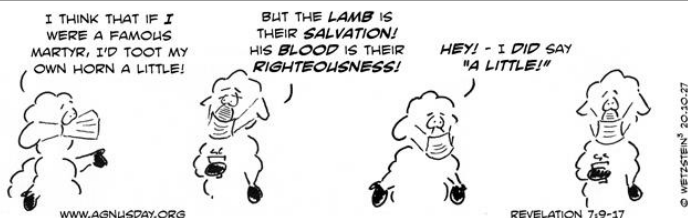
“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me.” - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

Connecting the Gospel

...to the First Reading: The rejoicing and gladness and great reward in heaven mentioned at the end of the Beatitudes is expressed most sublimely in heavenly worship where there is an unending chorus of blessing and giving glory to God.

... to experience: While the Beatitudes are a challenging blueprint for Christian living, they are not an impossible goal. We all know people who have fruitfully taken up the challenge of the Beatitudes and thus inspire us to saintly living. *Working with the Word* <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



A CATHOLIC'S ELECTION DAY CHECKLIST:

- **Pray** before an election and consider fasting.
- **Discern** by reflecting on the Church's teaching.
- **Know** where the candidates stand. *Voting is an important responsibility of the faithful citizenship, so plan ahead and know your rights.*
- **Pray after you vote:** we need to pray *after* we vote: for our state and nation, for those who will serve as our elected officials, and for our own hearts, that we might be able to accept the results of the election, and will continue to work for life and dignity every day of the year, regardless of who is in office. Voting is one component of faithful citizenship, but faithful citizenship is a responsibility for the other 364 days of the year as well. After the election, the big work of renewing the political life of our state and our nation begins.

Sacramental Importance of Baptism

The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit” (Jn 3:5). Christ commanded his disciples to preach the Gospel, draw people to faith in him, and baptize those who come to conversion. The Church does not neglect the mission she has received from Christ to ensure that all be baptized and reborn of water and the Spirit.

By Baptism all sins are forgiven, Original Sin and all personal sins, and temporal punishment due to sin is removed. After one has been reborn in Christ, there is nothing to prevent one's entry into God's Kingdom.

However, though all sins are removed, there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclinations to sin that is called *concupiscence*. This inclination to sin shows itself in what is sometimes referred to as a darkening of the mind and a weakening of the will, that is, the inability to know clearly the right or wrong of an action and/or the lack of strength to resist temptation and always to do the right thing no matter how hard this is. The effects of Original Sin need not harm us so long as we seek strength to resist them through the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a wholehearted dependence on God.

Baptism also gives us new life as adopted children of God members of the Church, the body of Christ. Our permanence in the state of grace is called *sanctifying grace* because God “sanctifies” us, that is, makes us his holy people by giving us his life. God continues to assist us by many helps that are called *actual graces*. Thus, we have the ability to live and act under the guidance and light of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This helps us mature in goodness through the practice of virtues, such as the Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.

NEIGHBORING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES

Go to *Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska Website* to see recorded and live-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/>

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2020 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Every person has a vocation in life, a special calling to serve God, through a very specific charism. Some are called to their place in the Body of Christ as a single, chaste person. Others, God invites to service within a spousal relationship: The Sacrament of Marriage. Some feel the call to the Priesthood or Religious life.

Today there is a vital need for Priests and Religious in our parishes and communities throughout the country and in many parts of the world. Here in the Diocese of Fairbanks, we very much feel this need. Only five of our 46 parishes have the benefit of a full-time, assigned Priest as pastor. The rest of these parishes are served by a Priest, Religious Brother or Sister, or trained lay personnel which they must share with one or more parishes in other villages. Some of our missionary churches go for weeks without a visit by a priest, and therefore, without the holy sacrifice of the Mass or other Sacraments.

Please consider whether you may be a person God is calling to service through Priesthood or Religious life. Our diocesan vocations director is Fr. Robert Fath. He can be reached at vocations@cbna.org.

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.*